



STATE OF HAWAII
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April 22, 2020

Class of 2020 Commencement Celebration Guidelines

Aloha Castle Ohana,

On April 21st, Superintendent Kishimoto issued strict guidelines to all high schools regarding the Class of 2020 Commencement Celebration. The traditional commencement ceremonies are being replaced by a virtual celebration that adheres to social distancing guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will be student-centered and comply with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state Department of Health (DOH), and county guidelines.

CHS has adjusted our commencement plans for the event and the celebration will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Seniors, please continue to check your school Gmail and website regularly for more information regarding cap and gown distribution, commencement participation details, and diplomas.

It has been very difficult for our school to deviate from tradition at CHS and although a virtual celebration is not what we anticipated for the class, student leaders are considering ways to celebrate our 2020 alumni when we are able to return to normalcy. We would like to thank the graduation committee for their leadership and aloha during this period of uncertainty. We also send our sincerest love and appreciation out to the Class of 2020 for demonstrating patience and resiliency as we work through the new guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Tyrell".

Dr. Tyrell
Principal