



A Message from Suzanne Stell



Dear Shelton Parents,

We are grateful to you as we end this school year. Grateful for small deeds, large actions, perseverance, and a Shelton Spirit bigger than the Texas sky.

As we close the doors later this summer for a final time at Shelton's Ward Campus, our sights are clearly set on opening new doors at our new campus in August. As our city, state and even the nation begin to reopen, we at Shelton intend to do it under the advisement and discernment of those who are guided first by the health and safety of students, staff and greater community.

We will continue to communicate throughout the summer, letting you know about our plans as they solidify. There will be no summer vacation from collaboration with all our information networks. We will be actively engaged with many others as we develop our systems.

We look forward to seeing some of you for our summer offerings. Enrollment is in full swing. We also look forward to seeing many smiling faces this fall at 17301 Preston Road, where we'll begin an exciting new chapter in the life of Shelton.

Have a great summer, stay connected, and thank you for your ongoing support.

TO OUR CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations! We are so pleased to honor your wishes to graduate as an entire group. Your graduation ceremony, open only to you and your limited family, will be on

Saturday, July 25th at 9:00 am on our athletic field across the street from the Ward Campus on Hillcrest. As our alma mater says, "And there'll always be fond memories of our Shelton days." Many fond memories were created on that field – Togetherness Picnic, MayFest, Hunger Games, Powder Puff football games, Boosterthon, baseball and soccer games, and more. What a fitting event to end our time on the Ward Campus, as well as our 2019-2020 school year.

In keeping with prudent plans regarding social distancing, each graduate may have one family group of five attendees. For all other extended family, friends, and Shelton fans, the event will be streamed for sharing. In case of inclement weather, the event will take place July 26th at 9:00 am.

In your senior celebration last week, faculty member Sam Crabtree delivered a wonderful message to you, starting his comments by speaking about the acclaimed judge and writer Richard Goodwin for you to read again in its entirety. As Goodwin said, "Our answer is the world's hope; it is to rely on youth...The world demands the qualities of youth; not so much a time of life but a state of mind." To Goodwin's words, Mr. Crabtree added his own – "Create ripples of hope. Demonstrate kindness toward others, especially those who don't often receive kindness; truly listen to those who largely go unheard; seek to understand people before you start labeling them; honor in others the sense of human dignity you'd like others to honor in you. Don't forget about the part you play in what Goodwin calls those 'numberless diverse acts of courage and belief' that shape history."

We celebrate your youth and, as Mr. Crabtree said, "Never take yourself too seriously, but take seriously the things you really care about, the values and ideals you've invested yourself in."

Gratefully,

Suzanne Stell
Executive Director



