May 27, 2020

Wildwood Middle/High School Families,

First, let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life over the last few weeks. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their positivity, flexibility, and resilience during these trying times. Your dedication to your classes is an inspiration to us all. Each and every day I am impressed by your diligence, tenacity, creativity, and success during this transition to virtual learning.

Due to the current guidelines set forth by the CDC regarding large gatherings, many end of the year events and procedures will be made available to all students in new ways. All student lockers have been cleaned out, individually placed in plastic bags, and labeled with students’ names. Textbook return, library book return, Google Chromebook return, athletic locker room cleanout, and locker cleanout will be from Monday, June 8, 2020, through Friday, June 12, 2020, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. All these tasks will be done by maintaining proper social distancing and practicing federal and state recommended procedures to protect the health and safety of all involved. If you must return a textbook, library book, pick up your belongings from your school locker or athletic locker, you may use the Wildwood Middle/High School Gymnasium entrance on Montgomery Avenue. Should you need to clean out the athletic locker, students will complete this task individually upon arrival to school during the designated days and times. After June 12, 2020, any remaining items in the athletic lockers will be donated.

I am excited to announce that because Governor Murphy lifted certain restrictions on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, we will be able to hold outside graduation ceremonies. While this is new to Wildwood Public Schools, the staff and administration will continue to plan a memorable event for both our Middle School and High School ceremonies. The City of Wildwood has graciously allowed us to hold both events at Maxwell Field, located at 401 W Youngs Avenue. The 8th grade graduation will take place Monday, July 6, 2020, at 9:00 am. The High School graduation will take place Monday, July 6, 2020, at 6:00 pm. Students and families will receive more information as we finalize all plans. Please expect limited tickets and assigned seating for both students and parents. As we continue to plan for a memorable end of the year experience for you, certain concessions need to be made. We ask for your patience and understanding as we make the best of this unfortunate situation.

With that being said, 8th grade students and high school seniors should still report to the Middle/High School June 1-3 (HS) and June 8-12 (MS) to record a virtual graduation that will be given to you as a keepsake. In addition, there will be no parade through the Wildwoods on June 16.

Should you need anything from me as we close out the 2019-2020 academic year, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at pschaffer@wwschools.org. Thanks for all you do.

Go Warriors!

Mr. Schaffer