



Freedom High School

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Dear Freedom Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and well. I wanted to share some information about the close of school and end of the year activities. There is a lot of information in this letter and if you have any questions, please contact a building administrator.

School Issued Materials Return

We will collect textbooks, novels, library books, calculators, laptops, and any other school issued materials next week. We will be using the E building parking lot by the MPR and it will be a drive-up service. Please place all of the items in a grocery bag labeled with your student’s name in your trunk and when you pull up to the MPR a staff member will remove the bag. In an effort to maintain social distancing requirements and reduce your wait time, we will have a staggered drive-thru system. We ask that you keep your window rolled up or wear a mask when you pull up to the curb. If you have students that attend Freedom in multiple grade levels, you may return all of their materials at once.

Monday, May 25 - No School
Seniors, Tuesday, May 26 - 9:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00
Juniors, Wednesday, May 27 - 9:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00
Sophomores, Thursday, May 28 - 9:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00
Freshmen, Friday, May 29 - 9:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00

Yearbook Distribution

June 3-4 we will have yearbook distribution from the parking lot side of the library. This will be a drive-thru service. We ask that you write your first name, last name, and ID number on a paper that you can hold up in your car window. Once we have your yearbook, a staff member will place it in the trunk of your car. We appreciate that you wear a mask if you must roll your vehicle window down. The schedule for yearbook pick-up is as follows...

Seniors, June 3 9:00-11:00
Juniors, June 3 1:00-3:00
Sophomores, June 4 9:00-11:00
Freshmen, June 4 1:00-3:00
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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The policy shall include the following: a) statement that it applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance within a school under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of the school district.

b) Requires that school personnel take immediate steps to intervene when it is safe to do so and when he or she witnesses an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation or bullying.

Legal Citations: Education Code [EC] §§ 200, 220, 221.5, 234.1, 260; Government Code [GC] § 11135; Penal Code [PC] § 422.55; California Code of Regulations, Title 5 (5 CCR) §§ 4900, 4902, 4960.

2020-2021 School Year

There are still a lot of unknowns regarding next year's school schedule and class sizes. We are waiting for more information from the Contra Costa County Health Services Department and California Department of Education. When more information is available, we will send it out to our families. We are however, working on a virtual walk-thru in July, and we will be sending out our annual Aeries Data Confirmation in the beginning of July.

Senior Update

I know this has been a very difficult time for our seniors and graduation is on everyone's mind. The LUHSD Board of Trustees is still hoping to have a live graduation, as they have discussed at the last several board meetings, however we are following the guidelines and recommendations of the health department closely. If a live graduation without any spectators is possible, the Freedom staff and administration will prepare for a socially distanced live feed ceremony the morning of June 22, 2020. We will know more about the shelter in place guidelines and graduation next steps at the end of this month.

The Freedom staff is trying to make all of our senior activities special and I hope you were able to watch the virtual Letter of Intent last week. This week, we are hosting a very special Virtual Senior Ball! On May 22 from 7:00-10:00pm, the Freedom staff will present a Virtual Senior Ball on the NFHS Network and Instagram Live. We believe this will be an amazing evening that will help our seniors celebrate the Class of 2020 from their own living rooms. We hope you will join us for this exclusive event. You will be able to access the event at NFHSnetwork.com and on Instagram @freedom.aps

Thank You

I wanted to give a special thank you to the Freedom Community. COVID-19 has forced us to make some big changes and adaptations to our lives, which has forced us to use the term "the new normal". Zoom meetings, distance learning, online AP tests, daily facemasks, and fears of running out of toilet paper have made the "new normal" a reality. The Freedom students, families, and staff have brought me such pride and I want to thank you for the flexibility, support, care, and concern you have shown during these unrepresented times. While our "new normal" may look different next year, I want to assure you that I will update you with any information I receive and we will continue to work collectively as a community to help our students prevail! I wish you all good health and happiness as we head into the summer.

Proud to be a Falcon,

Kelly Manke
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