

# TROY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Troy Class of 2020 Seniors and Parents,

I hope you and your families are safe, healthy, and enjoying your summer as much as possible in these unusual times. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted and disrupted all of our lives to varying degrees. As a group, students around the globe have been impacted by the closure of schools in an effort to keep students, families, and communities safe by slowing the spread of the coronavirus. Perhaps the most impacted student group has been the graduating seniors of the Class of 2020.

When we held our last day of on campus instruction at Troy on March 13, 2020, we were hopeful to be able to return to our physical school site before the end of the year. When it became apparent we were not going to be able to return to school, we planned and held our Virtual Graduation Ceremony on our original graduation date, May 28, 2020 at 7:00pm. Circumstances with pandemic seemed to be improving and we were hopeful we would be able to hold a traditional graduation ceremony later in the summer, so we set a date of August 6, 2020.

As we moved through the summer into June, we were able to partially reopen our athletics and activities as the COVID-19 numbers were falling and California began to move into Stage 3. Unfortunately, there was a rapid change in the declining rates of COVID-19 and the subsequent increase of cases in Orange County and California led to our summer athletics and activities coming to an immediate end.

On July 17, 2020, California Governor, Gavin Newsom announced guidance by which schools may have in-person instruction. The released guidance along with oversight of both the State Public Health Officer and Orange County Public Health Officer have effectively ensured that Troy High School will begin the 2020-21 school year on Distance Learning.

Additionally, this month with the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases and infection rates, California has fallen into early Stage 2, which means we are unable to hold any large public gatherings. Accordingly, and most unfortunately, we cannot bring our community together and safely hold a traditional graduation ceremony. Subsequently, we have been forced to cancel our planned August 6, 2020 traditional Troy High School graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020.

I remain exceptionally proud of the Troy High School Class of 2020. This class has shown a resiliency and grit that has enabled them to persevere and continue to look to the future and plan for brighter tomorrows. Class of 2020, please continue to move forward with your plans for college and careers. Time stops for no one, and we have every reason to believe our medical professionals will have completed the COVID-19 vaccine in the near future, thereby bringing an end to this pandemic sooner than later. I look forward to seeing, reading, and hearing about all the wonderful things that will continue to be achieved by the Class of 2020 for decades to come.

Stay well, and stay safe!

William V. Mynster