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## **Dear seniors and parents/guardians,**

As a member myself of the graduating class this year, I am so happy to tell you that we will host an in-person graduation on June 14. We will return to Bengie's Drive-In Theater in Middle River, Maryland, the site of our graduation ceremony last year. The event was a huge success and many students have asked that we hold this year's graduation there as well. This venue is a safe way for all of us to be in person together and it lends itself to a wonderful atmosphere of conviviality and community. So mark your calendars for June 14! The gates will open at 6:30 pm and the ceremony of roughly two hours will begin at 8:15 or so, depending on the sun! We will, of course, be sending you all of the details in many future communications.

In addition to the in-person graduation ceremony, we are also currently planning both an outdoor prom in May and a possible senior overnight trip in early June between the end of exams and the end-of-year ceremonies. While the academic year has been such a challenge for this class, we are still hopeful that we can salvage some of these important rituals and milestones. If you know of an outdoor space that would work for our prom, please let me or Kara Brady know. This class deserves these events and so much more. In the meantime, seniors, please come to my elegant parking lot for our firepit chats!

I am so pleased to end my tenure at Washington Latin with the class of 2021! I am only sorry that this year has been as it has and that they have missed the time in person with their classmates and teachers. But perhaps we all have learned some valuable lessons about how to sit with our own company and how to stay focused on the task at hand. Now let's celebrate this class together and put a gorgeous bow on a year that has not been the most perfect of gifts!

All best,

Diana Smith  
Principal