Brandon Bates Administrative Report

Date: 5/11/2021

- Graduation will be Sunday, June 6th at 5:00 pm on the football field. Each graduate will be permitted to bring 4 guests with them to the event. If on Friday, June 4th, rain is in the forecast for that Sunday, the ceremony will be moved into the high school gym. If we have to move indoors, in order to accommodate all of the graduates and spectators, we will need to have two ceremonies. One at 5:00 pm and one at 6:30 pm. This could all change based on gathering orders from the MDHHS. We are planning on having the ceremony steamed via the Pixellot system.
- Last week, I sent a letter to all junior and senior parents with the details behind the very difficult decision to not have prom this year. This was certainly not a decision we wanted to make, however based on the information in the MDHHS End-of-Year Gathering and Face Masks order, it was evident that a traditional prom was not going to be possible for any school district and any attempt host a "prom like" event would be financially prohibitive for our students. In addition to gift cards and gift baskets for our seniors, we are currently working out the details for an outdoor event for the seniors prior to their graduation.
- On Saturday, May 15th at 7:00 pm we will having the Mason High School Music Variety Show. This will be our band and choir's only live performance of the year. The students are excited to show off all of their talents. Tickets are limited to four per performer. All of the audience and performers will be socially distanced and required to wear a mask. A recording of the event will be posted on the high school website.

- Senior Exams will May 27th and 28th. Our last two days of school (June 10th and 11th) for grades 9-11 will be half days and our students will be taking exams during that time.
- Special thanks to the VFW for donating a new American flag to the high school.
- On May 5th, Ms. Huber and five of students from the Reproductive Health Committee joined other teens and educators from the country on a virtual meeting with the Monroe County Health Department Family Planning Clinic.
- Mr. Davison and the Quiz Bowl team have their first virtual match against Meadow Montessori today. They have two more virtual matches planned to take place this school year.
- Mason graduate C.J. Henning (UTMC Pharmacy major), and some of his classmates from UTMC came and presented to Ms. Waslar's class about the dangers of vaping. It was very informative for the students and it was great to see a former student doing so well!
- The Eagle Virtual Hour has been going great here at the high school. Each teacher has a small group of students that they check in with daily during virtual hour. In addition to checking in on assignments and grades, they have small group discussions about various topics pertaining to today's young people. It's been beneficial to both the students and the staff.