

COVID – 19 UPDATE

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Good Morning, Litchfield!

Since CHS was established in 2000, the “Cougar Way” has been all about “**Courage, Character, Respect & Responsibility**”. With schools closed across the country for the COVID-19 pandemic, I am writing to request some help from our entire community as we mark key rights-of-passage this week.

School leaders and members of the school community have demonstrated the ‘**Courage**’ to plan a live CHS graduation. Pulling this off with stay-at-home orders in place and while following social distancing requirements has been tricky. Lots of logistics and details have been developed so that HOUSEHOLD FAMILY members can safely experience the most important part of graduation - seeing each student cross the stage and receive the diploma they worked so hard to earn.

This is where we need your help. It is also where ‘**Character, Respect & Responsibility**’ come in. Unless you are one of the household family members who have been invited to join a graduate at the ceremony, please stay away from CHS (and we suggest you avoid traffic on Albuquerque) during the event. The campus will be closed to the public, and we need to focus on safely following the approved plan for household family members and graduates.

Since we can’t host a public event this year, the entire community is invited to join us for two special graduation events. On Thursday evening at 7:00, LCTV will host a live viewing of the numerous graduation speeches. This will allow everyone to see and hear the speeches before the ceremony. On Friday night (rain date of Saturday or Sunday), the graduation ceremony will be streamed live by LCTV. If you want to see our students walk under the 4 arches and join the ranks of alumni, please watch on LCTV Xfinity channel 21, the LCTV Facebook page or the LCTV Youtube channel.

Also, we have planned reverse parades for our students in grades 4 and 8. These events are for family and staff to recognize our students who are transitioning to a new school in the fall. Each school has carefully established procedures to make the events safe for everyone. Please follow the plans and procedures if you choose to participate.

Finally, we have established a [Taskforce](#) to plan for the reopening of schools next year. There is lots of work to do in July to have a plan ready for early August. We are looking for staff, parents and students who would like to volunteer to serve on the taskforce. If you are interested, please complete this brief [SURVEY](#).

Be well, Litchfield!

Mike Jette, Superintendent of Schools