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Mission Statement: To develop students of character while empowering them to achieve personal success

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Dear Parents,

Many of our students have lost important experiences because of COVID-19. One experience we don't want our seniors to lose is graduation. They've earned that special day. We have set a tentative date for graduation. Graduation will be Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 1 p.m. We know August 1 seems like such a late date, but the education commissioner and the governor are both recommending that schools who would like to hold an in-person ceremony schedule that ceremony in late summer. Should we need to limit the capacity of the ceremony or should conditions warrant an alternative ceremony, we will let you know. We will do something that day for a graduation ceremony, even if it can't be the traditional ceremony. We are hopeful that we will be able to have a ceremony that is close to normal by then while following guidance from state and local health departments.

We will continue to monitor the situation regarding COVID-19 and graduation. If conditions were to dramatically improve and all restrictions were lifted by June 1, we may look to move this date up, but would only do so after contacting parents first to ensure graduating seniors and families could attend.

On another note, we would also like to remind this year's freshmen and their parents that they need to register for next year's sophomore career day at Wayne State College. Doing so now will ensure that students get the sessions they want. Please see the email from Mr. Kneifl or email him at kkneifl@hns cats.org or call the school at 402-254-3947 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A.J. Johnson
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