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Dear BJHS families,

Greetings from BJHS! If you happen to be reading this update today (Friday), make sure to stand outside of your home at 6:30pm to hear sounds of music coming from students' porches, dooryards, and driveways for the "All Town Porch Concert." Musicians all over town will be playing together while being apart, and I applaud Heidi Anderson, Shari Tarleton and the rest of our BSD music teachers for helping to make this happen! Hopefully you are able to enjoy this event while maintaining CDC social distancing guidelines. Please take a moment to review the information below.

Intervention and Enrichment Plans: Based on the changes to the school calendar, Friday, May 29, 2020 is the final day of new learning and assessment of learning for quarter four. Once we enter the intervention and enrichment period from June 1 - June 12, students will be provided with individual plans to support targeted skill development or extend their learning in a variety of ways. Academic work completed from June 1 - June 12 will receive feedback from teachers and will not be assessed for a grade. Teaching teams are currently planning enrichment activities, ranging from finding ways to support community members through advocacy, to writing songs and stories of hope, to creating a cartoon of a math concept and much more. Specific plans for each team will be shared on May 29, 2020.

Eighth Grade Awards: Due to our current remote learning environment, we are not able to host our Eighth Grade Awards Assembly. Instead, students who earn an award will be recognized on the school website, and teachers will reach out to those students individually as well. Award information will be shared on June 12, 2020. Eighth grade teachers are also preparing an end-of-year slideshow for our eighth graders. More details will be shared soon.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent during the week of June 15, 2020. Quarter 4 will be communicated as Pass/Fail/Incomplete, and all teachers will provide narrative comments that articulate students' learning during the remote learning period. There will be no final year grade for courses this year.

Schedules for 2020-2021: For current sixth and seventh graders (and incoming fifth graders, too!), schedules will be finalized and communicated during the week of June 15, 2020. We are not able to have a “step up” day this spring, and we will plan on providing students with a similar experience at the start of next year in order to support the transition from one grade to another.

Picking up personal items: Families will be able to retrieve locker contents and other personal items during device and textbook drop off between June 15-17, 2020. Yearbooks will also be picked up at the same time. More information about that process will be forthcoming. If students need items prior to then, please call the school to schedule a time to come in.

Of course, if you have questions about any of the details here or anything else, please feel free to reach out. We miss the connection we had with our families prior to school closure, so any communication from you would be welcome! I hope you are able to enjoy a relaxing Memorial Day weekend.

With gratitude,
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