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LETTERS FROM PRINCIPAL DEIGNAN

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Dear DV Community,

With two weeks left in the school year under these unprecedented and challenging circumstances, I am hopeful that each of our families are functioning safely and in good health. While there are glimpses of normalcy on the horizon with COVID-19, we are far from done with the effects of this pandemic on our everyday lives. I applaud all of our front line workers who engage every day to keep our city, state, and country as safe as we can be.

Per the [message from Stacy White-Nielsen about senior item return and pick-up](#) on May 11th and May 12th, we are beginning the process of getting items returned to DV while providing the opportunity to pick up personal items to take home for the summer. We are starting with seniors Monday and Tuesday. This will be followed in future days for all other DV students. The process for non-seniors will be similar to that defined in the message above, but dates/times will be communicated after Monday and Tuesday's event. We want to assess the effectiveness of the return and pick-up event for seniors before we schedule the rest of the student body.

Additionally, on the day of graduation, May 21st, we are planning for a Senior Sendoff drive through event for graduates to pick up diplomas, yearbooks, and a few other celebratory things prior to the virtual graduation video release that will occur that night at 7 PM. Fireworks honoring our graduates will go off following the virtual graduation. For the Senior Sendoff on May 21st, there will be another sign up so that we can efficiently and safely get every graduate their diploma. Look for more info on that to come from Ms. White-Nielsen. In the meantime, every senior should be doing their [senior survey](#) to provide the necessary information on whatever is next for you.

Here are a few more links for those interested in:

- [DV Summer Math Academy](#) that will operate a bit differently this year.
- [What the Thunder Said](#) literary magazine created by students in Ms. Seeck's Literary Magazine Club.
- [Tuition Assistance for Dual Enrollment Classes 2020-2021](#) that may help defray the cost of those classes for qualifying families.

In closing, let's all take time this weekend to appreciate our mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day! Not only would we not be here without them, but we wouldn't be who we are without their influence, guidance, and love. Thank you, moms! You're the best! Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. D.