

# WE'RE SORRY IT HAPPENED. WE'RE PROUD

Congratulations class 2020! I am so proud of you and admire you for so many different reasons. First, I admire your collective personalities and your unique outlooks on life. Each one of you were a pleasure to work with and to interact with on a daily basis. Secondly, I admire your ability as a class to adapt and grow every day. This unique trait will most certainly allow you to become successful adults, friends, co-workers, and if you so choose, parents. Finally, I admire your unique ability to interact with each other on a daily basis. Every morning, I would stand in the hallway and watch you walk by on your way to your locker and I would see how much you enjoyed interacting with your friends. The laughing, conversations, and genuine concern you showed for each other are something I will miss next year. Again, congratulations, good luck and never forget where you came from. You are LIONS for life!!!

Mr. Martin

Good luck to you, Class of 2020! It has been a pleasure being a part of your educational journey, most likely as a bus driver! After this, you will be ready for anything that crosses your path! Much love to you all!

Julie Khouri VanZandt

On to the real world have fun you will be missed.

Mr. Fisher

Dear Seniors,

It has been awhile since you were in my Science class, but I remember you well--back when I saw your excitement in waiting to see which Team I put you in, back when you debated over your Team's Name, and then debated over your Flag design.

I always observed a lot of 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' on Flag Making Day!

I remember you helping your teammates during Science Labs. Whether you were creating your Michigan Ecosystem Shoebox dioramas, or calculating the speed of "spheres" released down a ramp, you guys supported each other, learned how to encourage each other, and navigated your way through developing the art of compromise. While I was always proud of your academic progress in my room, I was even prouder to see your positive character flourish.

Please remember your 'junior high self' and take all of those skills with you. Be patient with yourselves and others. Be curious and seek more knowledge. Be kind. And don't click pen caps. Ever.

Good luck in whatever the next leg of your journey may be. Know you are remembered and loved. Stop in and say hi when you are in the neighborhood.

Take care,  
Ms. Hoefler

Senior Class of 2020

I remember when I was a young boy. I was part of a huge, close family. Our family had the best summertime family reunions. At one such reunion I remember my uncles asking my great grandfather about the great depression. I clearly remember my great grandfather pointing his shaking finger at us all saying, "it could happen again." We all had a chuckle at his expense. Fast Forward one hundred years. I can envision you answering your grandchildren's questions about the Global Pandemic, shaking your finger at them saying, "it could happen again." The more we change, the more we stay the same.

Congratulations on all of your AWESOME accomplishments. I am sorry that the very ending of your senior year got a messed up. Nobody will ever forget what happened in 2020. Think of it this way, you have one cool story to tell. May all your hopes and wishes come true and may you live happily ever after. God Bless each and every one of you

- Mr. Szuminski

Dear Class of 2020,

I am so proud of the women and men you've turned into during your time here at Maple Valley. Many of you walked into my Kindergarten classroom many years ago! Some with spunk and attitude, some shy and cautious, no matter what, you all were a great class and I am sure you're moving on to bigger and awesome things during your life. Congratulations and be proud of what you've become and look forward to the opportunities you have in front of you and accomplishing those goals. Hard work, determination, sacrifice, and a never give up attitude will take you where you're wanting to go.

Once again, congratulations!!

Mr. Peabody

Class of 2020. You have been a joy to learn and grow with. Talent, work ethic, comedy, grit: all distinguished features of this incredibly diverse class. I would love to have groups like yours for the remainder of my teaching profession; you've set the bar that high. Our year-end festivities are appropriate for everything I adore about you guys: non-traditional and trend-setting. Leave it to the class of 2020 to set an impossible goal for number of senior-skip days! Until we meet again, God bless you and, in my best Whitney Houston voice, "Iiiii eeeiii, will always love you!"

-Mr Rosin