

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Dear Germantown High School Families,

The intent of this letter is to provide you with an update regarding various GHS co-curricular events. As has been the case with the status of events since March, things can change rapidly. Please know that any decisions made today may change as a result of new information, mandates, lifting of restrictions, etc. We will communicate any adjustments to you as soon as possible. Currently, in Washington County, our local health department continues to report that we are in high risk, increasing trajectory categories for COVID-19 transmission.

Based on this information, capacity limits for large gathering spaces are being set throughout the region; the county recommends our large group gatherings be no more than 25% capacity. Given the continued spread of COVID-19 in our community, multiple discussions among students, staff, high school and District Administration have been on-going. That said, **fall activities, including the Junior Prom from 2020, the Homecoming pep rally, the Homecoming Dance and the Freshman Tailgate, will be postponed.** The County Health Authority continues to update the District, and together we monitor the most up to date recommendations and adjust accordingly.

The Powder-Puff Charity Football Games, originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, will be canceled. The Homecoming Pep Rally and “Homecoming” Football game originally scheduled for Friday, October 2 and the Homecoming Dance originally scheduled for Saturday, October 3, will tentatively move to Friday, January 29, 2021, with a pep rally toward the end of the school day and a home basketball game in the evening. *(Please note: The football game on Friday, October 2 will still take place, but the “Homecoming” piece will move to Friday, January 29.)* The dance will be on Saturday, January 30, 2021. The Student Council will still conduct a “Fall Spirit Week,” so please watch for more communication on that.

The Junior Prom for the Class of 2021, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2020 and then rescheduled to Saturday, November 14, 2020 will also tentatively move to Saturday, March 13, 2021. The Junior Prom of 2022 scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2021 will remain as is for the time being.

At this time, for all levels, Freshman, JV and Varsity, for football, soccer, and volleyball, only essential event personnel and individuals on pass lists will be allowed to attend home games. For Germantown, at this time, **we will allow four spectators per rostered player** for home events. These pass lists will be generated with families of rostered players and the activities department. General public spectators will not be allowed at this time; however, more information will be forthcoming regarding students, not associated with the player pass list, attending home games.

All regional schools are limiting spectators based on their own criteria, resulting in some schools allowing no spectators, or providing only two or four spectator passes per family. Currently at this time other schools in our conference are not allowing student spectator passes unless they are part of the player's family pass list. We will update you with this information as it becomes available from those schools.

As mentioned above, as an Administrative Team and District, we will continue to work with the County Health Department and follow the most up to date recommendations from various health authorities like the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Health Services in the hopes of allowing a more permissive attendance practice.

Thank you for your patience, support and flexibility as we continue to navigate uncharted territory.

The GHS Administrative Team  
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