



UPDATE

June 19, 2020

Prom Confusion Clarified:

The last couple of weeks it came to the District's attention that there is a party planned to take place on July 1, 2020, organized by **parents** in the District. It is the District's understanding the event is being held to make up for the unfortunate fact that the Prom was cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although the District understands the disappointment related to the cancellation of events typically shared by students and parents due to the school closure, please be advised this event is NOT a school sponsored or school sanctioned activity, but a private event. Sponsorship or funding of the event by the parents and community members is done independently. The event is not in any manner sponsored or sanctioned by the District. Individuals attending the event, including district teachers, are doing so as individual community members. The District encourages all to be prudent and follow CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, and wear a mask.

Parent Surveys:

Please remember we sent out parent surveys by email and appreciate your feedback. Feedback from everyone will help us make adjustments and improve the educational experience for the entire family. Please share with us how you and your child(ren)'s experiences have gone. This survey is NOT designed to be evaluative of your child's teacher. In fact, we won't ask for your name, your child's, or your teachers'. There are opportunities to provide specific feedback to some of the questions. Please know that if you would like to answer differently depending on each of your children's experiences, you can launch another survey after you submit this one. Of course, this is optional. If you have not received a survey please email the building principal.

Please cross your fingers that we are not distancing learning in the fall and thank you for all your support!

Reminder - Fraudulent Unemployment Insurance Alert:

We have been informed there is a well-organized fraud attempt aimed at **private businesses** and **school districts** regarding New York State's unemployment insurance program. The fraudulent activity started in Western New York and has found its way to Central NY. A few employees in the region have received written unemployment claims that include an individual's name, social security number, and home address. The documents appear to be genuine and often contain correct personal information.

Currently, the FBI is conducting an investigation as this is occurring in multiple states around the country. The FBI recommends that individuals whose identities are involved in such fraudulent activity notify the New York State Department of Labor. We are being told the perpetrators of this fraud are sophisticated and have gathered their information from outside sources. There is no indication that there has been a breach in the data housed at the CNYRIC. If you receive information from the NYS Labor Department (DOL) that you **did not request** contact them and your employer's human resource department immediately to take appropriate action to protect your identity.

Important Calendar Dates:

- **June 18th through June 24th** - Wheeler, school material pick-ups and turn-ins.
- **June 23rd at 5:30 p.m.** - **OCSD Code of *Conduct Public Hearing Virtual**- Sharing changes and legal updates for 2020-2021 school year. For viewing options, see the OCS District main webpage.
- **June 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** - **BOE Meeting Virtual** - [Click here for viewing options](#)
- **June 26th** - **Graduation Ceremony Date 6:00 PM** *See information below for details.
- **July 7th at 6:00 PM** - **OCSD Reorganization Meeting Virtual** [Click here for viewing options](#)
- **July 7rd BOE Meeting Virtual** immediately following the Reorganization meeting - [Click here for viewing options](#)
- **July 23rd BOE Meeting Virtual** - [Click here for viewing options](#)
- **August 25th BOE Meeting Virtual** - [Click here for viewing options](#)

*OCS Graduation Planning



Interim guidance from NYS Department of Health allows to plan Graduation for **June 26th at 6pm** in the stadium with all of the seniors in the bleachers. Under this current guidance from the Governor, we are limited

to graduating candidates and **four** guests. This allows us to stay at or under the 150 person limit. Guests will be able to rotate in groups onto the football field when their son or daughter is

being called to receive their diploma and awards to take pictures and watch them cross the stage. Guests will be able live stream the ceremony while the groups ahead of them receive their diploma.

This year, regardless of the ceremony choice, we are also producing a virtual graduation film to air on television on channel CW6 (CNY Central). This film will show our student speeches and also honor each individual student. Stay tuned as planning and finalization continues. We will keep posting graduation updates frequently as guidance changes and are hoping to finalize by June 22nd.

Reminder: High School Summer School Distance Learning

I am sure you are aware of the Governor's announcement that summer school will be delivered remotely. If your high school student needs summer school for credit recovery, I want to assure you that our counselors and school administrators are planning and designing meaningful programming for students. They are working on logistics and an update will be provided within the next few weeks. We have NOT received any information or news on options for summer school for enrichment programs; if such a program becomes available, we will let you as soon as we have the information.

***OCS Code of Conduct Updates for 2020-2021:**

Annually, we review the [District's Code of Conduct](#) to determine compliance with relevant State and Federal laws and regulations, including the Dignity for All Students Act ("DASA"), Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations

Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner, the school board may adopt revisions to the district code of conduct only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and other interested parties (Education Law § 2801(2); 8 NYCRR § 100.2(l)(2)(i) and (iii)(a)).

Following provisions of the Open Meetings Law the changes and updates are posted on the webpage. Please note, in light of recent school closures, the Open Meetings Law has been temporarily modified via Executive Order from the Governor to permit public bodies such as Boards of Education to meet and take action without public in-person access to meetings. Meetings are held virtually using Zoom or Ensemble for the public to view or listen to the meeting. We have posted the proposed changes to the Code of Conduct on the District's [website](#) ahead of the meeting, so that interested people can review and watch the hearing.

Food Service - Delivery & Donations:

For your planning purposes the final meal distribution for June 2020. June 22, 2020 - Five days of meals (covers 6/23, 6/24, 6/25, 6/26, 6/29, 6/30). Please contact Jennifer Woody, Business Administrator, at jwoody@ocs.cnyric.org with any questions you may have. Please continue to stay strong and reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns.



Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2020! We are very proud of all the hard work and accomplishments you have reached.



As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

I hope you all have a chance to relax and enjoy time with family and friends over the summer.

Have a nice summer and be well.

Sincerely,

Rob Price, Superintendent