

June 4, 2021

Dear Ridgefield Families,

The end of the 2020-21 school year is just around the corner, and next week is a big week for the Class of 2021. Tuesday, June 8, is the last day for Ridgefield High School's seniors, and graduation is on Friday, June 11. I would like to take a moment to reiterate how proud we are of our students' perseverance and strength of character. The Class of 2021 exemplifies what it means to be "Ridgefield Resilient," and graduation week is a perfect time to reflect and celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to our graduates on reaching this important milestone, and we wish you luck and continued success in your future educational and professional endeavors. Go Spuds!

In addition to next Friday's graduation ceremony, I want to remind the community about some of the other opportunities to come out and show support for our seniors. On Tuesday, June 8, the public is invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the official opening of Ridgefield High School's new stadium entrance, inspired by the resilient Class of 2021. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be part of the District's regular board meeting and starts at 5 p.m.

On Thursday, June 10, please join us for the senior auto parade. This now annual tradition presents an excellent opportunity for community members to show their support for the Class of 2021. It would be a fitting tribute for the community to show up in force to cheer on and celebrate a group of students who overcame many challenges this past year. The parade runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Graduating seniors and their families will drive from Union Ridge Elementary along Pioneer and Hillhurst Roads to Ridgefield High School. The parade features three waves of students grouped alphabetically by the graduate's last name, leaving Union Ridge at 5:00, 5:30, and 6:00 p.m.

Last week's clinic at RHS had approximately 300 individuals get vaccinated, and the follow-up vaccine clinic at RHS is on Wednesday, June 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the gym. The clinic is open to the public, with both first and second doses of the Pfizer vaccine available for those 12 years of age and up. The single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available for those ages 18 and up.

We will once again require that any student under the age of 18 have a signed [parental consent form](#) on file before receiving a vaccine. Our staff will again be confirming the signatures with families in advance of the clinic. Please note that there are two sides to this form.

If you or your student will be getting vaccinated at this clinic, please book your appointment by registering in advance. Note that the online registration system works best when using either Google Chrome or Safari web browsers. The Internet Explorer browser is known to have errors when accessing the signup form. The insurance information section of the signup is optional – you just have to select something for the “insurance type” field (selecting “no insurance” is an option). [Click here to register for the Pfizer vaccine](#) (the only option for anyone under age 18), or [click here to register for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine](#) (only available for those age 18 and up). If you need any assistance scheduling an appointment, including language assistance services, you can call (888) 225-4625 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Stay well, and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nathan McCann', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Nathan McCann
Superintendent