

# HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Class of 2021:

We hope you are all well and that you and your families are healthy and safe. We have received messages from a few students asking if the 2020 prom will be canceled. We know that the Junior Prom, like many High Point activities, is a special event that is part of the high school journey; we always try to provide the best student experience that we can. We believe a letter to all juniors (and parents) was the best communication option.

At the core of every decision we make is our primary responsibility to the safety of all students and staff. Along with this are specific state mandates currently in place that have restricted our venue from being open during our current prom date of May 8th. With that being said, the High Point administration has decided to postpone the Junior Prom until November 4, 2020 when we will have a Senior Prom. We have no way to predict what will happen in the next few weeks or months during this national health crisis, it is simply too great a risk to commit thousands of nonrefundable dollars to an event that may not take place. As upsetting as this news is, we want you to know that this decision was not made lightly. We exhausted all options prior to making our final decision. We sincerely apologize for the great inconvenience this may cause our students and families, and our hearts are saddened that we will be unable to celebrate the Junior Prom this year.

Unfortunately, the longer we wait to make a decision, the more likely it is that we could lose the deposited money required for reservation purposes. Canceling now allows us the financial flexibility to plan ahead for future events. We also understand the current national health crisis is having and will have financial implications on our community, and we know the Junior Prom can be a significant personal and family investment.

As you are aware, all NJ schools are required to be closed, as per Governor Murphy's mandate. We are hopeful that at some point the restrictions are lifted and we can open the school doors to our High Point family again, and we can explore other opportunities to celebrate together.

This was a very difficult decision to make, but we will make every effort to make up for missed memories. With the Senior Prom in the fall, we are already exploring how to schedule the Senior Formal and other senior activities in the spring to provide the best experience possible.

Be well and be STRONG. We will get through these uncharted waters TOGETHER.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tallamy  
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Mrs. Young