



Somerville Public Schools

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Dear SPS Families and Staff,

This Wednesday and Thursday, our Somerville High School and Full Circle graduates will be crossing the stage at a modified event at Dilboy Stadium, and accepting their hard-earned diplomas as they close an important chapter in their journeys toward adulthood. While the current context does not allow for the type of celebration that we normally reserve for these events, it does not diminish the sense of pride that we feel for every single one of these graduates and their families. Due to continued social distancing efforts because of the pandemic, we are not able to invite the entire community to join us as our graduates individually cross the stage at Dilboy and have their photos taken, but we hope you will acknowledge and celebrate their success in your own ways. The events will be streamed live on [Somerville City Cable's](#) Educational Access TV channel 15 and will be available on the City's Youtube Ed Channel for later viewing. As part of this year's celebrations, the Somerville High School Chorus presents this beautiful rendition of [Thankful](#) as a tribute to the Class of 2020, with hopes that it lifts your spirits and helps contribute to a feeling of gratitude for our students and our community.

Congratulations, Class of 2020 seniors! We are so proud of you.

NEW/UPDATED INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Reminder about Summer Meals: Families are reminded that Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meals will continue to be available throughout the summer, although the schedule will change slightly starting on Monday, June 22nd. Families can stop by at any of the 4 school food distribution sites (ESCS, Healey, Winter Hill and WSNS) from 9:00-11:00am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week to pick up meals. Starting on June 22nd, Grab and Go meals will not be distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Today's Shout-Out: Congratulations to Somerville High School senior Alex Leite for being awarded a Gates Scholarship, a highly competitive and prestigious scholarship award given to students across the country annually by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The scholarship is awarded to Pell-eligible, minority "top student leaders" with an outstanding academic record in high school, demonstrated leadership ability, and exceptional personal success skills. Throughout his time at SHS, Alex has impressed his teachers and peers alike, who praise his work ethic and academic excellence. Alex has maintained his focus on achieving his dream of going to college, overcoming numerous obstacles along the way. He will be entering Tufts University this fall and is planning to major in either History or Anthropology. Congratulations, Alex!

Just for Fun: Get inspired to create your own masterpiece as illustrator Mo Willems and cellist Yo-Yo Ma work together in [The Yo-Yo Mo Show: An Evening of Musical Doodling](#). For more fun and interactive activities, visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/JustforFun.

LIST OF RESOURCES, CONTINUING PROGRAMS AND IMPORTANT LINKS

Curriculum Resources and Tech Support Available Online

- High quality grade-level home learning resources: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/home-learning
- If you are having trouble with your device, please submit a request for support using this [Somerville Public Schools Remote Tech Support Contact Form](#).

- Language Support for Technology Questions: SPS parents/students who need language assistance with technology should call 311 or email 311updates@somervillema.gov. A bilingual educator will contact you to assist you. Dial (617) 666-3311 if you are calling from a number outside of Somerville.
- SPS Remote Learning Plan can be accessed at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/RemoteLearning

Continuing Programs and Resources

- **Free/Reduced Lunch Application:** Qualifying for free/reduced lunch may open up additional resources for your family, such as eligibility for P-EBT benefits. If your student attends a non-CEP school in our district (a school other than SHS, Healey, NWFC, WHCIS, and ESCS) and you believe your financial situation might now make you eligible for free/reduced lunch, you can apply online [HERE](#).
- **Breakfast and Lunch Grab-and-Go Meals:** Mondays-Fridays, 9-11 a.m. at ESCS, Healey, WSNS, and Winter Hill. No ID required. Bring a bag if you are picking up for multiple family members. ***Please note that starting Monday, June 22nd and throughout the summer months, Grab-and-Go Meals will be distributed only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9-11am at the same 4 locations.**
- **Other food-related resources in the city,** visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/food-resources.
- **Distribution of Diapers:** Distribution of free diapers to families with babies or young children will continue on **Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00a.m.** at each of the four school food distribution sites, through June and while supplies last.
- **Comcast Internet Essentials:** We want to remind families that Comcast is offering two months of free internet service to families in need, through their Internet Essentials program. ***If you qualify for the school free/reduced lunch program, you are eligible for this important service.*** Information on how to apply and sign up for Internet Essentials from Comcast is available at: <https://internetessentials.com/>

Other Important Links & Information

- Visit www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus for the most current information on COVID-19 and resources available in our community.
- Talking to your kids about COVID-19: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/TalkingAboutCoronavirus.
- Basic supports for families during COVID-19: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/relief-our-families.

Respectfully,

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