



May 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing today to offer several important updates. The information primarily pertains to our high school level families, but I believe it is good to include everyone on the information so there is a consistent message that everyone hears from the primary source. Here are the various details that have now recently changed:

- 1. Softball season** - We were fully prepared to move forward with having a JV softball season this year. We have a coach hired, and prior to Covid-19 had 11 athletes ready to play. Due to various circumstances, several players have decided they are now either unable to play or their families are just not comfortable having their child play with all that is still going on with Covid-19 in our community. As a result, we no longer feel as though we have an adequate number of players to play games for this shortened season and games have been cancelled. Coach Heying does intend to still offer practice opportunities for the players wanting to work on their skills so they are prepared next year when we hope all of this is behind us and we can have a normal season. As a former All-District pitcher herself, Coach Heying will definitely be looking to work with players interested in pitching to help develop more depth at that position. She will be contacting players soon to give more details about when practice opportunities will start for those interested.
- 2. PROM** - The latest guidance from the State Department of Education does not allow schools to host Prom any time in the month of June. Based on the nature of Prom and the fact that dances are difficult to hold with social distancing measures in place, it is understandable. As was stated in our original statement about moving Prom into June, we stated that if it could not be held in June we would cancel the event. Therefore, I unfortunately have to announce that we will now be cancelling Prom for this school year.
- 3. GRADUATION** - At this time, graduation is still scheduled for June 21. However, we are going to look into options of holding graduation outdoors at either the baseball or softball or on the cement area between the school and the playground rather than indoors where there is higher risk of spread of Covid-19. We will keep the graduates and their families posted as any new information becomes available.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support during these challenging times. We know it is difficult on our students and our families to have some events cancelled like this, but we do want to put the safety of everyone as our first priority at all times. Given the recent outbreak of cases in BV County, these decisions just make the most sense at this time.

Sincerely,

Mr. Berg

6-12 Principal