

**PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY MEETING / HS PSO MEETING**  
**APRIL 21, 2020**

Meeting start time: 11:00am

**Graduation ceremony options?**

Mr. Ast spoke with the Senior Class officers before our meeting. They expressed they would like to have some type of commencement ceremony on the original date of May 30<sup>th</sup> or the June 13<sup>th</sup> date. The district is looking at options / locations for both those dates to do "Drive-In" style commencement. Considering ways to have students come to school during a designated time in their cap and gown where they will be filmed walking across the stage. Each of these will be strung together in a full film with speeches, etc and shown on a large screen at the "Drive-In" where families can come together to see it while staying safely in their cars. More info to come.

**REQUEST from Sr Class Officers:** Please submit a picture and your college of choice to be posted on the Class of 2020 twitter page: @BBHHSClassof2020

**Prom update:** This is still under discussion with Browns Stadium. Fingers crossed that students can do something.

**Senior Cookout:** Senior officers expressed interest in doing a cook out in July if a gathering is allowed at that time.

**Senior Awards Night:** slide show. Video to be released on awards night.

**REQUEST from Mr. Ast:** Yearbook staff and high school administration have not been able to access senior pictures at Life Touch. **Mr Ast. asked us parents for help to pressure LifeTouch to get them access to those pictures.** Other local schools who have used other companies have their seniors pictures and have been able to use them during celebrations, etc.

**QUESTIONS / ANSWERS:**

Question: How are AP teachers helping students prepare for the AP tests?

Answer: AP teachers take a week long AP training in the summer to help prep. students for test. Mr. Ast believes the teachers have been giving instruction and reaching out to students to help guide them for the test. Mr. Ast said the College Board

has done a very good job with on-line videos using YouTube Channel to get the students prepared for the test.

The test will be a shortened, 45 minute test. The test will consist of extended response questions only. Reminder, students can opt out of taking the AP test this year and still get the weighted grade. Please contact your students guidance counselor.

The Guidance Department sent an eMail out last week to all families with students taking an AP class with a link covering questions about AP tests this year. There is a good video from College Board providing great information.

Question: What (if any) fall sports training can occur during the summer?

Answer: Per the OSAA – coaches are not allowed to hold any type of practices at school or off site. The athletes are not allowed to meet in groups. So the only training that can occur at this point is individual training at athletes home. Waiting for updated information soon but until the governor allows larger group congregating, this situation will not change.

Question: What is Blended Learning and what would that look like in the fall?

Answer: No decisions have been made on a plan for blended learning yet. Several ideas are out there that could include small groups of students attending school on different days and then home-based learning on the other days.

Question: Could a graduation ceremony be a “traditional” format if we pushed the date off till July?

Answer: Mr. Ast is not confident that even pushing graduation off till July would allow for a large group of people to congregate for a graduation ceremony. Mr. Ast also spoke with the Senior Class Officers and they prefer keeping their graduation date as close to the original date as possible, even if that means it has to be done on-line.

Question: Could coaches prepare video work outs that could be sent to athletes to do at home?

Answer: Mr. Ast said that was a good idea and he would talk to Mr. Maslona (Athletic Director) to see if that could happen.

Question: Will the grading scale change from grades to pass/fail for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter now that we are not returning to school for the remainder of the year?

Answer: Mr. Ast has an administration meeting this afternoon and they will discuss this option. All the research Mr. Ast has done on pass/fail versus grades leads him to the view that grades make students more accountable. Pass/fail changes a student's drive to get their work done. Mr. Ast will continue to remind teachers to be flexible and lenient on students getting their work in. If a teacher sees a student hasn't submitted work, maybe to check in with them and see if they are okay or have any questions. Mr. Ast taking the PSO ideas to the administration meeting to discuss this matter further and submit our suggestions/concerns.

Question: Why are we not having regular class scheduled on-line classes?

Answer: Mr. Ast said one of the main reasons is that they don't want students on computers 6 hours a day. Also the OEA (Ohio Education Assn.) is against on-line classrooms for several reasons, some involving civil liberties, some involving not all students having equal technology abilities, or students may have to be working because of a family loss of job situation. Trying to accommodate all situations.

A few parent in the meeting expressed interest in more interactive learning between teachers and students. Parents felt having a regular schedule of interactive classes would help students organize their days. Several suggestions were made that Mr. Ast will talk about with department heads.

**HS PSO President Sarfi** – mentioned that the HS PSO Presidents got together to work on a plan to help families in need in our District. Each PSO is donating funds to help purchase food gift cards for families in need. This is a confidential situation being handled by our district. The gift cards will be passed out with the meals that our picked up by families. The H.S. donated \$500 toward this effort. The MS donated \$2,000 and the other schools donated amounts in between. The Lions Club of Broadview Hts also contributed 50 gift cards valued at \$25 each to this initiative. Along with the gift cards there will be a post card with local resource information for families to get in touch with for other assistance they may need.

Mr. Ast mentioned that Fussy Cleaners has offered to clean old caps and gowns that people may have at home to donate to families who may not be able to afford to purchase a cap and gown this year.

Mr. Ast said there will be NO FINALS this year. It would be too hard to coordinate the written exams for the students. He said teachers are really missing being in the classroom with their students but they say that 93 – 95% of the students are turning in their work and are engaged.

Question: Will school be done 3 days early since no final exams

Answer: No. We will still get out on our regular schedule. Teachers may use those 3 days to allow students to finish up assignments or projects that need to be submitted for grades. **UPDATE:** After this meeting the district decided to end the school year on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will be done on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Question: What will AP classes look like after the AP exams are done mid-May?

Answer: Teacher decision if they will use the time to help prepare for next AP class next year, or they may choose to do a project for the final few weeks, or may just call it good and be done for the year. This will be individual teacher decision.

Question: Will seniors finish early?

Answer: Yes, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is still the target date for seniors to be done.

Question: What about senior internships?

Answer: Seniors are still being encouraged to do them but more of a research format where they research a job field they are interested in and maybe interview someone in that field. Students who decide to do internship option will end their official school year when the internship begins.

Question: Are teachers being monitored for how their on-line learning for students is going?

Answer: Yes, we have check points the teachers meet whether its through monitoring of grades being submitted on Progress Book, or holding Zoom meetings. Each Dept. head and the Asst. Principals monitor that progress.

Question: Will there be a Cardboard Regatta this year?

Answer: Unfortunately, no.

Other ideas/suggestions made to help improve on-line learning included a possible survey sent to students to assess how their on-line learning is going. Mr. Ast will present that idea at the admin. meeting.

Mr. Ast thanked everyone for logging and giving their feedback/suggestions. This is very helpful for him, teachers and staff to continue to work on improving this new way of learning. He will take all suggestions and ideas to the administration meeting.

Another Zoom Meeting will be set up in approximately two weeks.

Meeting Ended: 12:25pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be in approx. 2 weeks. Information will be posted on the HS PSO FaceBook page and PSO website ([www.bbhhspso.com](http://www.bbhhspso.com))