May 15, 2020

Dear Hastings Families,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health. Thank you for reaching out to the Board of Education or me, to report issues related to the use of our track, fields, and courts. As we have more sunny and warm days, Reynolds Field will become even more popular. Social distancing and wearing a mask is crucial to preventing the spread of COVID-19. We want to do all that we can to ensure that we reinforce safety measures relative to the use of our recreational spaces. Below are more details about additional measures that we have taken to ensure that the tennis courts are used safely by residents. There is also more information about the parades that have been planned.

Use of the Reynolds Field Tennis Courts
Due to the influx of non-residents who took over the tennis courts to offer lessons, a security guard has been assigned to monitor the tennis courts. He will be there Monday-Friday from 8:00-3:00. Additional signage is displayed to emphasize the courts are for residents. To prove that you are a resident, please show your Village of Hastings tennis permit or another form of identification with your address. If there are any issues that you wish to report about our track, fields or courts, please email our Director of Facilities, Joseph Martorana at martoranj@hohschools.org.

School Parades
We look forward to the upcoming parades which are scheduled as follows:

- May 22, 11:00am, Farragut Middle School
- May 29, 11:00am, Hillside Elementary School
- June 5, 11:00am, Hastings High School

Chief David Dosin has been an amazing partner in planning the upcoming parades. Mayor Niki Armacost’s incredible support of the schools during the COVID-19 outbreak is greatly appreciated. These parades are possible because of their endorsement.

While we enjoy the parades, we implore everyone to please exercise social distancing practices and wear a mask or a face covering. Families will view the parade from their lawn while waving to the cars driven by Hastings faculty and staff. Everyone in cars must remain in their cars.
The caravan of cars, escorted by our Hastings Police Department, will drive slowly past all homes. If your street is not on the map, please join the parade on any main thoroughfare. Please exercise social distancing and please wear a mask or face covering.

While a parade won’t change the impact that COVID-19 has had on our society, we will remember that simple expressions of joy seen through smiles and tears while glancing at people who we love--your children, will be our prize for the day.

On behalf of the Hastings Board of Education, thank you for your support and assistance.

Warm regards,

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte