

May 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Bishop Luers Students,

I hope each of you continue to be healthy and safe while maintaining a positive outlook as we continue navigating these unprecedented times. We are heading down the home stretch with 3 classes left in the school year! The purpose of this letter is to provide updates on end-of-the-year related items.

Graduation: We continue monitoring changes in social-distancing requirements and mass gathering restrictions. Although we remain hopeful that we might be able to celebrate together by providing some type of limited ceremony on **July 10th, 2020**. The day will begin with Baccalaureate Mass, then Senior Awards and Slideshow and Finish with Graduation in late afternoon or evening. Details are still being worked out, but the date is set. In the event of any changes in the re-opening plan we will use a virtual plan.

We will be sending every Senior and their Families a Survey to determine if your attending the Graduation Ceremony and how many will be attending, once we figure out how many people we can gather in the facility where we hold the ceremony. That should be sent out in the next two weeks.

Summer School: Math and English enrichment camps have been cancelled. The June Algebra I class will utilize Remote Learning, all students expecting to take this class will be contacted by the teacher. The Summer PE class may be changed to Summer Health Class – Remote Learning.

Summer Extra-Curricular Camps and Practices: For the same reason we are using Remote Learning for the June session of summer school, all summer extra-curricular camps and practices scheduled to take place **before July 1 are canceled or postponed**. More information about whether a specific activity is canceled or postponed will be communicated by the coach, teacher, or activity sponsor. If in-person instructional activities cannot resume, neither will extra-curricular activities.

Report Cards: Report cards will not be distributed until the week of June 8. Our priority will be to process course grades for members of the Class of 2020, so we can determine whether graduation requirements were met and communicate such information before the July Graduation Ceremony.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off of Items: As the Remote Learning schedule indicates, pick-up of items remaining in lockers and desks and drop-off of textbooks, library books, computers, calculators, band instruments etc., will happen from May 26 – May 29.

Cars will come in through the North Student Parking lot and proceed to the east side of the building by the Maintenance Garage to the Wrestling Room Garage Door, staff will be there to gather the things that you are returning and give you your bagged locker items. **Please remain in your car at all times.**

Please put a sticky note on each of your textbook with your teacher's name on it so we can get them back to the proper teachers.

Drop off – pick up schedule

May 26th – 4pm-7pm All Freshman Students
May 27th – 4pm-7pm All Sophomore Students
May 28th – 4pm-7pm All Junior Students
May 29th – 4pm-7pm All Seniors

We remain hopeful that we will be able to take steps that move us towards normal. However, we will not jeopardize the health of our students, staff, or their families simply because we all desire a rapid return to our previous normal. From what we are learning at this moment, school will look different until there is a vaccine. However, until there is a vaccine, we also must learn to coexist with COVID-19.

We are very proud of our Knights! They have worked very hard in a tough situation. We miss seeing and interacting with kids at school, being in a routine, and providing the types of learning experiences that we know are most effective. We remain hopeful that we can soon start moving towards normal, and I continue praying that vaccines and treatments are developed sooner rather than later. In the meantime, stay healthy, stay safe, and stay positive. Thank you for your support, patience, and flexibility.

In Luers Spirit!

James Huth
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