July 3, 2020

Dear RHS Parents, Guardians and Class of 2020 Alumni,

It is hard to believe that graduation is almost a month ago. As promised, we are writing to let our graduates and our families know about the decisions for graduation, yearbooks, prom and Fall celebration.

Graduation
This year’s “individual graduation ceremonies” were a wonderful celebration for the Class of 2020 and their families. Parents and students have shared positive feedback about the event and the personal touch offered. Many even suggested graduation in this fashion every year! It was an enormous undertaking, however, when saw the smiles on our students’ faces and their families, it made all of our efforts worth it! In addition, when we met as a committee, and in our senior town hall meeting, we decided that we would only have another graduation if we were able to do it with no restrictions. This is currently not possible. For these reasons, we will not be having another graduation ceremony.

Yearbook
Yearbooks are set to arrive in the next couple of weeks. The delivery was delayed because we included pictures from the Spring and from the individual graduation ceremonies. We will distribute yearbooks in the same fashion as we did with caps and gowns.

Distribution of yearbooks will take place on Monday, July 20 from 8 am to 2 pm. Our Class of 2020 graduates can come to RHS at any point during that time frame to pick up their yearbook. RHS Administration will be out front and will hand deliver a student’s yearbook to their car. If for any reason, our yearbook provider is backlogged, we will reach out to everyone. Finally, if a student is not available on July 20, please email Mrs. La Torre, keziah.latorre@rtsd.org, to set up a time to stop by and pick up your yearbook.

Prom
The Constitution Center is willing to host us, but there are a number of restrictions in place. First, we would only be able to have 250 people in total because of the Governor’s orders under the green phase. This number includes forty staff members from the Constitution Center, four RHS/RTSD administrators, and three security guards. So essentially only 203 spots would be left for graduates. No teachers would be permitted to visit as in years past, and while students could have dinner under social distancing guidelines, no dancing would be permitted. Thus, as a result of these constraints, the most prudent decision is to cancel Prom at the Constitution Center.

Radnor High School has served the community since 1894, and boasts the oldest public-school football rivalry in the nation. The current building was renovated in 1999 and serves nearly 1,300 students from St. Davids, Wayne, Rosemont, Bryn Mawr, Villanova, Ithan, Newtown Square and Radnor. Named a Blue Ribbon School in 1996, Radnor consistently ranks among the highest in Pennsylvania for test scores and continues to set the standard for public high schools nationally.
We did consider holding Prom on Prevost Field. However, the restriction in place at the Constitution Center would remain the same. Additionally, considering the rising trends in reported cases of coronavirus this past week, we do not feel that it would be responsible to have a large gathering at this time for the safety of our students, faculty and staff.

We know this news is upsetting because we know how important prom is to our seniors. We hope you understand that this decision was made after thorough consideration and with students’ health and safety at the forefront.

So When’s Our Celebration???
In the Spring, we shared that if prom did not take place over the summer, we would have a Class of 2020 celebration when students come home for Thanksgiving Break. If for some reason we are again prevented from getting together over Thanksgiving Break, we will move the celebration to Spring 2021. We will work with the Class of 2020 sponsors, our student government, and parents to plan a wonderful event for the Class of 2020 whether it is in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021. As a reminder, the Fall date is planned for Wednesday, November 25. Please save the date!

These next few months will continue to bring challenges; however, we want to wish the Class of 2020 all the best as many of you will head off to college in August and other exciting endeavors. We wish for continued health for all of our Radnor families.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Be well,

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