

Good evening, this is Kim Zippie. As we reflect on the last days of the 2019-2020 school year, none of us could have imagined that we would have ended our time together at a distance. We would never have chosen this distance, nor do we like it, but we also know that we have learned much during this time away that will make us more efficient, effective, and much stronger in the future. To that end, I have some important information for you.

First, we have established procedures for students to return Chromebooks and other materials, as well as retrieve anything that was left in lockers or desks. There will be two opportunities to return and retrieve these materials: Tuesday, May 26th from 10:00-6:00 and Wednesday, May 27th from 11:00-1:00. Third through sixth-grade elementary students will report to the cafeteria entrance and staff members will greet them, take materials from them, and return any items that were left in their desks or lockers. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will follow the instructions the teachers have communicated. Students in grades 7 through 12 will report to the high school entrance and will be given directions as to where to return Chromebooks and other materials, as well as emptying the contents of their lockers. Students may want to bring a bag or backpack to carry their personal items. Due to the limited number of people we can have in the building at one time, it may be necessary for students to wait a few minutes before entering the building. As a reminder, all students in grades 2nd through 12th should be sure to return their Chromebooks and chargers together. These are school-issued materials just like textbooks.

Next, please watch the district website for links to join our 2020 graduating class of seniors as they celebrate both baccalaureate and graduation next week. Baccalaureate will be held Wednesday evening and graduation on Thursday evening. Both events will be live-streamed and/or broadcast. While only seniors and their families can be in attendance on their graduation night, this is a unique and special class, so please help us wish them well from afar!

Just as an FYI, report cards will be mailed to students in the second week of June.

Finally, we want you to know how grateful we are for all of your support and flexibility over the past two months. We know that this hasn't been easy for anyone! As we look toward next year our sincere hope is that we will be able to resume a somewhat "normal" school schedule as we left on March 13th and will keep you updated as we learn more from the state. We will also be sending a survey link in the next month to gather feedback from you, our families, regarding what worked, what didn't work, and what we could do better to support you as you helped your students learn from home. From all of us at Commodore Perry we wish you a healthy and safe Memorial Day and a summer filled with special memories.