



June 7, 2020

Dear Harpursville Families:

I can't believe this is the last week of the 2019-2020 school year! Given the time warp that it feels like we've been in over the past several months, it just doesn't seem possible that we have completed another school year. Thank you *ALL* for the cooperative work that we've been able to complete since we began with our remote learning. I believe that we have a tremendous number of things to be proud of! We have learned so much about education, school, and community. I think, above all, we were reminded of just how important it is that we connect with each other in meaningful and supportive ways. I look forward to the future of our district and being able to implement all of the things that we've learned so that we can enhance the educational experience for everyone.

This is most likely the last weekly letter that I'll provide to everyone for this school year. However, we know that we will have much to communicate about a variety of topics, especially our reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year. So, we probably won't be too far into the summer before we begin sending out more important information just to keep everyone informed and prepared for whatever lies ahead. As is customary, in this letter, I'm providing a bit of information on a few topics that are coming right up. In no particular order:

Grab-and-go meals will continue ...

We will continue with our Monday and Thursday schedule for serving meals this week. **Meals will be served on Monday and Thursday of this upcoming week from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** to cover each of the days during that time period. We'll also be at the same off-campus locations and at the same times that we've been out in the district on both days. The Broome County meal pick-up locations are posted on the website and can be found in the "letters and special notifications" section on the webpage dedicated to coronavirus information or at this link: <https://www.hcs.stier.org/Downloads/Broome%20County%20Meal%20Sites%206-8%20to%206-12%20FINAL.pdf>. Keep your eyes open for the summer meal service plans. I am anticipating that summer meal service plans will be announced via flyers on meal pick-up days and through our website.

The last day of instruction for students is...

Here's one last, quick reminder that the last day of instruction for students during the 2019-2020 school year is this **Friday, June 12th**! I would encourage everyone to take a little break after that day by shutting off your computers, Chromebooks, and iPads! I know all of the parents, family, and friends that have been helping out and supporting students with the remote learning are probably just as excited about this end date as the students are!

Information about summer enrichment...

As dictated by the Governor, our summer program will have to occur remotely this year, but it is still going to be a great program! Families of students going into grades K-8 should expect information about the Summer Program from their child's teacher on Wednesday of this week. There will also be a letter mailed out and emailed by Wednesday detailing all of the summer opportunities and how to enroll for every grade level. Once you receive this information on Wednesday, if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, guidance counselor, principal, or Mrs. Horton. They will be sure to help!

2020-2021 Budget and Board of Education Information...

If you haven't sent in your absentee ballot for the annual budget vote and board of education election, there is still time! Every vote matters! If you need any information related to the budget in order to make the most informed vote possible, please see our website. All of the budget documents are posted in the "budget and tax information" page under the "district" dropdown. Please be reminded that the vote date is Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and all of the absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. in order to be counted for the vote. There is also a mailbox outside of the district office for drop-off of your ballot, if needed. Any eligible voter that did not receive an absentee ballot can request one by contacting the district clerk. Please don't hesitate to contact the district clerk, Tabaiitha Rhodes, at tabbyr@hcs.stier.org, our school business administrator, Joe McLaughlin, at jjmclaughin@hcs.stier.org, or me with any questions.

Celebrating the class of 2020 ...

As of this moment, graduation will still be held on Saturday, June 27th at 10:00 a.m. Information continues to emerge about what will be allowed for graduations. In fact, there has been a significant shift in the information coming out of the governor's office from the end of last week to today. We are still waiting to see the formal Executive Order, but it appears as though we will be able to have a graduation ceremony, in-person, on our campus. It will be a closed event for our graduates and a very limited number of guests. We will be communicating our plan by the end of this week/the beginning of next week. The event will be live-streamed!

As you may know, there will be **a parade to honor the Harpursville Class of 2020 on Friday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.** Participating students will be decorating their cars and will take a cruise along "the 3-mile loop" to be cheered for and recognized. If you can make it for this event, we would sincerely appreciate it. The graduates will be leaving from the school at 6:00 p.m. and will go up Main Street, past the Mirabito station, will take a right onto Route 7, then back to Main Street and past the school before departing for home. Please line up along the 3 mile loop to support your seniors and their accomplishments! Feel free to decorate your vehicles and cheer while following social distancing guidelines. While we do have permission for this event, we cannot OFFICIALLY close off the 3 mile loop, so please use caution and avoid that area until about 6:15 if you are not interested in being a part of the parade. Let's go HCS Class of 2020!

Our senior spring athletes will also be recognized in the coming days too! **Our HCS Class of 2020 spring athletes will be showcased on the digital marquee at the Forum on the following dates and times: June 10 (7-10 p.m.), June 13 (2-4 p.m.), and June 14 (4-6 p.m.).** If you have the chance to head down to the Forum to see our Class of 2020 spring athletes displayed on the marquee, please do!

The district website will continue to be the best resource for accurate information...

As we end the school year and throughout the summer, please continue to check the website on a routine basis for information. At times, I will provide important updates, as necessary, by direct emails and through posts on our website. Be sure to contact us at the school throughout the summer and always if we can be of any assistance. We are here to help!

Again, THANK YOU for all that you have done to support our school district over the past many months. I'm sending along my hope for a fantastic summer and, moreover, I send my best wishes to you and your family for your well-being and safety!

Yours in education,



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