



April 22, 2020

Dear Members and Families of the Class of 2020:

First and foremost, please know that we miss seeing all of you! At the beginning of the year when we asked you to consider what legacy you might create for yourselves, we were not thinking along these lines. Even in early March, we could not have anticipated this. Yet, here we are and we understand the angst this is creating for you as the school year is winding down and we all work from home.

We realize your thoughts and concerns are growing with regards to many of the end of school year events we all look forward to celebrating. This pandemic is unprecedented in our lifetime and with that comes much uncertainty. Please know what is certain is **our commitment to recognizing each of you and what you have accomplished these past four years**. Discussions are ramping up as planning is taking shape, including scenarios depending on how the pandemic evolves locally. This letter is to provide you with an update on the current status of senior events. What we know is a stay-at-home order continues to be in place and that schools have been closed for the remainder of the school year. What we do not know is what will be permitted after the current stay-at-home order or what health officials may advise in the future, which makes planning our end of year events extraordinarily challenging.

As we move toward the month of May, below is a breakdown of upcoming senior events and where each one currently stands, including possible scenarios in some cases.

College Decision Day

We can appreciate how the pandemic may be altering or delaying college decisions. Typically, senior college decisions are recognized on May 1, but some colleges have moved their college decisions to June 1. We are still requesting information from seniors regarding college decisions and scholarships awarded, both internal scholarships from colleges and external scholarships. We will look forward to celebrating the future plans of our seniors and their academic achievements.

Seniors have been sent a Senior Survey by Resurrection College Counselor Ms. Rogers and have been asked to send a picture of themselves in their college apparel or with an object (college pennant, image, etc.) to represent the school or program they have chosen. If a student hasn't made a final decision, she is encouraged to participate by sending in a picture of herself with her top two options, dressed up as her major choice or however she would like to represent her next step. **Seniors, please complete the survey and send your photo to Ms. Rogers by this Friday, April 24, 2020.** Parents, please encourage your daughter to complete the survey and submit their photos!

Senior Prom

Senior Prom was originally scheduled for Friday, May 15, 2020, and has been postponed. There are several challenges to rescheduling, due to anticipated social distancing restrictions and the availability of venues. If we are able to gather as a group, the Senior Class Moderator and Class Officers will meet to review options for the summer. However, we need to hear from the members of the Class of 2020! Students, please provide feedback to Dr. Piwowarki (rpiwowarski@reshs.org) and Ms. Salerno (jsalerno@reshs.org) by May 1 regarding what you would hope to see in terms of an alternative to prom.

Honors Convocation, Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation

Graduation was originally scheduled for May 28, 2020, and we do not anticipate that large groups will be allowed to gather at that time, therefore, we have made reservations with Holy Name Cathedral for Graduation on **Thursday, July 16, 2020**.

In this scenario, based on the hope that large gatherings will be allowed, and the unavailability of campus access in the summer due to construction efforts, events would be as follows:

Honors Convocation Liturgy - Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at St. John Brebeuf

Parents and graduates will join the school to celebrate the members of the Class of 2020 earning specific academic and athletic recognition. The event is scheduled to take place at St. John Brebeuf at 5:30 pm.

Graduation Rehearsal - Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Notre Dame College Prep High School

Graduation practice is scheduled to take place at 5:30 pm at Notre Dame College Prep High School. Graduation practice is expected to take an hour and a half to 2 hours and it is important for all participants to arrive on time. *Caps, gowns and graduation tickets will be distributed at this time.*

Graduation - Thursday, July 16, 2020, at Holy Name Cathedral

Graduation is scheduled to begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Seniors will need to arrive at Holy Name Cathedral at 5:45 pm. At this point, and subject to social distancing guidelines, each graduate would be issued up to six (6) tickets to invite friends and relatives.

In the unfortunate scenario that social distancing is extended indefinitely and no large gatherings are permitted, we are exploring various options, including the possibility of hosting a combined Honors Convocation and Commencement/Graduation the week of Thanksgiving 2020. We hope that this would not be the case and we are open to alternate ideas from students and families of the Class of 2020.

Diplomas

Student transcripts will be dated June 5, 2020, and will indicate "graduated." Diplomas will be given to students at the Graduation Ceremony scheduled for July 16, 2020. Students who are unable to attend will have their diplomas mailed to their primary residence. Seniors, continue to stay engaged with your online classes and finish strong while being a model for the rest of the student body.

We are very proud to be able to welcome the class of 2020 into the close to 15,000 Alumnae of Resurrection. Alumnae Coordinator Ms. Laura Dennis and Sister Donna Marie will preside over the Alumnae Induction at Graduation.

Again, please know we will be making every effort to celebrate each member of the Class of 2020, and considering the circumstances, adjustments may be needed as new information is disseminated by state government health officials. We invite feedback by emailing Principal Dr. Piwowarski directly at (rpiwowarski@reshs.org).

Thank you to our seniors for the leadership and encouragement you have provided so far for one another and thank you to all of our families for their faith and the privilege to be part of your daughters' lives.

Stay strong Class of 2020!



Sr Donna Marie Wolowicki, C.R.
President



Dr. Rick Piwowarski
Principal