



May 8, 2020

Dear Parents,

We know that this spring at Stanley has presented us with unexpected challenges, and some surprising silver linings. We also know that you have been stretched as parents due to Covid-19 restrictions and that your children have experienced entirely new ways of doing school. The end of the school year at Stanley is filled with so many celebrations and recognitions – we know you and your children may be feeling disappointed and sad that we are ending our school year at a distance.

To honor our students joyfully and bring some closure to our unusual school year, we would like to share with you plans to end our year as a community with a celebration that adheres to the social distancing and public health guidelines specifically for schools. We're planning a **Stanley End-of-Year Car Parade on Saturday, May 30**. The car parade will be organized by grade level division (see times below), with the entrance at the south end of our main parking lot, and the exit at the south end of Rampart.

Parade details:

- At each division parade time, teachers will be socially-distanced on the median in our main parking lot.
- Parents enter the parade in cars at the south end of our parking lot under a balloon arch. **Parents and students must remain in their cars at all times.** Restrooms will not be available and there is no access to campus.
- Cars will proceed north through our main parking lot – we invite you to roll your windows down and share waves, hellos and thank-yous to your teachers.
- As cars exit at the north, please take a right turn where you will receive your yearbooks along E. 5th Parkway.
- Turn right down Rampart and you will be able to drop off Chromebooks/laptops, library books, classroom books, and any other school materials.
- At the end of Rampart, division heads and Tim and a special guest will be sharing a final wave and good-wishes for you as you exit the parade under a second balloon arch.
- It totally optional, but feel free to bring a home-made sign to wave out the windows to teachers, or decorate your car.
- We will also have a bin at the end of Rampart where we will be collecting good-bye-thank-you notes for our beloved head of school, Tim!

Please note that the times allotted for each division's parade are ample for everyone to pass through – no need to arrive right at the start time – in fact, coming at any time in the division window will help ensure we don't have too many cars in the line at any one time.

The times for each division's drive-through parade are as follows:

- K-1-2 parade: 9-11 a.m.
- 3-4-5 parade: 12-2 p.m.
- Middle School parade: 3-5 p.m.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to drive through at all division parade times that may apply to your children, but we recognize that this may not be possible. Please come through at a time that works best for your family.

Our highest priority is the safety of our entire community. All faculty and staff will be wearing masks and gloves at all times during the parade and will be adhering to strict social distancing requirements.

A note about participation:

Our intention is for the Stanley End-of-Year Car Parade to be as inclusive as possible – as a result, our Parade date is Saturday, May 30. We also recognize that, due to your own personal health status, or the health status of others in your family, you may not feel comfortable joining us for this event. We respect everyone’s need to make their own decision about participation based on individual circumstances. If you are not able to make it to the parade, we will make other arrangements so you can receive the items being distributed and that we can collect any Stanley technology or materials.

We are also respecting the health considerations of our faculty and staff, and while we will have so many of our teachers and staff on hand for the parade, it is possible that some will not be able to attend.

Additional classroom celebrations and continuations:

At this time and with an abundance of caution, the Stanley End-of-Year Parade will be the only on-campus end-of-year celebration. Watch for more details from your classroom teachers about end-of-year class celebrations and continuations.

Thank you!

We know that this spring has been stressful and exhausting, and that there have also been unexpected bright spots, and never a moment without learning! We thank you deeply for your support, and we are so proud of all of our students for their resourcefulness and perseverance with our home-learning program. Our goal is to positively culminate this year and to provide some closure so that everyone can find some space for rest, restoration, reflection, and to close the lid of that laptop!

Warmly,
Tim