

JPS NEWS LETTER

COVID-19 FORCES GRADUATIONS TO GO VIRTUAL

On June the tenth of the year 2020, JPS held its first ever virtual eighth grade graduation. While we hope to never again be in a position that we can't all join in person for such an occasion, virtual participation does open up possibilities for extended and distant loved ones to join in on future celebrations.

Our graduating class this year was larger than typical; we joined with families and friends to

usher five young men and women into high school. Our fabulous five are heading out in different directions; they'll be following separate paths that all lead to one destination—a high school diploma. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know each and every one of these students; thank you, families, for entrusting their education to the JPS faculty.

To the Fab 5: We are so proud of you for continuing to participate to the capacity you were able after we had to close our doors. At a time filled with unprecedented, life-altering world events, you may have been tempted to completely cut ties (and quite frankly, it would have been understandable), but you persisted. JPS Bulldogs are strong, tenacious and resilient; you did us proud! You may never fully understand how sad we've been that we couldn't be with you in person while you completed your middle school careers. Please remember to stand tall and always remember we are routing for you from afar. Be safe, make good choices, and never doubt your worth. Best of luck—you know where to find us!



Graduating Class of 2020: Congratulations to Jack, Cody, JP, Emma and Bryon!



THE FUTURE IS UNKNOWN

Now would sure be a lucrative time to own a crystal ball! If you are waiting on pins and needles to find out what the school day will look like come the fall, you are not alone!

Will we return to the building and resume “normal” education with all precautions put in place?

Will we be relegated to our living rooms once again, chained to our laptops and missing our three-dimensional kids and colleagues?

Will the NH Governor and Department of Education insist on some type of—gulp—hybrid learning environment that ensures smaller groups of students in the building at one time?

Every question leads to many more, and the best we can do right now is brainstorm and plan for all these configurations. JPS staff will be hard at work this summer to do just that—it's a tall order, but your kids are worth it! As we are doing our best to cover all bases, you may be contacted with questions or brief surveys to help us shape our contingency plans. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or ideas!

So in closing of the 2019-2020 school year, I searched for an appropriate quote.

“What a long, strange trip it's been...”

[I hope I'm not the only one old enough to have listened to the Grateful Dead!]

I wish you all a healthy, restful and rejuvenating summer filled with the people that matter to you most.

Extended School Year begins on Monday, 7/6. Information will be coming soon regarding the schedule and activities we have planned. While we are disappointed to not be going on all of our usual field trips, the staff have been very creative in coming up with many fun and exciting virtual experiences!