



Dear STVM Seniors,

During this time of uncertainty and transitioning to an online learning platform, our thoughts keep coming back to you. School closures can bring a multitude of feelings - excitement (at first!), uncertainty, inconvenience, and stress. However, for the Class of 2020, it brings more significant and impactful emotions. While you may have already started to experience moments of senioritis, you were also looking forward to the traditional rights of passage that all seniors expect to end the senior year. Customarily, this is the time of year where sentimentality begins to emerge. You've been looking forward to those "big" senior events: Prom, Capstone, the Awards Ceremony, your Farewell Mass, Baccalaureate and Graduation.

While we can't make any promises that these events will be held in the traditional sense, we know how important these events are and we will do the very best to provide these events when we can. If we return on April 20 as currently planned, we should be able to finish the year in the anticipated fashion. Should the date get extended, we will address individual events as they are scheduled to occur. We will do everything in our power to provide you with as normal of a senior send-off as possible.

Your teachers care about you greatly! They have been working hard to generate meaningful lessons and learning experiences in the new normal of online education. They are working to learn new platforms and innovative ways to dispense information. They miss you and the daily interactions to which we are all accustomed.

During these unpredictable times, it is best to focus on the things within our control. For now, that means logging in to the Google Classroom daily and keeping your school work up-to-date. Spend time with your family - play board games, watch movies, take a walk. Try to stay busy, while keeping yourself safe.

There's nothing I can say to make up for the time that you are losing during what is supposed to be one of the best years of your life, but I can offer you some encouragement and support. You will get through this! You are resilient and innovative. You are living through a historically significant time. Please know that you can reach out to any member of the STVM administration and faculty to help you navigate this difficult transition. I am thinking of you and missing you tremendously already. Be safe and God Bless!

Sincerely,

The STVM Administration Team