

Special Message to Students from Principal Martin

Emailed out to all students 6/2/20

Dear Liberty Students,

Of all of the challenges and frustrations of not having school on campus, as a community, the most heartbreaking is to not be able to be there to support each other through tragedy and hard times. In recent weeks, there have been several incidents of violence, racism, and hate. The pain and anguish that these have caused is immeasurable, and it is made far worse by not being able to be there to show our love, support, and care for one another.

I want to be sure that each of you knows that we as a staff at Liberty are thinking of you, and that we are here for you. I want to be sure that you know that we are united against racism and inequality, and that we will do everything that we can to ensure that Liberty High School continues to strive to become a school that is centered in healing, unity, and strength at all times.

In the week before school closed, in Social Studies classes, all of our students took part in conversations about racism, and the inequity that exists in society. These discussions, led and facilitated by Mr. Rashad Norris and Mr. KaeBee Burns, were intense, vibrant, and focused upon getting to the core issues facing our society and ourselves involving racism and inequality. By rotating through all of our social studies classes, Mr. Norris and Mr. Burns were able to make sure that every Liberty High School student was a part of a deeply personal conversation, and that they were able to have a voice in how to help to live this and to lead this message.

Several students stepped up and expressed a desire to be leaders, and to think deeply about this issue and what it means to each of us and to us as a larger society. In the week prior to when school closed, students had begun plans to develop a Black Student Union, to work on how we can find ways to celebrate student cultures and perspectives, and to explore a range of options to further the conversation that had such a powerful beginning.

I am working with Mr. Norris and Mr. Burns to try to find ways to continue this conversation remotely, and we hope to share some of these ideas with you soon.

In the meantime, know that we are thinking of you, and that we are with you as a Liberty community. Stay safe, take care, and know how much all of us at Liberty High School care about you.

Sean Martin
Principal, Liberty High School