



# LUELLA HIGH SCHOOL

## Pride News

Issued for: May 11, 2020  
Week #35  
8<sup>th</sup> Week of Remote Learning

I hope that you, your family and friends continue to be safe and healthy.

Last week was National Teacher Appreciation Week. Our teachers continue to do an amazing job of making sure that our students are learning and progressing. If you did not get the chance to reach out with an email or note, please do so and encourage your student to do so. A brief note of thanks from a student or parent can make all the difference to a teacher.

I hope to be able to celebrate our teachers, and with our teachers, sometime in the future to reinforce how amazing they are and how appreciated they are.

### **THE LAST BELL**

Friday, May 8 was the last day for our senior Lions. As a reminder of their accomplishment and providing us all with that bittersweet moment, I shared a brief video with the seniors and their families of the last bell, reminding our seniors never to doubt themselves and always believe that they can make a difference...as I told them – that's what Lions do!

### **CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2020**

In the spirit of celebration, please be sure to take a few minutes and view these videos celebrating the members of the Class of 2020:

- [Introducing the Class of 2020](#)
- [Class of 2020 Latin Honor Graduates](#)

### **PRIDE OF THE PRIDE**

Even though we continue in our remote learning setting, some student activities have continued virtually, where possible, and our Lions have continued to do well. Please join me in congratulating the following Lions.

#### National History Day

At the virtual National History Day award's ceremony for Georgia held last week:

- Da'Quan Cooney and Derry Auguste: received Honorable Mention for their Group Performance
- Emily Keesey: received Honorable Mention for her Individual Documentary
- Siya Patel: received 3rd place for her Individual Website (alternate to Nationals)

The following projects are going to the virtual National competition for NHD:

- Lian'a Raye Soopal – Individual Performance
- Alyna Lu and Doanh Do – Group Website

### **LAST WEEK FOR UNDERCLASSMEN**

Friday, May 15 is the last day that juniors, sophomores and freshmen will be expected to attend their remote learning classes. Please remember that students have until May 22 to complete make-up work and receive teacher assistance in order to master the appropriate standards.

### **SCHOOL BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED**

Please remember that the school building remains closed to any outside visitors.

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## **SENIOR PICK-UP/DROP-OFF**

On Thursday, May 14, we, like many of our HCS high schools, will be providing appointment times for seniors to return to the school grounds in order to return items like Chromebooks, textbooks, uniforms, etc... and pick up items like yearbooks, if they purchased one, caps and gowns, etc....

The system that we will use will be contactless, and all school personnel will be practicing social distancing and other safety protocols. Students will remain in their vehicles at all times, and items will be exchanged through car windows.

I will be sending out specific information to our seniors and senior families no later than Monday.

We tentatively plan to make appointments with seniors to return inside the building to retrieve personal items after next week.

## **END-OF-YEAR DETAILS**

As soon as we have more details about closing out the school year and readying for the next school year, I will be sharing those details with you.

Thank you for your understanding of our work and your continued support for our school, especially during these remote learning weeks. We are #BETTERTOGETHER and together we do EXPECT *Exceptional*.

And, as always,  
Go Lions!

Jerry Smith

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What follows are the various updates and details that I have included in earlier Pride News that are still applicable. Those below are not a part of the recorded version of this Pride News.

## **UPDATES**

### Graduation

Our Graduation service is now scheduled for **Monday, June 22 at 8:30 PM in Luella High School Lions Stadium**. In the letter from Dr. Davis on April 29 about senior activities and graduation, the following details were listed.

- Each graduate will be provided **4 tickets** for guests to attend the ceremony. This will be further evaluated as local and state restrictions either lessen or tighten.
- There will be a clear bag policy in effect with bags subject to search upon entry. Clear bags will not be provided.
- Stadiums will be staffed with health professionals along with hydration stations.
- Henry County Code of Conduct will be upheld for all on-campus activities.

We are now actively planning with all the other HCS high school principals to have a meaningful graduation service. I will have a more detailed plan for graduation soon.

### Senior Activities

We are working together with the student senior leadership and senior sponsors to design any senior activities that can be accomplished given the appropriate health and safety guidelines.

### Prom

During this week, we should have a new date for the re-scheduled Prom. As Dr. Davis stated in her letter, we will be issuing full refunds for those who paid for the originally-scheduled Prom. Students would then pay the new Prom fee, which should be less than the original fee. As is true with graduation planning, we are working with the other HCS high school principals to provide an appropriate opportunity that meets current health and safety guidelines.

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### Refunds

We will soon be ready to issue refunds. For those who paid through MySchoolBucks, those refunds will be issued through the MySchoolBucks platform. For those who did not pay through MySchoolBucks, a form will be available soon which will provide the school with direction about your refund. I hope that we will be able to start the refund process by the end of this coming week.

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