



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

JESUIT PREPARATION *for* COLLEGE...FOR LIFE

April 20, 2020

Dear parents of seniors and seniors,

We pray this letter finds you and your family well.

It is now more than a month since we left school because of the covid 19 virus and we have at least another month ahead of us. This means that the remainder of the year for seniors will consist of online learning. As previously communicated, the school year will end on May 7 for seniors, there will be no senior exams and although APs are encouraged, they will be optional this year.

Sadly, it is now obvious that we cannot celebrate our seniors in the usual manner as we prepare for their graduation from Canisius. Also mindful of the fact that we simply cannot know what the weeks and months ahead hold, we have made a basic plan so that both you and we can plan and save future dates with the hope of celebration:

1. We feel strongly that the original May 21 date of graduation should be honored and not go by unacknowledged. Since a large gathering such as graduation in the Scaccia Auditorium is not going to be possible, we plan to use the day to celebrate the various senior awards and honors, including the announcement of Mr. Canisius. These will need to be done virtually and we plan to spread them out over the course of the day.
2. We would love to have a day of celebration where our seniors can get together for their Baccalaureate Mass and to physically receive their diplomas. We have planned for three times (we marked two days for each in the case that the size of gatherings is still limited). Our choice would be for the earliest possible date and scheduled in the morning. Please save the following dates:
 - Friday and Saturday June 26 and 27
 - Friday and Saturday July 31 and August 1
 - Friday and Saturday August 14 and 15

We will try to notify you of the date at least 10 days in advance.

3. Unfortunately, holding the prom is no longer a possibility. If we find a time to hold an event, the priority will be given to graduation. There are just too many variables to consider in the weeks ahead. We hope you understand.
4. An additional social gathering for the graduates will be planned for Wednesday evening, November 25 when everyone is home for Thanksgiving weekend.

We will continue to plan and fine tune these plans in the days and weeks ahead. We wanted to be sure you have some dates as possibilities. We know you realize all too well how tentative things have become in the present situation. It would have been wonderful if we could have been back for the end of the year. These plans should provide an opportunity for everyone to get back on campus together for some celebration and closure before fall.

With prayerful best wishes for you and your family.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Ciancimino, SJ'.

Fr. David S. Ciancimino, SJ
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrea Tyrpak-Endres'.

Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres
Principal