



May 31, 2020

Hi Everyone,

We've come to the last week of school! This has been a difficult one for everyone, but the kids and teachers have held up til the very end. Here are a few announcements as we move into the last 4 days of school.

End of the Semester: The official last day of the semester is Friday, June 5. Report cards will be mailed on or after June 12.

Communicating with School: Please remember that many school employees are working reduced schedules or working from home to preserve social distancing. If you need to contact someone from school, email is still the best way to do so.

Graduation and Class Night: Seniors picked up their graduation regalia curbside at the school on Friday. They have individually scheduled graduation times for Sunday, June 7. Seniors and their immediate families will be coming to the school. Seniors please come on time (and avoid coming early) with your guests. We are required to preserve social distancing during this event. If you are not involved in graduation, please do not come to the school. Seniors are invited to come to Class Night on June 10th at Bangor Drive-In. Gates open at 7:30. The show is expected to begin about 9:00. Hope to see you there!

Returning School Materials/Locker Cleanout: We will be scheduling a time during the week of June 8 - 12 for returning school materials, picking up yearbooks, and getting personal items out of lockers. Watch your email for that schedule.

I hope you've had a great weekend and your family is happy and healthy,

Dave Armistead

Associate Head of School

required to provide this service. Please continue to work with our Homestay Coordinator Angela Kearns in making homestay arrangements. Homestay students are not required to take part in June Term.

Please note that all students who wish to stay at John Bapst in June are expected to participate in the June Term program, regardless of their current grade level in school. We do not want to have some students on campus who are simply using the school as a hotel for lodging. **Please remember that June Term will take place only if quarantine rules are relaxed.**

During the period June 27 - August 16, we *strongly* suggest that parents find some kind of online summer school program for students as we do not expect to offer classes during this period of time.

The summer programs will offer a safe environment with adult supervision and food provided on campus and/or by local stores and restaurants. Contact me at mmackay@johnbapst.org if you would like to sign your child up for the summer program. The deadline for sign-up is May 15, and payment should be made by June 1.

At this point we are planning for a regular school opening on schedule in August 2020. We are closely watching the experience of countries that are ahead of the U.S. in dealing with coronavirus, eager to see how successful the return to school in those countries is. The things we learn will be incorporated here to make a safe, effective educational environment beginning as soon as possible. As I mentioned earlier, for international students whose return to the U.S. is delayed, JB Online will continue to provide high-quality American education as long as needed!

I want to close by saying that the students on our campus are doing a really good job of being patient, taking care of classes and homework, getting some exercise, and even helping out in the dining hall. To be a student far from home is always a challenge, but to do what these young people are doing is quite an experience for them – and us!

Yours truly,

Mel MacKay
Head of School