



# BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

April 29, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Senior Class,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. At Bergen Catholic, we are devastated that the pandemic brought such a disruption to our school, specifically our seniors. We are hopeful that Governor Murphy reopens schools and we can all gather together in the coming weeks. Each day, our teachers have been offering online lessons and we have done our best to emulate a traditional school day at Bergen Catholic. Of course, nothing will take the place of gathering together in the halls of our school. We are grateful to our students who continue to impress us with their resiliency during these times of uncertainty.

We are committed to celebrating our seniors as we try to make the best of these last few weeks. Recently, Mr. Coleman wrote individual emails to all seniors. We are thankful to Mr. Coleman and hope your sons were able to view his email. We are preparing for other opportunities as well. These opportunities include:

- Graduation Lawn Signs - Mr. McElhinney has been in touch about lawn signs that celebrate your son and his graduation from Bergen Catholic.
- College Sweatshirts - We are preparing a video highlighting our seniors wearing their college sweatshirts (or proudly displaying their plans for next year). We are planning to air this video on Friday by sharing it on our website, social media platforms, and throughout our Bergen Catholic community.
- Starting this Friday and through June 6 we are planning to highlight four seniors each day. This collage of seniors will be aired daily on our website and social media platforms.

- Mr. McElhinney is working on rescheduling the prom to a date in June or July. A survey was sent to seniors asking them for their preference on dates. Please remember we will adhere to social guidelines provided by the Governor which may limit our ability to deliver a traditional school prom.

The day of graduation is a milestone in the lives of our students and their families. We have some solutions to share.

- If we are unable to gather on graduation day, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Virtual Celebration Day. The day is too important to not have a ceremony of some kind that celebrates our seniors. Details are being worked on and we will send an update on this in the coming week.
- We are committed to an in-person graduation and are currently looking at dates in both late-June and July.

I hope you find this update helpful. This is a challenging and emotional time for all. Please know how much we care about our seniors and appreciate their years of hard work and the many successes they achieved at Bergen Catholic. 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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