



Lake Washington School District

Eastlake High School

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Cheers to the Class of 2020. Lights on for YOU!

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Memo from Lake Washington School District

Governor Inslee's extension of the stay at home order and phased approach to re-opening will unfortunately not allow for a traditional, in-person graduation ceremony. We are currently in Phase 1, which continues to prohibit school gatherings. At this time, Phase 1 is in effect through the end of May. If the Governor authorizes a move to Phase 2 for June, people will continue to be expected to maintain physical distancing and can gather in groups outside of their household of no more than 5 persons. Phase 2 is expected to be in place for at least three weeks, which would mean that it would remain in effect through the end of the school year.

We continue to monitor and expect additional guidance from state and local public health agencies regarding permissible activities and requirements for physical distancing and the use of face masks. We will update the guidance regarding graduation activities should these agencies provide direction that is in contrast to the guidance in this memo.

High schools should provide in-person opportunities for graduating seniors to pick up caps and gowns by May 22. High schools should communicate their plans for various in-person opportunities related to filming/pictures for inclusion in virtual graduation multi-media, picking-up diplomas, or taking pictures by May 22. All plans for in-person opportunities should adhere to the follow expectations:

1. All staff, students, and parents are expected to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet with persons not in their immediate household.
2. No more than five persons may be in a location with physical proximity.
3. All staff members are expected to wear personal cloth face coverings as directed by Public Health.

4. Consider ways in which all graduating seniors may equitably access such opportunities.

Eastlake's Plan to Celebrate the Class of 2020

We understand the disappointment of not graduating the Class of 2020 in Hec Edmundson Pavilion in front of thousands of people and loved ones from all over the world. We are most saddened that our seniors did not get to spend the final months of high school with their friends and staff at Eastlake that loves them.

But here we are! We now need to all get excited for what we will do to celebrate the Class of 2020.

Here is a summary of our build up to graduation. [This is also a lot of information so we will send out continuous reminders!](#)

Here we go!

As always...Wolf Strong, Pack Strong!

Dr. Chris Bede, Principal Eastlake High School

Virtual Graduation - Monday June 15th

We will have a virtual graduation released on Monday, June 15 at 5 PM. People can watch the video afterwards but cannot fast-forward. That allows all seniors to turn their tassel and graduate at the same time. We have now hired HotSpark Media, two former Eastlake graduates (Eli and Ben), to produce the graduation video.



The video will follow Eastlake's traditional Graduation program with student and staff speakers, student performances and the ceremonial turning of the tassel. We're sure Ben and Eli will add their own creative flare to it as well!

Senior Photos and Check-Out

In preparation for this graduation video, we will provide an opportunity for seniors to receive a studio quality portrait that we will include in the virtual graduation. For this picture students will wear their caps and gowns and hold a diploma cover which we will provide.

If seniors do not show for their picture, they can submit a picture themselves to hotsparkmedia@gmail.com no later than Friday, June 12 at 4 PM. If seniors do not do either, we will put their Yearbook photo in the video.

We will then provide digital copies of these graduation photos to families free of charge.

These pictures will coincide with senior check-out. Seniors need to bring their laptops, chargers, textbooks, library books and sports uniforms at the same time. We hope to provide seniors with their Yearbooks during this designated time frame.

Obviously both senior photos and personal submissions need to be school appropriate.

The likely last day for teachers to assign work for seniors will be Monday, June 1 and it will be due Monday, June 8. Senior turn in dates and times are below. If needed, seniors will have until June 19 to turn in missing assignments and will be able to turn in their curricular material on that day as well.

In order to collect all materials in a safe manner that aligns with social distancing protocols we will need to divide it up by last name and spread it over three days.

June 9th

A – BO: 9:00 -10:15
BR – CON: 10:45 – 12:00
COO- FAR: 1:00 – 2:15
FEN- HEI 2:45 -4:00

June 10th

HER – KA: 9:00-10:15
KE – LI: 10:45 – 12:00
LO – MO: 1:00 – 2:15
MU – PHA: 2:45 – 4:00

June 11th

PHI – RY: 9:00 – 10:15
SA – ST: 10:45- 12:00
SU – VU: 1:00-2:15
WA – Z: 2:45 – 4:00

It's important that your students adhere to their designated time slot so we can be safe and avoid long lines! Students will drive into the front entrance of campus and follow further instructions from Eastlake staff, just like during the pickup of caps and gowns.

Important: We would like to photograph each senior for the slideshow. Please contact dbreynaert@lwsd.org if transportation or logistics are an issue for any of these in-person opportunities.

Spring Senior Sports Celebration – May 29

The EHS Athletic department will celebrate spring senior athletes on May 29 with a special section in the Wolves Weekly Update. There will be a short blurb on each senior who was a part of a spring sport.

The spring senior athletes will also be honored with a slide show of our athletes on May 29, championship weekend. Links for the video will be sent out via Eastlake social media as well as in the Wolves Weekly Update. A HUGE thank you to Chad Greene for his amazing work on this project!

Unified Sports Celebration – June 1-5

Our Unified athletes were unable to have their game this year against Skyline. Between June 1 and 5, we will recognize these amazing Seniors with a drive-by celebration at their home. We're also going to give them a personalized gift to remember their time at Eastlake.

Destination Day - June 1

We will have a virtual Destination Day celebration on June 1. Destination Day celebrates your plans after high school, whether that destination is college, technical school, the military, an apprenticeship, a gap year, a service project or a job.

Please submit a photo for Destination Day to EHS-DestinationDay@lwsd.org no later than May 22. Our Career Specialist, [Carol McGuigan](#) has sent an email with this request as well. We will also use this information to create both a video and a banner, celebrating the future destinations of the Class of 2020.

Senior Awards - June 8

This year, Senior Awards will also be celebrated virtually. We will announce them on

June 8 via email, social media and in the Wolves Weekly Update on June 12.

Moving Up Assembly - June 12 *

Eastlake Leadership students and ASB will still host the Moving Up Assembly on June 12, complete with all the traditions, albeit in a different format. We will release the Moving Up Video via social media at 10 AM on June 12.

We will also have a modified *"Tunnel of Tears"* at 1:00PM where the Eastlake Staff will be spaced following social distancing guidelines and allow students from the Class of 2020 to car parade through campus on designated routes.

*The in-person Tunnel of Tears is dependent on phase 2 unfolding as planned.

PTSA Senior Slide Show – June 13

The PTSA will be creating a slideshow to honor the 2020 senior class. To have your senior included in this slide show, please follow these instructions to send us photos by **June 1st**:

1. Please send a baby photo and a senior photo of your student. Label each with first and last name and "Baby" or "Senior"
2. *Attach* the two files to an email to seniorphotos@ehsptsa.org.

We would love to have all seniors represented as this has been an especially difficult time for them, so please send in as soon as possible. All photos should be submitted to seniorphotos@ehsptsa.org by June 1st at the latest.

A link to the slideshow will be sent to senior families on June 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Tammi Johnson and Natalie Naehrig at seniorphotos@ehsptsa.org.

Senior Sendoff

The PTSA sadly announces that the Senior Sendoff event will be cancelled this year due to the Governor's phasing in plan. All parents who already paid for a SSO ticket or made a donation will receive a refund. The PTSA will reach out to parents in the next couple of weeks regarding this process. Thank you for your patience as we made this decision. Please contact president@ehsptsa.org if you have any questions.

Eastlake wants to thank the PTSA for their support during this time. As always, they have been amazing!

Commencement Program Information Needed - Deadline May 26th

Last week you received an email requesting information needed for the Commencement Program. Please be sure to send in this information.

- **Scholarships for Commencement Program** Eastlake recognizes scholarships in the Graduation Program, including those from outside organizations or colleges that you may not attend. Please inform us about your scholarship awards using the [Eastlake Scholarship Reporting Form](#).
 - **Military Plans and Recognition** for Commencement Program If your plans involve the military, please tell us about your enlistment, ROTC scholarship, academy nomination, or academy acceptance using the [Eastlake Military Reporting Form](#).
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Family Pictures at Eastlake – June 16th-19th*

We will also open parts of Eastlake for family pictures with graduates on June 16-19. If

everything has been returned, and the senior has met the LWSD standards for graduation, they can also pickup their “actual diploma” at this time. If they are not picked up, we will mail them home.

A sign-up will be available shortly. Unfortunately, we may allow no more than two (2) parents/guardians to accompany a graduate during this time.

Families will be taking their own photos.

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