



Tuesday, May 26th, 2020

This week marks the last week of distance learning. We are proud of all the hard work everyone is doing. If you are a parent or student in need of support, please reach out to any school staff.

For the latest on Covid 19 from district 318, please visit <https://sites.google.com/isd318.org/318-and-covid-19/home>.

COUNSELING:

The Spring ACT Test at GRHS has been cancelled. (Original date: March 24th; Rescheduled date: April 7) Due to the Governor's message today, school will not be in session on April 7th, therefore; we cannot give the ACT.

Typically, the ACT is only offered in the Spring at GRHS, but we will be considering offering it in the Fall next school year. The possible dates could be Oct 6 or Oct 20. Those results should be available early enough for college application deadlines.

If you have further questions about what this means to you as a senior as you are working college applications, please consult your counselor. They are working and are happy to answer your questions!

For more information [click here](#).

*If you are an emergency/essential worker in need of childcare, please complete our [online form](#).

ACTIVITIES:

Due to Covid 19 all upcoming activities have been cancelled. Stay tuned for updates.

SPORTS:

Due to Covid 19 all sporting activities have also been cancelled. We will update as soon as we know more.

Keep updated about upcoming college visits and scholarships by following GR Counseling on Twitter.

Ipad Drop Off Info:

GRHS STUDENTS & PARENTS
RETURN: Ipad/Cord/Charger, Library & Text Books

PICK UP: Diploma Covers (Seniors) & Yearbook

Students should plan to return all school issued ipads/cords/wall charging units, library books, text books and pick up yearbooks and diploma covers** on the follow days:

Senior day WILL NOW BE Friday, May 29th from 9am-3pm (*date was changed since HawkTalk)

9th- 11th grade days are Monday & Tuesday, June 1&2 from 10am-2pm

** (actual diplomas will be mailed out in June)**

- Drivers should enter the high school on 14th St by the arena and watch for signs to stations for drop off and pick up starting at the gym doors.
- Everyone MUST stay in the car when pulling up to the curb and staff will assist at each station.
- Wear a mask if at all possible and if you are feeling ill, have a temperature on the day of drop off, arrange to have your items dropped off or picked up by another family member or contact the office to set up alternative drop off days.
- Drivers should exit past the Reif on Conifer.
- Anyone is able to drop off the iPad, cord & charger for any student. The iPad should be fully charged, passcode and Apple ID must be removed if applicable.
- Replacement fees if you have lost your school issued cord (\$10), wall charging unit (\$10) or both (\$20), MUST be paid online through payschools or mail a check to the high school: 800 NW Conifer Dr, Grand Rapids, MN 55744.

SENIORS:

Academic Excellence Awards were streamed on Wednesday, May 13th @ 7pm. If you missed it, here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9ZBBk3u82Q>.

District Technology Dept. has enabled the ability for Seniors to transfer their Google data during the last week of school.

File transfer for seniors is enabled, the below link gives step by step instructions for using Google Takeout.

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6386856>

The following message went out on Mon. May 26th regarding the school board meeting held Sunday, May 25th.

Good evening parents of the class of 2020. I apologize for contacting you on a holiday weekend, but we wanted to share an update from this evening's Board meeting. We know that this has been a difficult road, but we have arrived at a ceremony that we feel honors and involves the Class of 2020 at Bigfork and Grand Rapids High Schools.

On Friday, May 29, both schools will celebrate Senior Day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Class of 2020 will pick up their diploma covers at GRHS and the diplomas at BHS. At both schools seniors will have the opportunity to stop at a professional photo station. Seniors will have their photos taken in their cap and gown without leaving their vehicles. These photos will be mailed to students. Each school will contact students with additional details.

Each school will also have a ceremony in the form of a pre-recorded video created in partnership with ICTV followed by a personal message from each school.

The GRHS ceremony will air on ICTV at 7:00 pm on May 29 on ICTV. It can also be streamed on social media and links will be placed on the home page of GRHS website. The video will be immediately followed by a student-created video on ISD 318 social media and GRHS student accounts.



Be kind and have a great day!

Updated Graduation Information.

This is the message that went out the evening of May 18th.

This is Sean Martinson, and I am calling tonight with what I know will be tough news. Upon further clarification of the guidelines issued by the Departments of Health and Education, our administrative team found that we cannot allow attendees to exit their vehicles. This means that our plan for having students exit cars to receive their diplomas as a part of the ceremony has had to change significantly. The state has provided these guidelines keeping the safety of students, families and staff at the forefront.

Our top priority is also keeping families safe while honoring our students' achievements. Because of the restrictions, we feel the best way to celebrate and honor our graduates is through a virtual ceremony. Our planning committees will be convening to create a memorable rite of passage for our kids starting tomorrow. Additional information will be provided shortly.

Please know that this decision was not made easily or lightly. We grieve the loss of tradition with our seniors and our families. Thank you for your understanding.

