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Dear Charter Arts Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, we would like to share some updates about the end of year events and senior celebrations.

Senior Celebration Tribute

Starting on May 18th, check out our *Senior Celebration Tributes* on social media and the Charter Arts website. We will be sharing senior tributes by major throughout the next two weeks.

Charter Arts Social Media Accounts that you should "follow" ...



Senior Graduation Box

During the week of May 25th, Christmas City will be delivering graduation items to each senior.

This graduation box will include a cap, gown, diploma cover, and other senior surprises!

A HUGE Charter Arts Thank You

... to all who donated to Giving Tuesday Now.

130 senior families, Charter Arts families, and Charter Arts community members worked together to raise over \$9,000 and to share their well wishes for the Class of 2020:

"Always aim for the stars!" "So many new beginnings are waiting!"
"Congratulations and good luck on your new journey in life!"

"The best is yet to come!" "Stay motivated to succeed!"

"Wishing the seniors an incredible journey!! Here's to your next chapter!"
"You all have such bright futures!"

"Your year may have been interrupted by the unexpected, but you are resilient. Make the most of what comes... You will change the world and make it a better place."

Read the rest of the messages [here](#).

Student/School Property Return & Pick Up

On June 4th and 5th, students **must** return all remaining school-issued materials including, but not limited to: textbooks, independent reading books, theater library plays, music folders, calculators, technology, elevator fobs, instruments, art supplies, costumes, and all other school-issued supplies and property. **Please have all property in a bag CLEARLY marked with your child's name, grade, and major on the OUTSIDE of the bag. Additionally, please add your child's name directly to each item with masking tape or a post-it.** School employees will be stationed on Columbia St. to gather these bags for you so that you don't even have to get out of the car! If you were unable to pick up materials from the school during our last scheduled pick-up, **you may also pick up items from the school on June 4th and 5th.** These items include the contents of student lockers, art cubbies, art work, and other items left in the school.

This drop off/pick up will take place on June 4th Alphabetically by Last Name (School Counselor Assignment).

Please make every effort to arrive at the school during your scheduled pickup time. Pull up in your car at the Columbia St. entrance, let the staff member know if you are picking up any belongings. We ask in advance for your patience.

- **9:00am-11:00am: A - C**
- **11:00am-1:00pm: D - MC**
- **1:00pm -3:00pm: Me - Z**
- **Friday, June 5th - 9:00 am - 11:00am - alternate drop off/pick up for those who could not pick up during their scheduled time.**

Charter Arts **ON TOUR: "Park and Circumstance"**

On June 8th, our original graduation day, Charter Arts Administration will be going *ON TOUR* to celebrate seniors! Mr. Boyle has created our tour route with multiple stops throughout the region to accommodate our students from different sending districts. **More information about each tour stop location will be communicated soon!** We will be at each stop for 10 - 15 minutes and will update social media with our locations, arrival times, etc. So keep an eye on Instagram and Twitter for updates throughout the day.

Seniors are encouraged to wear their caps and gowns, drive to the designated location, and take pictures in front of the Charter Arts bus as we celebrate you! We will supply the party bus and music, but we hope you will help with some decorations - decorate your cap, design your own mask, bring some creative photo props, or even bring decorations for the bus!

A few important safety reminders: Students may bring **one car** with family members, and all attendees must adhere to CDC recommended guidelines, such as **maintaining social distance** of 6 feet away from non-family members and **wearing masks** when outside their vehicles. In the event that Governor Wolf extends the Stay At Home orders beyond June 4th, we will communicate any necessary updates about this plan. We are SO excited to see you and can't wait to celebrate with you via our Charter Arts Tour Bus with some *Park (Pomp) and Circumstance!*

Graduation & Diplomas

Based on senior feedback, we have rescheduled graduation for July 30-31 with the hope to hold in-person graduations by artistic major in our Charter Arts Theatre. If government and health restrictions continue to prevent in-person gatherings at this time, we will move forward with virtual graduations by major on these same dates. Ceremonies by major will be staggered throughout the day between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm. As we get closer to the new graduation date and finalize logistics, we will share more specific details with you, but please plan to hold these dates. Diplomas will be distributed during in-person graduations if possible or will be mailed to students in August.

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. Award certificates and/or plaques will be distributed during in-person graduations if possible or will be mailed to students in August.

Prom

Dr. Comstock, Mr. Zamoski, and Mrs. Wilson-Kelly will be hosting a prom committee meeting to discuss possibilities and logistics on May 21 and will share updates once we have them. Again, while we would love to host a prom for all of our juniors and seniors this year, it will depend on CDC guidelines and Stay At Home orders as safety is and must be our first priority.

Congratulations and SHOUT OUT ...

To Mr. Brown, Ms. Dickson, and our students and alums that participated in the Vocalist Cafe on May 14th! Over 100 people joined the live performance, which is larger than any in-person Vocalist Cafe ever held ... and it is our most attended virtual performance event to date! Thank you to everyone that supported this event from production to audience participation. We look forward to continuing to host virtual events to showcase our student's various talents!

There are more Virtual events in the works!

- [May 21 - Literary Arts Virtual Senior Night](#)
- [May 22 - Theatre Department Virtual Play Readings](#)
- [May 26 - Music Department Virtual Piano Recital](#)
- [May 28-30 - Production Arts Department Virtual Portfolio Review](#)

Keep your eye on our social media for more information on the above events & we will hope to see you there!

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to see our new Charter Arts Promo Video, click [HERE](#) to view it! We want to share a big thank you to Digital Feast, Inc., as they produced and donated this video for us. We believe that it really captures the essence of all that we do for our students - artistically, academically, socially, and emotionally. Enjoy watching and take care.

Best,
Charter Arts Admin Team