



2020 COMMENCEMENT AND SENIOR CELEBRATION INFORMATION

A letter from CHS Principal Chris Thornsley



Dear Class of 2020,

I think most of us remember where we were on Thursday, March 12th, 2020 when news came down from the Governor's Office announcing that schools would be operating remotely amidst the COVID-19 outbreak, I know I do. As the weeks have passed, not a day goes by that I do not think about that day and the implications for us as a school, as a society, and as a country. For safety reasons, we are all adjusting to what has become 'the new normal' with state and federal social distancing procedures in place. With that said, our students, staff, and particularly our senior class have rallied like they have done time and time again, to keep learning alive during this time and for that I am entirely proud.

In the weeks since the COVID-19 closures took effect, the district has been working daily, and a lot of times hourly, on how to honor our senior class while keeping people safe. Some of these celebrations have included a senior showcase on social media, hosting a Lights On city-wide event, and hosting our first digital prom. These events have been well received in the face of adversity by our Tigers, but we know that none of this is ideal. In the pages to follow, Circleville High School and Circleville City Schools have put together information on how we will be celebrating commencement, recognizing the Class of 2020, and starting some new traditions for the Red and Black Family in the process.

While this is new territory for us, we are reminded of why we must continue to do what we are doing to keep everyone safe and we thank you for your many sacrifices of traditional celebrations in doing so. Some of you have relatives battling cancer you have kept safe. Some of you have siblings with compromised immune systems you have kept safe. The sacrifices are many, but the feelings and emotions are still very real.

I am so incredibly proud to have been your principal over the past four years and am excited to commission the 162nd graduating class of Circleville High School in the coming weeks. I know you are bound for great things once you leave here and I want you to know that I am here now and will always be here to help you in your future endeavors. These past six weeks have been challenging, but I know we will get through this together stronger than ever. Proud to be a Tiger.

Chris Thornsley

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Circleville High School Principal



Commencement 2020



162ND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

LIVE FROM CIRCLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 22ND 7 P.M.

On Friday, May 22nd at 7 p.m., Circleville City Schools will host the 162nd commencement at Circleville High School in a digital format on YouTube Live. With Tiger Nation spread out due to COVID-19 safety precautions, an online ceremony provides our graduates, friends, and family ease of access to view the ceremony from the comfort of their homes.

At Circleville City Schools, we firmly believe that graduation photo keepsakes are a vital part of the ceremony and represents the culmination of each student's K-12 journey. With guidance and approval from local health officials, we are planning to host families in small groups on Thursday, May 21st to receive their diploma and take photos with administration that will be used in the Digital Commencement Ceremony Friday night as staff read the names of graduates. Students and parents/guardians, per the Governor's guidance, are required to wear personal protective equipment upon arrival. Details to come soon on scheduling.

The ceremony will also contain speeches from the valedictorian, salutatorian, class president, superintendent, principal, and of course include a cap toss and 'Pomp and Circumstance.'

2020 has been a challenging year as we all do our part to keep families and our loved ones around us safe. Despite these challenges, our resolve remains unwavering to provide the Class of 2020 with a memorable end to their senior year in the safest way possible complete with stage photos from our gymnasium.



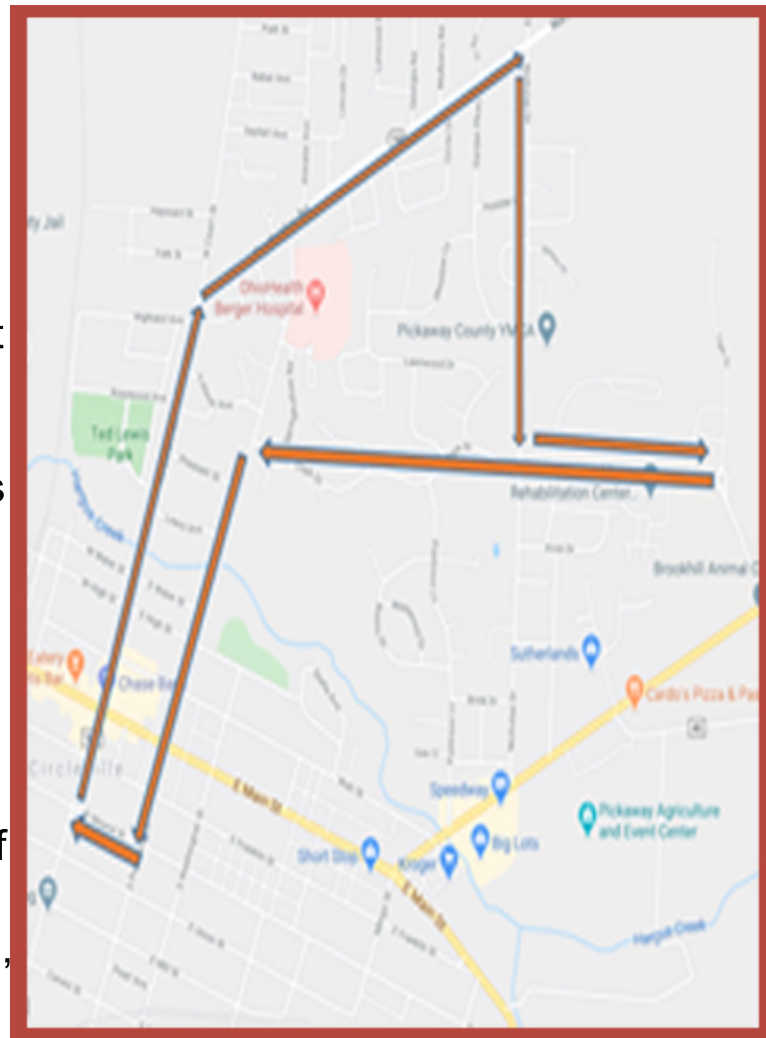
Starting new traditions



GRADUATION DAY PARADE

On Friday, May 22nd at 4 p.m., prior to our online commencement ceremony, Circleville High School will be hosting a Graduation Day Parade. Students will ride in family vehicles in their caps and gowns for a celebration across town to take graduation festivities to the community that helped to raise them. Students will be escorted by the Circleville City Police Department and Pickaway County Sheriff's Office through the route below.

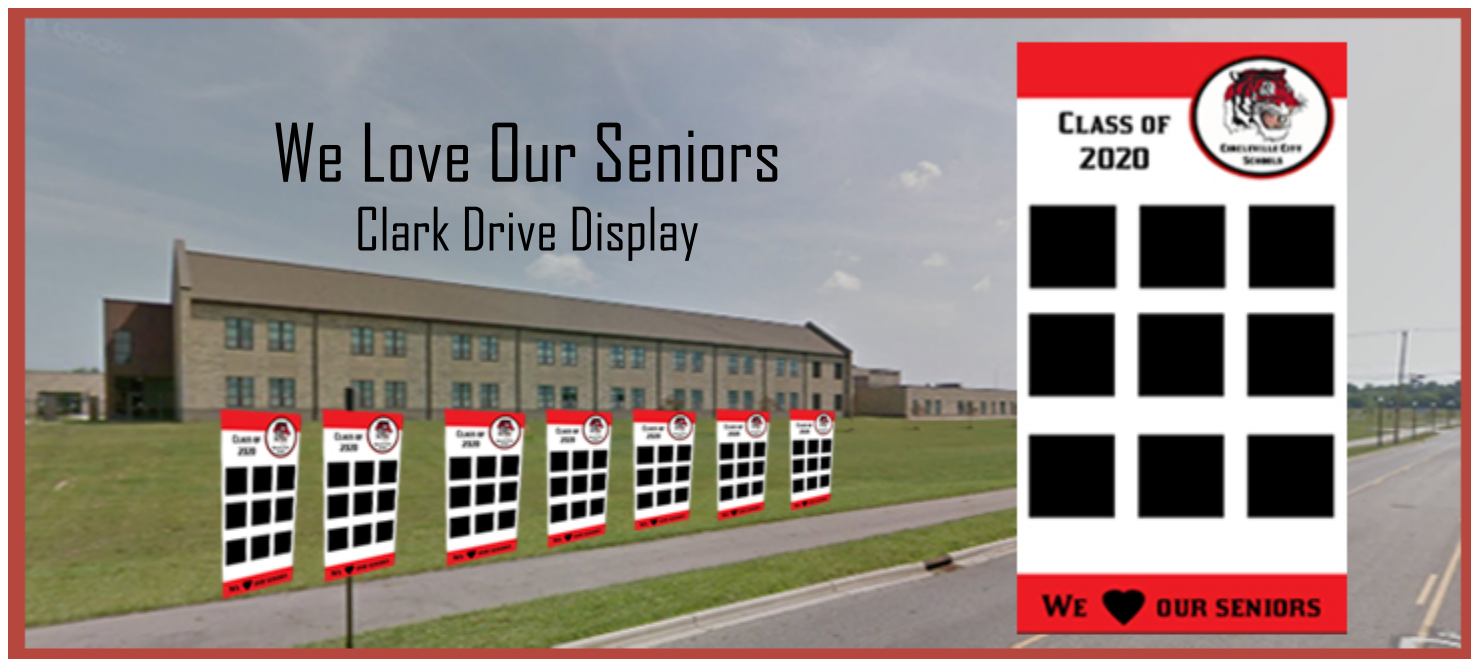
We encourage Tiger Families and community members along the parade route to remember safe, social distancing practices, make signs, decorate yards and porches, and help us cheer on the Class of 2020. Details to come soon on parade organization times, car and driver requests, and other pertinent info.





Celebrations

DRIVING YEARBOOK DISPLAY



In the coming weeks, Circleville High School will be setting up a driving year book display of Circleville High School seniors. Members of our Tiger Family and Circleville community are encouraged to drive through Clark Drive and take in the driving yearbook display of 6 foot tall banners to help us celebrate the Tigers they have helped us to raise.

CURBSIDE SENIOR BREAKFAST

May 18th, 2020 10 a.m. at CHS



A staple of the final two weeks of a Tiger's senior year of high school, the district will be hosting the annual senior breakfast once again this year in a curbside pickup format. Just as we exercise food pickup with our Grab-N-Go Meal Program on Monday's at Mound Street, students will pull through the parent pick-up line, stay in their cars, and be handed their to-go curbside breakfast from Chris Cake's Catering.



Honoring Academic Excellence



NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE

LIVE FROM CIRCLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 20TH 7 P.M.

On Wednesday, May 20th, Circleville High School will play host to the 2020 Day of Excellence Ceremony in a digital format for graduating members of the senior class as a way to honor academic achievement and announce scholarships and awards of merit for the 2019-2020 campaign.

To be broadcasted on YouTube Live, the Circleville High School administration team will announce the winners of over 100 scholarships and honors with student photos projected in the background as they are announced. Students will then pick up their awards and scholarships on May 21st when they come in by appointment for their scheduled on-stage graduation photo.

Be sure to tune in to YouTube Live (link will be available day of on [CirclevilleCitySchools.org](https://www.CirclevilleCitySchools.org)) on May 20th as we celebrate academic achievement and to see which Tigers are taking home individual honors.



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