Dear All,

We are most hopeful that you, your family and friends have been able to stay safe and have not been affected by COVID-19. For those that have been affected, we are so sorry for that and will continue to pray for you and your family.

This by no means is how we envisioned the ′19-′20 school year would end. Under regular circumstances, we would speaking to you about the end of the year and the accomplishments we have had, as well as thanking those who have donated and reminding those who have not to do so before the end of June. We understand that your priorities may have changed, however, we think it is important to share what the St. Mary’s High School Class of 2020 is doing.

It seems to many throughout the world, the best way to commemorate the unique circumstance experienced by all Class of 2020 is to honor them with a lawn sign, an ad, or a social media tribute, and to this end, we are no exception. Our school and families have really stepped up to provide many of these tributes to our seniors.

Our Class of 2020 continues to amaze us and has come up with a truly amazing plan as to how they wish to be recognized and give back to the school, leaving quite the legacy in the process. In the tradition of giving, the senior class has always made a gift to the school, usually items such as benches, clocks and other tangible goods that fill the halls and grounds of St. Mary’s. The Class of 2020 has a different idea however, to create a fund in their name that will be used to assist St. Mary’s High School families that are struggling with either their tuition or daily life due to COVID-19. Furthermore, they wish to keep the fund going in order to help others in the future.

Think for a minute… Long after the yard sign has been taken down, the well wishes on social media have been buried in time, that clock or bench has outlived its usefulness, and long after the crisis of the day is over the ***“St. Mary’s High School Class of 2020 Assistance Fund”*** will still be there! To better explain the fund, I would direct your attention to a short video which can be viewed at [www.dfghjkl.com](http://www.dfghjkl.com). Here you will see Class President Daniel May ’20 being interviewed by WIVB Channel 4 Reporter Chris Horvatits ’09.

If you can participate financially, we would very much appreciate it. If you are unable to participate financially, please consider sending a personal note to the Class of 2020 which will be shared with them.

We know that there will be a new normal that no one could have predicted, but one thing that this pandemic will never change is the spirit of giving and helping others that has been and will always be the cornerstone of St. Mary’s High School.

May God bless the Class of 2020, and may God bless you and your family. Stay safe and healthy everyone.

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