



HAMBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2020

Dear Seniors and their Families,

The impact of Covid-19 has prevented the Class of 2020 from having our ordinary end of the school year. That being said, we know now that the Class of 2020 is not ordinary. The Class of 2020 is extraordinary!

The entire class has done so much for our school and for the community during this difficult time. You have risen above your difficult circumstances and shown the true spirit of Hamburg High School's culture of kindness. You have supported each other, your teachers, counselors and principals. You have been a force that has kept our school community "remotely" together. You have truly been extraordinary.

Now is the time to share with you the end of the year information and our plans for graduation. Please know that how we move forward is still just as complicated and fluid as it was a month ago. I wish we had completely solid plans to present to you. The fact is that it's difficult to plan an appropriate and meaningful graduation ceremony in this everchanging Covid-19 climate. Our primary goal is to make graduation as close to normal as we can.

The Class of 2020 and their families have endured through this pandemic phenomenally well. Please continue to remain positive, support each other, and remember, "It's always a great day to be a Bulldog".

Go Bulldogs!

Mr. Gallagher

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

June

- 8 - Locker Clean Out
- 11 - HPER Awards
- 12 - Scholarship Awards
- 12 - Last Day of Classes
- 16 - Last Day for Teachers
- 18 - Report Cards

August

- 1 - Graduation
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SENIOR SURVEY

Each year we are required to survey the Senior Class for information about the next steps in their lives. Please fill out the Google Form that will be made available to you on Tuesday, May 26th.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year scholarships are awarded to recognize seniors for their outstanding achievements throughout their years at Hamburg High School. This year is no different! Scholarship organizations are beginning to make their selections for award recipients.

In lieu of our traditional scholarship ceremony, we are asking organizations to notify their selected recipient(s) directly. Please look out for award letters in the mail over the next month. Due to current circumstances and social distancing, some organizations may not be making selections until mid-June, so know the notification process may be prolonged.

In order to recognize our outstanding students, we will be posting all scholarships awarded and selected recipients to our website and released through an emailed link on June 12.

Please know we are proud of all graduating seniors and the hard work they have put forth throughout their school career! Congratulations on your achievements!



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COVID-19 Adjusted Dates



June 8:

Locker cleanout, gather all personal property, hand-in school district property and materials. Cap and gown as well as Yearbook distribution will also take place. On the 8th you are also asked, if you choose, to bring in a small item for a 2020-time capsule. This time capsule is scheduled to be opened at your 20th reunion in the year 2040. Be thoughtful, creative, and appropriate with your choice. We will supply a 2020 Senior Sign, a Yearbook, and much more. Specific information for the 8th will follow in an email to the entire school next week.

June 11 and 12:

All HPER Awards and Senior Scholarship Recognition Night.

Both virtual productions will be released at approximately 7pm through an emailed link.

July 28:

Senior Prom at Aqua from 6:00pm – 10:00pm.

Tentative based on Erie County rules on restaurant capacity and social distancing guidelines. Information about cost, ticket sales, and guests will be released as we move closer to the date.

Graduation

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Unfortunately, due to military obligations, we are aware that some students will not be able to attend. We will recognize our students entering the United States Armed Services before they leave for basic training. The way we will acknowledge those students will be shared at a later date.

Plan A

Noon at the Erie County Fair Grounds, Events Center. Number in attendance will be dictated by the distancing mandates on August 1st. The event will be streamed for those who cannot attend. Rehearsal is tentatively scheduled at the Events Center on Friday, July 31 at 9:00 am.

Plan B

Diploma distribution at a ceremony on Howe Field or at the end of a parade route. The parade route will be through the Fairgrounds or the Village.

All plans and dates are subject to change based on Department of Health and New York State requirements and recommendations.