April 15, 2021

Dear CRHS Family,

We hope that this letter finds you safe, healthy, and social distancing. The past year has been filled with a number of changes and uncertainties that have impacted all of us in one way or another. This time has been especially difficult for the 512 students that comprise Caesar Rodney’s Class of 2021 and their families. Their senior year has been overshadowed by the COVID pandemic and they are missing out on the events and milestones that make senior year so memorable. The CRHS admin team and I are as heartbroken and as disappointed as they are. We wish we were together as they transition from the familiarity of CRHS to the next chapter of their lives while pursuing their post-secondary goals.

Given Governor Carney’s current orders about crowd size and social distancing protocols, we have developed alternate plans for several senior events and commencement. Our hope is that we can all work together to honor our seniors, make their end-of-year events meaningful, and preserve as many Caesar Rodney traditions as possible.

Commencement for the Class of 2021
Caesar Rodney High School will hold multiple commencement ceremonies on Saturday, June 5th in Rider Stadium. Each student will receive two (2) for the event that will be distributed to families in the CRHS main office the week of May 31st. All ceremonies will be streamed on YouTube for families to view as well (just like we’ve done in year’s past).

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If you do not wish for your senior to be a part of commencement, the diploma can be sent to his / her home address. This request should be emailed to Dr. Sherry Kijowski (sherry.kijowski@cr.k12.de.us).

Senior Parade & Promenade
Caesar Rodney High School will be hosting an outdoor “Parade & Promenade” celebration for the Class of 2021. This event will take place on Friday, May 14th from 4:00-7:00 pm. Since this year’s seniors also lost their homecoming parade, so we wanted to give them the chance to decorate a car, ride the parade route, toss some candy, and be celebrated by our community with a “senior cruise.” The line-up / decorating for the parade will take place next to the Wyoming Railroad Tracks and will begin at 4:00 pm. The parade will begin at 5:00 pm. They will then ride through Camden and Wyoming, following the traditional CRHS Homecoming Parade route. Once students arrive at CRHS, they will park their cars in the stadium parking lot. Picture stations, swag bags, and the crowning of the king and queen will then take place in front of the building. This will be a “come as you wish event” so seniors can be either Rider Casual or Runway Ready.

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Recognizing & Celebrating Seniors

- **You’re Eyes Aren’t Playing “Twix” On You!**
  We want to celebrate your senior’s post-graduation plans with a sweet treat. He/she should bring their college acceptance letter, military enlistment paperwork, or proof of employment to the CRHS main office so he/she can pick the candy of their choice from the Class of 2021 Refrigerator. The main office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. A picture of each senior will be taken by the office staff and will be shared on our social media sites.

- **Door Decorating**
  Caesar Rodney High School will (once again) recognize seniors with their “door posts” on our social media channels. We encourage families to decorate their front door, or another area of their home, with pictures and memorabilia of their senior year. Please send a photo of your decorated door to sherry.kijowski@cr.k12.de.us. These pictures will then be shared on our social media sites.

- **Yard Signs**
  The CRHS administration, faculty, and members of the board of education started distributing and posting yard sign keepsakes for each member of the Class of 2021 during spring break. If you did not receive a sign, please call the CRHS main office (697-2161) and one will be delivered to you. Please send a photo of your senior with his/her yard sign to sherry.kijowski@cr.k12.de.us. These pictures will then be shared on our social media sites.

- **Caps / Gowns & Yearbooks**
  CRHS staff members and volunteers will also work with Jostens to distribute caps & gowns the week of May 10th. Stay tuned for school messenger phone calls regarding distribution dates and times. Yearbooks will be distributed at a later date once they are received from the publishing warehouse.

- **Senior Flipbook**
  The CRHS yearbook staff is putting together digital frames to create a senior flipbook to share on social media. Information will be shared with all seniors through their English classes and Schoology messages in the near future.

**Senior Awards Ceremony**

The senior awards ceremony is currently scheduled for Thursday, June 3rd at 5:00 pm. Once the final number of award winners have been determined, students and families will be notified logistics for the evening. Moreover, Caesar Rodney thank you notes will be provided for students to send to their benefactors and students who have received an award or scholarship will be recognized in the official printed commencement program.

As the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 continue to evolve, we will be sending more specific details regarding these events as the dates approach. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we work together to celebrate the Class of 2021.

Go Riders!

Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Principal
Caesar Rodney High School