

## **Parkway Christian School**

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To all Parkway Seniors,

I can't begin to express how devastated I am that a part of your year is being taken. I do recognize that there are no words I can use to remove the grief you are experiencing. Every year I look forward to sharing so many traditions with you, and at least for now those traditions are being taken away or postponed. My heart breaks for each of you. I am praying daily, and it is my desire to help in any way I can to find ways to overcome. It is my desire to have as many of these traditions still occur, even if it is later than normal. I am praying that this time goes quickly, and we can all get back to normal. However, for now, we are on hold. As we have prayed and consulted agencies and others for wise counsel, we have come to a conclusion regarding Senior Trip. Unfortunately, and with much sadness, we have decided to cancel the trip to Florida. I gave as much time as possible before making this decision, because with everything in me I do not want to have to take this away. There are several concrete reasons for this decision, but I know that will not erase or help your grief.

Except for the plane and condo, everything we were going to do has been canceled/closed, and there is still the possibility that plane and condo may be canceled also. In addition, the grocery stores are also limited, with many empty shelves, leaving us with uncertainty of being able to provide enough food for all. But most of all, travel continues to be one of the highest methods of transference of COVID-19, and each of you and your families have the potential to become victims. We also now have the gubernatorial mandate to limit gatherings to under 50, and we are close to that number. Families will have the option to have senior trip funds held by the school until such time as an alternate trip is scheduled or opt for a refund. At this time, we are able to refund \$500 and additional monies will be returned after they are received from our vendors. Please take a moment to complete this <u>survey</u> to relay your preference.

It is my hope to preserve and restore as much of the senior year tradition as I possibly can. With that understanding, Mrs. Mick is looking at alternative ways for us to have a scaled back substitute trip when all this is behind us. Additionally, I want to express that it is our intention to ensure that the senior walk, graduation and prom take place, even if delayed.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer, and supporting all of this at this time.

God Bless and keep you,