



# BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*Office of the President*  
*Brian S. Mahoney, Ed.D.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and safe. We all miss our time at Bergen Catholic and I feel so badly for our students but remain thankful for their commitment to online learning. I am grateful to our teachers who continue to lead the way ensuring the teaching and learning process goes on uninterrupted. Our campus and all school-related activities remain closed until May 15th at the earliest. There is some talk about an announcement from the Governor's Office coming mid-week. We will keep you updated on any news as it pertains to the reopening of our school.

Earlier this week, we announced the cancellation of our Senior Prom. A few parents expressed their concerns and asked us to consider postponing the prom to another date when perhaps we will be able to gather in a large group. We remain open-minded about this and Mr. McElhinney will be sending the seniors a survey to gather their feedback on possible alternative dates for the Senior Prom. Mr. McElhinney will stay in touch with both the seniors and parents so please look for updates from him on this topic.

**Let's celebrate the seniors!** We are asking all seniors to submit a picture of themselves wearing the college sweatshirt of the school they will be attending next year. We understand that some students will be serving in the military or pursuing a non-college track next year. Please have your 12th-grade son wear something that represents his plans for next year. Pictures should be submitted to BC student Eamon Bednarcik '21. Eamon graciously agreed to create a video highlighting all the seniors and their future plans. Eamon can be reached via email at [Ebednarcik21@bergencatholics.org](mailto:Ebednarcik21@bergencatholics.org). Please have your 12th-grade son submit his photo before 5:00PM on Tuesday, April 28th. We are planning to air the video on Friday, May 1st.

Victory Road has been offering weekly webinars for our Bergen Catholic community. They are scheduled to offer one more webinar, tomorrow, April 27th. The webinar will be available from 3:00 to-3:30 PM. This webinar will be led by Chris Hower, former Navy Seal, and current leadership instructor. His topic of discussion is *Decision- Making Under Fire*. We will send a reminder after 12:00 PM tomorrow which will include login instructions.

We are gathering the final details on selling Bergen Catholic flags that can be displayed outside of your homes. Displaying the flag will be a sign of solidarity and strength for our Bergen Catholic community. Flags will be ordered next week and we will arrange a contactless pick-up on our new athletic field. Proceeds of the sale of the flags will go to Holy Name Medical Center. Please look for an update with ordering instructions this week.

In addition, I wanted to share that Mr. Rucereto and Mr. Fox, along with James Adams '21, formed an ESports league. So far, over 50 students joined the league. Please have your son contact Mr. Rucereto if he would like to join the league and play for BC. Mr. Rucereto can be reached at [Mrucereto@bergencatholic.org](mailto:Mrucereto@bergencatholic.org).

Finally, our guidance counselor, Whitney Niles, recently was asked to comment on a piece that CNN was writing on high school seniors during this pandemic. The article with her comments can be found here:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/23/health/high-school-senior-year-grief-coronavirus-wellness/index.html>

May God bless you and your family and may we live Jesus, in our Hearts. Forever!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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President

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