Dear Parents, Guardians & HHS Students HHS Newsletter April 15, 2021

SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS & INFORMATION ABOUT PROM AND GRADUATION

Thank you for pivoting and making the switch to hybrid learning as smooth as possible. We are hoping that this will help keep us safe and in school, continue with important events like Prom and Graduation, and create lasting memories for our Seniors - the Class of 2021. Please remember that we will continue to monitor and respond to data and any associated changes - no decisions have been made for how long we may or may not be in the hybrid learning model.

VACCINES COVID Vaccines - If your student has received doses of the COVID vaccine, please notify the school nurse. Students who have received 2 doses of vaccine and after waiting a period of 2 weeks after the second dose, DO NOT need to quarantine in the event of an exposure in school. Juniors - A second dose of Meningococcal vaccine is required before you begin your senior year. Please provide the record to the school nurse when you receive this.

SUPPORTS FOR OUR STUDENTS

At Hastings High School, our students are the center of all we do. We want to take a moment to acknowledge the difficult events taking place that are now impacting our lives and the lives of our students. In addition to a global pandemic that has greatly impacted your school year, other events are taking place that may cause a tremendous amount of stress and anxiety. In addition to the recent death of Daunte Wright, the Derek Chauvin trial is nearing its end, and we are seeing an increase in hate crimes directed at Asian Americans. We recognize how these events have the potential to impact us and bring up many different feelings during a time that has already been challenging for our students and families. We are here to support you and help you process all that you may be going through in your life. If you need a safe space to share your feelings and emotions about the recent events, or anything else, please reach out to your school counselor, school psychologist, equity coordinator or administrator. We hear you and your voice matters to us.

HHS Counseling Office and School Psychologist	651-480-7489
HHS Principal and Assistant Principals	651-480-7470
Hastings Cultural Liaison - Mr. Moreno	651-480-7482

SPRING ART SHOW This is a showcase of the amazing works created by the HHS and HMS students. Please take a moment and look over all the incredible work that this talented group of students created. https://jgandrud3.wixsite.com/spring2021collection

PROM AND GRAND MARCH - SATURDAY, MAY 8

Prom will be held on Saturday, May 8. Grand March will be at 4:00 p.m. at Hastings High School with no spectators present. Parents, families, and friends can view it through live stream only via Hastings Community Television. The dance will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel Ballroom in Bloomington (connected to the Mall of America) - it will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale in two phases: they will first go on sale on Monday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m. for seniors only. Following established school policy, students are allowed to invite a guest, including dates who do not attend Hastings High School (there is a guest form that will need to be filled out in such circumstances). Ticket sales will open up for juniors one week later, on Monday, April 26 and the same rules for guests apply. Tickets will cost $40 per person and can be purchased through the school website.

Per MDH and MDE guidance, masks must be worn at both the Grand March and the dance. Attendees will also need to practice social distancing and sign a COVID waiver to attend. At the dance, prom goers will be required to stay in groups of up to six students each. Each “pod” of six is

required to keep six feet of distance between other “pods” of six - meaning, there is no one common dance floor. Students will dance within their own area of six students. For more information about Prom please click on this link HHS Prom - 2021

GRADUATION - FRIDAY, JUNE 4 (Please note rain dates)

The Commencement for the 151st graduating class of Hastings High School - The Class of 2021 - will be held on Friday, June 4 at Todd Field. The rain dates are Thursday, June 3 and Saturday, June 5. Occupancy limits for venues established by the state and MDH will be followed, as well as limited tickets for attendees and assigned seating. Our goal is to have one graduation ceremony - if occupancy limits change in the coming weeks we may need to split into multiple graduation ceremonies. The detailed Senior Letter will be sent to families of graduating seniors in the coming weeks. There will be a live telecast of the graduation ceremony on Hastings Community Television Facebook.

SENIOR PARTY - FRIDAY, JUNE 4

The Hastings booster group for the Senior Party are excited to finally announce their plans for this year’s Senior Party Tropical Getaway! Seniors won’t want to miss this awesome event held on **June 4th from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM at the Hastings Civic Arena.*** This fun filled lock-in is an incredible gift from HHS parents and the Hastings community to our graduating seniors. There will be food, games, raffles, some fun surprises, and a hilarious hypnotist show at the end of the night. This will be a night your senior will never forget! *These plans are subject to change due to the COVID situation.

Since these kids have missed out on so much of their high school experiences, our goal is to get as many of the class there as possible for one final celebration. We decided to keep ticket prices low to help make that possible. Tickets can be purchased online through our website www.hastingsgradparty.com for only $40. There is a special incentive drawing to order early:

Purchase by April 30th to enter a drawing for a $200 Amazon Gift Card
Purchase by May 14th to enter a drawing for a $100 Amazon Gift Card.
Because of covid regulations NO WALK INS will be allowed.
Final day to purchase a ticket will be June 2nd.
There are full and partial scholarships available by contacting Assistant Principal Kris Husaby.

All parents are welcome to volunteer - junior and senior parents are especially encouraged to join in the fun! It takes many volunteers to make this a **fun and safe night for our graduates**. If you have already signed up to volunteer, you will be contacted by the appropriate committee head with details soon. It’s easy to volunteer online at www.hastingsgradparty.com or by emailing Emily Sherry at essherry612@gmail.com.

Memory Lane Senior Posters - Due to the event not being held at the high school we will NOT be asking parents to provide a poster for Memory Lane. However, the All Night Grad Party has been working hard to raise money so we can purchase and display posters of ALL the seniors on Schaffer Field behind the Middle School. Those posters will be given at no cost to all the students with their diploma and cap & gown.

Senior Yard Signs - A fun way to honor your senior is with a yard sign to show off their special accomplishment! The All Night Grad Party committee has teamed up with Graphic Design to offer you some signs you can order. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MAY 3RD, SO DO IT TODAY! PICK UP WILL BE MAY 14TH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, MORE DETAILS TO COME!

https://order.gd-inc.com/category/hastings-school-signs

Thank you for your continued support of students and staff! Mike Johnson - HHS Principal