

Senior Update 5/2/20

Hey there seniors... I want to start with how impressed I am with your efforts to turn in your senior portfolios... other than a couple of technical issues, everyone has completed their entire portfolio! Well Done!

Grades should be complete in the next couple of weeks.

Now... with school out of the way, let's talk about graduation!

With graduation less than a month away, we are in the final stretch... but with social distancing and a closed economy, we are going to need your attention and best efforts along the way!

We understand that this is not an ideal situation... Mr. Kelleher and I are as upset as you are that we can't have our traditional Graduation. We all sympathize with the sacrificing you and your families will have to make this year. But the truth is, we need to play the hand we are dealt. State law prohibits gatherings of more than 10, prohibits us from walking across a stage...

I know that you all want to walk, take pictures, toss your caps, and celebrate as a group and with your families. We all want that too. But in this Pandemic, it just isn't feasible! The Drive-In is not a substitute for graduation... It is a celebration of the Class of 2020. A virtual graduation that can be shared at the drive-in, but also in the comfort of your home, posted on Social Media, and even emailed to your extended families.

With that being said, if NYS does open up to large gatherings at any point over the summer... We will be the first to plan and execute a party worthy of the hard work and dedication. You are an amazing group of young men and women... We all wish to celebrate that this summer

Ok... there are a bunch of moving parts at this point. Here is what we know...

1. Caps and Gowns are due to be delivered to school early next week.. When they do, you get another call from me about a pick up date...Pick up your cap and gown, clean out your locker, pay your grad fee.
  - a. The goal is then to bring you back on the 11th... dressed up and in your cap and gown. We will use these pictures in our graduation movie.
2. I need each of you to complete the google form with your diploma name on it! Those need to be printed... PLease do that ASAP... Like NOW!
3. Complete your senior exit poll please... It is important because we value your opinion! You have lived it... now help us make St. Mary's the best it can be!
4. As for graduation itself... I promise you that we are already working out tails off to make this as memorable a night for you as possible.
  - a. Can we decorate our cars... Heck yeah!

- b. Can we arrive early... YES! We have been told 7:45pm... but note that there isn't a bad seat in the house! It's a drive-in after all
- c. If you have questions or thoughts please feel free to reach out to me or Mr. Kelleher anytime... but make it quick!

Peace out!