



Hello Parent of Spartan Seniors,

Here is the email you have all been waiting for! Thank you for your patience as we work through the planning of senior end of the year activities in this very new reality. I know how hard it is to wait to hear information, but I wanted to be able to give you as many specifics as I can. And even though there are a lot of things not happening this year in a traditional way, I want to share with you some tentative plans and dates about what **is** happening, and how excited we are for what we can provide for our seniors! I say tentative because, as we all know, things continue changing on a daily basis and I don't want to make promises I can't keep and add to any disappointment.

So here is what we have cooking! We are currently working with a professional video production company to produce virtual programs for Spartan Laurels, Baccalaureate and Graduation. These will each be modeled after our traditional formats including speakers, student performances, and pictures of all of our graduates. We also have a few surprises in store that we think will go a long way to raise the spirits of everyone! For each of these events, a private link will be sent out to families on a predetermined date. Our goal is to release things a little bit at a time to build up the excitement!

Spartan Laurels Video Release	Wednesday May 20th (tentative)
Baccalaureate Video Release	Saturday June 6th (tentative)
Virtual Graduation Video Release	Week of June 8-11th (date TBD)

But the most exciting plans are those we are working on for Graduation. During the last week of May, we will host a drive through pick up on campus via small assigned groups for every senior to receive a personalized Graduate Lawn Sign, Cap and Gown, Yearbook, and to begin dropping off their textbooks. (Dates will be finalized once we have received shipment of Caps and Gowns) We had hoped to schedule a Graduate Car Parade for the weekend of June 6th, but just this afternoon I was informed that by state order we are not allowed to conduct end-of-year gatherings even in vehicles at this time. We are still over a month away from graduation, so if this directive changes, we are set to move forward with those plans even with very late notice. Then during the week of June 8th, we will release the Graduation Video for all seniors and their families to watch together. (Date and time TBD). More specific details will follow for each of these events as soon as we have everything organized.

Drive Through Pick Up	Week of May 25th (tentative)
Virtual Graduation Video Release	Week of June 8-11th (date TBD)

Our seniors have had their eyes on June 10th as their graduation date for the entire year, and we think it is important to honor that date as closely as we can. And while we all hope for a change of the Stay Home Orders, we need to plan for a great celebration for this graduating class in the likely event that does not happen. Right now we are preparing dual-plans for both virtual celebrations and in person events. I know the uncertainty is very difficult, it is killing me on this end as well. We are working to make sure we give accurate information and don't add to the disappointment by

making plans we may not be able to follow through on due to circumstances beyond our control. I will continue to update you as dates and times are confirmed, but we hope the end of the year will be just as, if not more, memorable than ever!

Lastly, attached is a letter from our Activities Office with more specific directions for both parents and students on what you need to do to help us make all of this happen. Please make sure you open it immediately as it includes important dates and timelines. We hope to message to our students the enormity of the historical year in which they are graduating, and that while things may not be traditional for them, it certainly doesn't mean they won't still be great!

Sincerely,

Michelle Fournier