

Dear Class of 2020 Families,

Blessings to you and your family!

After careful consideration, BMCHS has made the decision to gather for a commencement ceremony for the 2020 graduates. We look forward to this memorable moment when we publicly recognize this milestone in the lives of our seniors. We thank God for the gift of each member of the class and the families who have supported them over their years of study.

**Please note that the time of day for this event has changed to the morning, due to the potential of afternoon rains.**

**DATE:** Saturday, June 13th

**LOCATION:** BMCHS Memorial Stadium on Harry Nelson Field

**TIME:** Gates open at **7:30AM**. Graduation ceremony to start at **8:30AM** (If it rains in the morning, the ceremony will move to the evening and start at 8:30PM)

**GRADUATE DRESS:** Caps and gowns are to be worn for the Graduation Ceremony. Please see the details below for clothing guidelines for student apparel under gowns.

Boys: Dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, and dress shoes

Girls: Dresses or Pantsuits, comfortable dress shoes or sandals that can be comfortably walked in on a football field, heels are discouraged

**HONOR CORDS AND MEDALS:** The following honor societies and club members may wear their groups' respective cords or medals: National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, French Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Thespian Honor Society, Tri-M Music Society, Art Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Honor Society, Athletic Honor Society, Speech and Debate Honor Society, and FHSAA Athletic State Champions.

In order for us to be granted this opportunity, all must adhere to a few rules for everyone's health and safety. It is the responsibility of each person attending to accept these necessary parameters so we may create an environment that honors social distancing and the health concerns of others.

This event is not mandatory for any senior.

Each graduate will be allowed **4** guests to attend the ceremony with them. Due to the size of the Class of 2020 we cannot make any exceptions.

The graduate will sit with family members on the field in groups of **five** (the graduate and **four** guests). Chairs will be placed at least six feet apart. Seating is not assigned. Immediately after parking, proceed directly to the field with your family. Family car-pooling is encouraged.

BMCHS has contracted a professional video company to live-stream the ceremony for anyone who is not able to attend or who chooses not to attend. (This link will be provided in a future communication.)

If a potential guest is categorized as high risk, or if anyone in your party displays symptoms (including the graduate) that are attributed to the possibility of having Coronavirus, or if anyone in your party has been in close contact with someone diagnosed with Coronavirus they must stay home. Due to current construction on The Moore Center, entrance to the stadium is limited through one gate, therefore (following current CDC guidelines), we strongly recommend all guests wear masks when entering and leaving the stadium.

Graduates will be lined up 10 feet apart when approaching the stage to receive their recognition; therefore, it is not mandatory for the graduate to wear a mask at that time. Attached, is an alpha list of graduates with sequential numbers next to each name. Each graduate is asked to remember the names of the fellow graduates immediately before and directly after them. Graduates should also memorize their assigned number, as this is what is going to be used when calling students to line up for recognition. Each graduate's name will be called, as they arrive on stage, then they will pause in the center in order for a professional photo to be taken. After exiting the stage, an additional photograph will be taken. GradImages, the professional photographers, will contact families via email with information about purchasing the Graduation portraits once photos are processed.

It has been our tradition to allow Legacy Parents (parents who are alumni of Bishop Moore Catholic) to go on stage with their graduate in order to pose for a picture while the student is handed their diploma. This tradition is going to continue at this event. Legacy alumni (Parent alumni only) are asked to join the

line with their graduate when they are called and proceed on stage with him/her to capture this proud moment. Families will not be allowed to leave their seating area to move toward the stage to take pictures.

Following the graduation, guests will be dismissed by sections in order to help with crowd control. As families are exiting, please have your masks on and proceed directly to your vehicles. Student group photos should not be taken on the property. Teachers, will attend, but will not be available to pose for photos with students. Once again, these additional directives are in consideration for those in attendance.

In addition to our own security personnel, BMCCHS has employed uniform law enforcement officers to assist with overall public safety and traffic related concerns.

Finally, because of the current requirements for social distancing it will not be possible to gather seniors for a social event the night before the graduation ceremony as originally intended. Our hope is that a future social gathering will happen when it is permissible. **This gathering would be more in the capacity of an alumni event, yet a wonderful opportunity to celebrate.**

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 13th at 7:30AM as we celebrate God's gift of the proud graduates of the Bishop Moore Catholic High School Class of 2020.

Thank you,

Administration