Dear Seniors and Senior Families,

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the faculty and staff of BMHS have attempted to anticipate and plan for multiple contingencies on how to best respond to the fallout caused by the COVID 19 crisis. At all times, we have utilized the most up-to-date data and information available to us from public health agencies, state and county agencies, and the Department of Catholic Schools to help us make informed decisions.

The health and safety of our students, parents, faculty and staff is of primary importance to us. The information regarding the pandemic is very fluid and can change on a daily basis and our response as well. At the time we designed our hybrid graduation ceremony, consisting of a pre-recorded segment, as well as an in-person diploma presentation segment, we felt our program was compliant with the "Safer at Home Orders." I was informed late yesterday, by a couple of different agencies, that while our plan took steps to mitigate exposure of the coronavirus to our community, it was not compliant with the order. As a result, it saddens me to inform you that we will have to cancel the diploma pick-up segment of our program. We will broadcast our pre-recorded segment, along with the reading of each senior's name (along with their senior portrait), on June 5, 2020 at 11:00am, minus the diploma presentation. I understand that this is heartbreaking for our students and families and I am sorry for the change in plans, but we must comply for the health and safety of all.

We remain hopeful that if, and when, we are allowed to gather as a community, later during the summer, we will conduct a traditional graduation ceremony on one of the previously published dates:

June 26, 2020 at a time TBD
July 17, 2020 at a time TBD
August 7, 2020 at a time TBD

These are challenging times and I appreciate your understanding as we navigate these rough waters. I pray for you and your senior during this difficult time.

Peace be with you,

Jim Garza, Ed. D.
Principal

Bishop Montgomery High School