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**MAY 2020** 

Welcome to the Promise Academy monthly update. We wish all of our students, parents and school stakeholders the best as our community copes with this ongoing health crisis.

Promise Academy is a high school built for changing circumstances. Students can apply at any time and graduate as soon as all graduation requirements are met.

We educate students through distance learning and flexible scheduling, and we prepare them for life's journey.

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Hello Promise Academy family,

The school year is coming to an end, as our last official school day is June 5th. Graduation was originally scheduled for June 3rd, but is now postponed. As I have stated in the past, we will reschedule our graduation ceremony as soon as large groups are permitted to gather. We are delivering yard signs to our graduates now and are eager to congratulate them and help them commemorate this important life milestone. If you have not yet been contacted, please call the school at 216-443-0500. Our list of graduates is available on the website, and this list includes our December and prior graduates.

For all of our students, I would like you to know that we have awarded you credit for classes in which you earned a grade of Proficient or better on the Ohio State Tests and had other test scores to support you proficiency in that subject. This is part of our Credit Flex and new Mastery policy. Congratulations on earning those credits! Earning a passing grade on the Ohio State Test is always an important achievement.

For students that received a Chromebook from Promise Academy, it is now time to return it to school. Please bring the Chromebook and charger in the original box (if you still have it) to school between 9 AM and 3 PM. If you need assistance in getting the Chromebook back to us, just call us at 216-443-0500.

Our summer session will be shorter than usual this year. It will include online learning every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon, starting June 16 and ending on July 2. We are changing to a new online curriculum and will need part of the summer to get everyone transferred over to the new system. Please note that both the new and the old curriculum will be offline from July 3 through the month of August.

Once again, I'd like to extend congratulations to all our students who worked hard to maintain their classwork during the school shutdown caused by COVID-19. And of course, we offer a very special congratulations to our graduates!

Keep safe and healthy over the summer break. We will see you in August when hopefully we will all

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Cella Gallagher, Principal

## Congratulations to our graduates!



Promise Academy faculty and staff continue to make their way around town to personally deliver caps and gowns to our recent graduates. Additionally each of these graduating students receive a yard sign to celebrate this major achievement. While the official graduation ceremony remains on hold, we want the community to know about these proud Promise Academy graduates!

### **Promise Academy Summer Sessions**

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While the 2019/2020 school year ends with our building closed, valuable learning is still taking place with Promise Academy students. And as we work on plans for the fall, we want all of our parents, students and stakeholders to know that learning will continue no matter what.

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### **Promise Academy Students Receive Chromebooks**

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As the Coronavirus health crisis caused numerous challenges, including school building closures, across the city, Promise Academy quickly responded with an amazing opportunity for its students. Chromebooks were made available to students in need of inhome technology. Equipped with new tablets and laptops, many Promise Academy students now had the benefit of connecting with teachers, administrators and fellow students with their new Chromebook. Even with shelter-at-home orders in place since March, our students moved forward towards graduation!

With the school year ending, all Promise Academy students with Chromebooks are asked to return the devices to school. Our staff will be at the school building between 9 AM and 3 PM every weekday.

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