



Greetings from CUSD #3:

It's May, and May means end of the year for public school districts across the state. While this year has ended in a way that none of us could have imagined, we still have end of the year items and events to take care of. While this is not the ending we had wanted, we must extend a heartfelt thank you and pat on the back to our staff, students, parents/guardians, and community for all you have done as we worked our way through this unprecedented time. Thank you for the dedication to our district and the education of our students.

Throughout the summer, we will continue to communicate through our Facebook page, our website, email and our new information service: Blackboard. (More information to follow). We will also continue to monitor the email account pioneer.support@palestine-pioneers.net.

Remote learning days will **conclude** for Seniors on May 8.

Remote learning days will **conclude** for 8th graders on May 14.

Remote learning days will **conclude** for PreK - 7th and 11th grade on May 15.

Fees - Any fees owed for our current school year should be mailed to the appropriate school office or paid on your child's pickup day. We will be notifying all families who owe fees.

Person Item Pickup

We have cleared lockers of all personal items. We placed those items in bags and have labeled them with the student's name. We would like those items to be picked up on the following dates: **Seniors** - May 11 (Caps and Gowns will be included in the bag)

8th Grade - May 15

PreK-1st and Juniors - May 18

2nd-4th and Sophomores - May 19

5th-7th and Freshmen - May 20

***High School pick up will be in the student parking lot from 7:30 - 2:30

***Grade School pick up will be in the front drive and entrance from 7:30 - 2:30

We will also be collecting all devices and text books belonging to CUSD #3.

No one will be allowed in the building during the pickup.

High School Graduation - We have postponed the formal graduation ceremony. It is our hope that we will be able to conduct a formal graduation ceremony on June 27 @ 11:00 AM. We will also be releasing a special graduation tribute to the Class of 2020 at 2:00 PM on May 16, which was the original graduation time and date. That tribute will be released on the CUSD #3 Facebook page.

8th Grade Graduation - We have postponed the formal graduation ceremony. It is our hope that we will be able to conduct a formal graduation ceremony on June 28 @ 3:00 PM. We will also be releasing a special graduation tribute to the Class of 2020 at 7:00 PM on May 18, which was the original graduation time and date. That tribute will be released on the CUSD #3 Facebook page.

Awards Ceremony - Palestine High School will be conducting a Facebook Live virtual awards ceremony at 6pm on May 13. This ceremony will include all departmental awards and all scholarships that have been awarded. Palestine Grade School will be releasing a virtual awards ceremony at 6pm on May 19. This ceremony will be for all grades PreK-8th. Go to: CUSD #3 Palestine Pioneers Facebook page to "attend" these events.

Prom - Indefinitely postponed

Behind the Wheel Driver's Education - Indefinitely Suspended

Spring Sports - Both the IHSA and IESA have cancelled all spring sports due to the school closure. Please return any uniforms you might have been issued.

Start of SY 2020 - 2021 - Our plan is to prepare for a typical start to the school year in August. We will keep you informed of any and all changes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to any administrator.

Sincerely

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