

Good afternoon, Monroe Falcons!

### **End of School Year Update**

The district is monitoring all information as it becomes available about graduation and the end of the school year, as well as plans for next year. We are excited to celebrate our senior class, and Dr. Higgins and the HS staff are planning some memorable events. Our official virtual High School Graduation will be held on June 24. More information will be sent as we get closer to the date. The Town Council is also joining in the celebration with the Graduates Sound Off at 7:00 pm. As has been the case for the past several months, there were several changes that came this week. Gov. Murphy announced this week that in-person, outside graduation would be allowed after July 6. We are in the process of planning an abbreviated in-person graduation photo opportunity for the beginning of July. However, we are required to adhere to the allowable crowd numbers at the time of the ceremony. As of today, that means we can only have 25 people gathering at a time. We will continue to communicate to senior families as we get more information.

### **Looking Forward to September**

I know there are many questions about what September will look like. I am gathering all information available and working with the county superintendents to answer questions about safety concerns and what options are available. This is an ongoing question and we will continue to work on it and share out information as it becomes available.

### **Virtual Class Attendance**

Teachers love seeing their students in their virtual classrooms. Please remember that students who have a school email address should be logging into virtual classrooms with their school email addresses. This is to ensure security of all virtual classrooms. Also remember that you are on video, please ensure you are dressed appropriately and be mindful of your backgrounds.

### **Congratulations to GMC Scholar Athletes, Jordan Kaplan and Kirsten Gasko!**

[Read](#) about all 65 Greater Middlesex Conference Scholar-Athlete honorees and watch a virtual awards ceremony celebrating their accomplishments on the field and in the classroom.

### **Mental Health Resources**

Please see the 3 attached flyers for free support groups through the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, Inc. The first one is information and education to support the emotional impact of COVID-19, the second one is parenting during the pandemic, and the third one is support for teachers.

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey, Inc. also provides a free helpline for phone counseling, emotional support, and information and assistance 7 days a week from 8:00AM to 8:00PM at 1-866-202-HELP.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay well.

Dr. Alvich

Superintendent of Schools

### **File attachments:**

[Parenting Through the Pandemic Group.png](#)

[Teacher Talk Virtual Support Group.png](#)