



### *A Message from the Principal*

Dear Senior Families,

I am writing to give you a few updates and more detailed information about the upcoming senior activities. Before I do, I want to thank all of our seniors for attending the Senior Breakfast event yesterday. It was a wonderful event and a great joy for all of the teachers and staff members present to see every senior while passing out breakfast, senior shirts, and graduation yard signs. It was also clear that the seniors enjoyed seeing and speaking to their teachers, as well as honking at their classmates. The tears of joy that were seen on the faces of both teachers and students will forever be etched in my memory.

I hope you find the following information helpful.

#### **SENIOR CHECKOUT**

Seniors need to check out on Wednesday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a change from the earlier announced schedule. We have decided to expand the hours to better accommodate social distancing, and we are scheduling students according to the first initial of their last names. Please look at the following schedule to see during what time your student is scheduled to come to Saint Mary's.

- 9–10 a.m. (last names from A to C)
- 10–11a.m (last names from D to K)
- 11 a.m.–noon (last names from L to Q)
- 12–1 p.m. (last names from R to Z)

Students should park in the student parking, and report directly to the Front Office to get their checkout forms. They need to come prepared to return all school athletic uniforms, borrowed school computers, devices, or yearbook cameras, and all loaned and rented text books. They also need to be ready to pay any outstanding fees or financial balances due to the school. When they are finished with returns and cleared by the Business Office, the graduating students will receive their caps and gowns. Students need to take time to clear out their lockers (gym lockers included), and pick up any art work from art classes.

#### **SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY**

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be available on our Saint Mary's YouTube channel on May 12 at 5 p.m. It will be a wonderful production, and I encourage every family to watch it. The ceremony will also include a special video tribute to our senior class. We will post a link to the video on our Facebook page and on our website.

## **PROM**

We surveyed seniors and juniors, and they overwhelmingly expressed their hope to have an in-person prom this year instead of a virtual one, even at the risk of having no prom at all. In response, we have scheduled an in-person prom for Saint Mary's seniors and juniors for Friday, June 12, 2020. We are excited at the possibility of being able to offer this important event to the students and are hopeful that changing circumstances will not make that impossible. As we get closer to the date, we will share complete details.

## **BACCALAUREATE MASS AND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

We are still hoping to have an in-person Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises on June 16 at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Please remember that this is still tentative. We are still waiting on guidelines for social gatherings in churches for June. Therefore, we do not know how many guests will be permitted to attend. We will continue to keep you and your senior student updated on the situation.

We have given the updated information for the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises to National Graduation Products. While the graduation invitations were printed a while back ago, with the original graduation date in May, the company is offering an insert with the new date (free of charge) to be included with the invitation. If you ordered invitations from this company, please feel free to contact them to request the number of inserts you will need.

Please feel free to contact us with your questions. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. I hope to see you all soon.

In Christ,



**Kevin Muir**  
Principal

*The mission of Saint Mary's is to form virtuous young men and women who know the Truth and love the Good.*