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Dear Charter Arts Parents and Guardians,

As we shared in our last communication on 4.24, we have been working on creative ways to celebrate and honor our seniors this year, despite the challenging circumstances that have impacted our end of year events.

Senior Celebration Tribute

Yesterday, we shared this [survey](#) with seniors via text, email, and Google Classroom. Based on their responses, we will be launching *Senior Celebration Tribute* videos via social media during the month of May. If your senior student has not had a chance to contribute their information to the survey, please encourage them to do so - we hope that all seniors can be included in this special senior tribute. **Submissions must be received by Monday, May 4th.**

Graduation

We are still considering the best options for graduation this year so that we can celebrate and honor senior accomplishments at Charter Arts while also prioritizing safety under the current health climate. In our last communication, we shared that plans are in process for a *virtual graduation by major* in June with the hopes of an in-person celebration later this summer or fall if/when the CDC and Governor Wolf deem social gatherings safe. However, in the same survey listed above, we also asked students to share their opinion about a second option for graduation this year. Both options are described below, and students have until May 4th to share their vote.

Option 1: We will hold virtual graduations by major on June 8th & June 9th. We will host an in-person celebration later in the summer or fall when the Governor and the CDC indicate it is safe to gather together in groups.

Option 2: We plan to hold in-person graduations by major on July 30th & July 31st, if government & health officials deem it safe to do so. If restrictions continue to prevent in-person gatherings at this time, we move forward with virtual graduations by major on the same dates.

Senior "Graduation Box"

In collaboration with Christmas City, we will be delivering several graduation items to each senior home during the month of May. This graduation box will include a cap, gown, diploma cover, and other senior surprises. We will communicate a more specific timeframe for delivery soon.

Senior Awards

Our senior awards celebration will be incorporated directly into our graduations this year. Additionally, we will publicize these awards via social media and our school website. We are still finalizing our plans to distribute the certificate and/or plaques for students who receive departmental awards.

Giving Tuesday Now for Seniors

Yesterday, you may have seen our newsletter about *Giving Tuesday Now*. Our [Giving Tuesday Now Campaign](#) is described below:

Giving Tuesday Now is a new global day of giving and unity as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19.

Since the most memorable time as a senior has been cut short, the administrative team at Charter Arts is working to create Graduation Boxes to give to each student in addition to their diplomas. It is our way of trying to shine a light on them during these difficult times.

Thankfully, you will not have to wait until May 5, 2020. Our #GivingTuesdayNow campaign is now open. Just click the link above and you can donate now. Our campaign will run from April 30, 2020, until the evening of May 5, 2020.

Virtual Performances/Events

The Visual Art Department Online Senior Exhibit is live!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE EXHIBIT](#)

The exhibit is also being promoted as part of South Bethlehem's Virtual First Friday celebration and is live on our Charter Arts Website.

The Vocal Music Department will host a Virtual Vocalists Cafe on May 14th at 7PM. This event will be by invitation. Contact Erica Dickson at edickson@charterarts.org or visit the Charter Arts website a week prior to the event for the invitation link.

The Literary Arts Department will host a Virtual Senior Night. This will take place on May 21st at 7PM. Look for more details as this date gets closer.

Don't forget to continue to visit the [Virtual Talent Show](#). This site is updated weekly with work submitted by students and faculty. To submit images or videos of artwork, simply email them to mrosania@charterarts.org.

Best,
Charter Arts Admin Team

