



## **Ridgedale Local School District**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tomorrow night, Friday April 24, 2020, we will be lighting the stadium lights at 8:20 pm, 20:20 military time, in honor of our graduating seniors and all first responders. We will have the lights on for 20 minutes. We are encouraging all Ridgedale community members to “Drive Thru” the campus to honor our senior class and first responders. We will be entering the school campus via the South driveway, driving behind the buildings exiting via the North driveway. To keep the traffic flowing we are asking that you use Kenton-Galion Rd. turning onto Hillman-Ford and entering the South drive by the baseball field. As you exit we ask that you turn left out of the North driveway onto Hillman-Ford toward Irvin-Shoots Rd. Let’s show our **“Rocket Pride”** and honor our 2020 senior class and all first responder’s tomorrow night.

Mr. Rossman hosted another great Zoom meeting with our seniors today. This is a great time for all seniors, to see their classmates and get the latest senior information. I encourage all of our seniors to join us for these weekly meetings. We are still planning on a graduation ceremony for the class of 2020, however it looks as though we will need to pick an alternative date in June. We will be meeting as an administrative team on Friday morning and hope to have plans in place, with the help of our seniors, in the near future. We will communicate our end of the school year plans, with regard to material return, or your child needing to get into the building, as soon as we have those plans finalized.

Reminder, the Tuesday and Thursday meal delivery schedule will continue through the end of the school year. The last week of meal delivery will be the week of May 18, 2020, those dates will be May 19 and 21.

SRO Mike Woods will be available for wellness checks for the remainder of the school year. Any family that would like for him to stop, please call the Board office if you would like a check, or email him directly at [mwoods@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:mwoods@ridgedaleschools.org). I am beginning to receive more requests from the teaching staff to check on students that are not responding to video classes or school work that is due, **especially in the Jr/Sr High School**. This is very concerning to us, we are still working to make sure that all of our seniors meet the graduation requirements and that the rest of our students can be promoted to the next grade level. We will have SRO Woods stop and check several homes to make sure all is well and report any assistance that you may need.

As a reminder, as we prepare for next school year, information and forms for the following can be found on our website. Please share this information with anyone you know that may be interested, and if you need assistance please email me at [rbirton@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:rbirton@ridgedaleschools.org).

1. **Preschool** – we are still accepting applications for preschool electronically or via US mail service. Forms can be found at [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org)
2. **Kindergarten Registration** – Due to the mandated closure we are postponing until a later date. You will receive the new date when it is set.
3. **Open Enrollment** – We are accepting open enrollment applications beginning through May 31, 2020, electronically or via US mail. OE form is at [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org)

There is less than one week left to cast your March 17, 2020 primary ballot, remember in person voting is strictly prohibited, however you can still cast an absentee ballot. Ballots must be requested by April 25, 2020 and returned by April 28. Voters can obtain absentee ballots three ways: 1. Voters can find applications for [Absentee Ballot Application](#) on the Board of Election's website. Download and print off an Absentee Ballot Application and mail to the Board of Election's office at 222 W. Center St. Marion, OH 43302. 2. Email a request for Absentee Application, include your name, mailing address, contact information and number of applications needed to [marion@OhioSoS.gov](mailto:marion@OhioSoS.gov) 3. If you do not have access to print off the application below or email, please call us and leave a detailed message to request an application be mailed to you.

I have received several reports of students that receive ancillary services in OT/PT and Speech therapy that have not checked in with their service providers. If your child is one that receives one or more of these services, please check your email of any communications that have been sent out, and work to continue to keep you child in touch with these professional services.

For any family interested in gathering more information on Covid-19, our school Nurse Mr. Jon Campbell is available, through a virtual clinic. He may be reached at [jcampbell@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:jcampbell@ridgedaleschools.org). We are also posting the latest guidance on our website [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org).

The Board of Education will be holding a work session on Monday April 27, 2020, and a special meeting, on Thursday April 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like information on how to attend, please email me at [rbirton@ridgedaleschools.org](mailto:rbirton@ridgedaleschools.org) and I will send you an invitation.

For the most up to date information log on to the District website at [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org). Remember, if you need any assistance please call, 740-382-6065, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Have a great evening!

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent  
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