

April 23, 2020



BSM Parents and Guardians,

First and foremost, we continue to pray for the health and safety of all BSM families during this unprecedented time. Please know we are here to support students and parents in every way possible as we navigate this ever-changing situation.

As you may be aware, today, Governor Tim Walz announced the extension of school building closures through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Minnesota is the 40th state to have ordered or recommended school building closures through the end of the academic year. In addition, the Minnesota State High School League [announced](#) the cancellation of all spring sports, activities, and fine arts through the end of the season. Read the press release [here](#).

The health and safety of our community continues to be our top priority. To that end, BSM will extend EOS 2.0 through the end of the school year. Despite our building's closure, we remain committed to providing a high-quality virtual learning experience for our students consistent with our mission. We will continue staying connected in creative ways as a community and will stand by our students as they adapt to this new reality.

We recognize this evokes a great deal of emotion for many, particularly our seniors and their families who have looked forward to the many special moments that come with being a Red Knight senior. Please know we are working diligently to evaluate all end of year events and provide experiences that are both meaningful and memorable for families, while also protecting the health and safety of our community.

We are working on ways to celebrate and recognize the seniors in May in addition to planning for an in-person Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2020 to be held on campus in early August.

We are also looking at ways to honor our eighth graders. There will be more communication about an end of year celebration and taking the coveted 8th grade class picture that hangs in the Junior High hallway.

We know families likely have a number of questions, and we will work to address them as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please watch for follow up communications regarding end of year items such as locker clean out, yearbook distribution, and laptop return for our seniors. We will also communicate any necessary changes to our Summer Camp offerings.

Watch for additional information in the days and weeks ahead.

We take comfort knowing that Benilde-St. Margaret's is a community of resilience, strength, and faith, and we are confident we will get through this together.

After all, as our BSM senior yard signs state, *we are all in this together.*

God bless.

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