

Dear Seniors and Parents,

This is an extremely unique time in all of our lives, one that has definitely affected all of us in some way. Although it is an especially stressful time for you as Seniors and parents, we want you to know we are here for you! With so many uncertainties we want to give you an update of all the things that I'm sure have been in the forefront of your thoughts. Over the next few weeks we will do our best to communicate with you the important milestones that await you as we finish your senior year.

The deadline for local scholarships have been extended to April 17th. We will set up meetings via zoom with the committees to select the recipients of these scholarships. As for awarding these scholarships and all of the others we have through the Guidance Office, we will plan an alternative awards night if the May 6th Awards Night is cancelled. In the event that evening is cancelled, Mr. Johnson and I will be in contact with how we will deliver this information. I also encourage you to please email me at ryan.hodges@centervillek12.org with any other scholarships you have received through other outside scholarships and any scholarship(s) you have been awarded from the college or university you will be attending in the fall.

For those families that have not yet filed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), this application needs to be completed by July 1. If you have any questions regarding FAFSA, please email me or Greg Teets, his email address is gregory.teets@indianhills.edu. Greg is a very good resource to help you file your information. Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) is another resource I encourage all of you to reach out to with questions. Troy Andersen is the contact with ICAN, his email address is tandersen@icansucceed.org. You can also find a lot of very useful information and set up virtual appointments at www.icansucceed.org. If you are currently not considering attending college, I still encourage you to file the FAFSA in case you change your mind.

Additionally, I encourage each of you to contact the college or university that you plan on attending in the fall to find out any deadlines of applications, scholarships, etc. that may have been extended. If you have not filled out college applications, I would also encourage you to do so in the event that you change your mind and decide to attend college. I encourage you to ask questions regarding courses that you may have taken or currently taking through Indian Hills Community College and/or Des Moines Area Community College (PLTW Courses) that need to have a specific grade for transfer credit as well as your High School courses. With the events over the last several weeks, the High School as well as Indian Hills and DMACC, have exercised the right to choose courses as Pass/Fail if your grade is not what you would like due to the circumstances. Choosing a Pass/Fail grade will not affect your GPA, but it may also not be accepted at your college or university, so please make sure to communicate with those institutions.

Per the State of Iowa and Indian Hills Community College, during the school closure, the postsecondary institutions (including IHCC and DMACC) will continue delivering coursework and the high school student **is expected** to continue to participate in the postsecondary course. *This includes concurrent enrollment classes taught by CHS instructors.*

1. Students who are enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses have the following options:
 - a. Complete the course online with either their highschool or college instructor.
 - i. Students may choose to take the course Pass/Fail
 - b. Withdraw from the course and receive a "W" on their IHCC and CHS transcripts. **IHCC Withdraw date is April 30th / DMACC drop date is May 1st and if you choose a P/F grade you need to login to your myDMACC account anytime June 12-19**
 - ii. If you have any questions concerning your college classes, please communicate with your instructor or contact Ryan Hodges.
2. Credit Recovery Courses
 - a. Students who are taking credit recovery courses (Odyssey or packets), may continue to take the courses and progress into new credit recovery classes.

If you have any questions regarding anything please email me and I will do what I can to help!

Sincerely,

Ryan Hodges