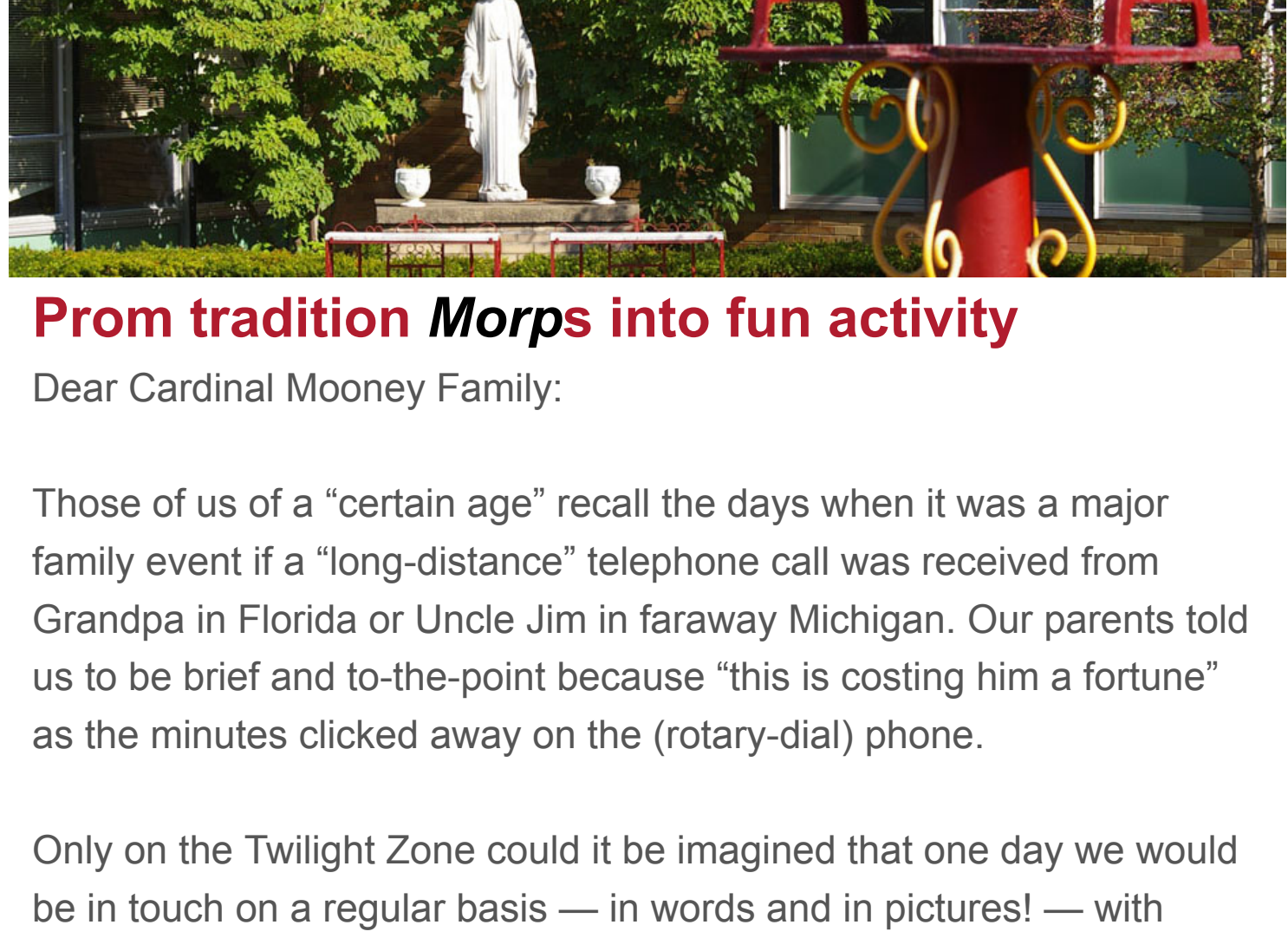




# Cardinal Mooney High School CMHS



## Prom tradition *Morps* into fun activity

Dear Cardinal Mooney Family:

Those of us of a “certain age” recall the days when it was a major family event if a “long-distance” telephone call was received from Grandpa in Florida or Uncle Jim in faraway Michigan. Our parents told us to be brief and to-the-point because “this is costing him a fortune” as the minutes clicked away on the (rotary-dial) phone.

Only on the Twilight Zone could it be imagined that one day we would be in touch on a regular basis — in words and in pictures! — with anyone, anywhere for as long as we wished without mortgaging the house. And thoughts of “long-distance learning” (LDL) were as far away as notions like “social distancing” and “sheltering in place.”

Needless to say, we’ve come a very long way.

For the first time in our history, Cardinal Mooney held a “virtual prom” — or, as the students dubbed it, a “morp” — this past week, and it was fun for all involved. Not as much fun as the traditional celebration, of course, but fun nevertheless. And on May 24, we will do the best we can to celebrate our 2020 graduates in a “live on tape” commencement ceremony that we will share together.

A great deal of planning and effort goes into such efforts, and we are enormously grateful to the faculty, administrators, parents, students and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make these things happen. God bless each and every one of you.

Meanwhile, classes continue to take place in new and inventive ways so that the essential mission of our school — preparing students for the future — is maintained.

In the past several weeks, we have checked in with you often, asking how you are doing. Now we invite you to tell us how we are doing. In the next few days, parents and students should watch their email for a brief survey to determine what is working well and where we need to improve in this new approach to education. We are asking these questions mindful of the fact that even when the pandemic ends, LDL will continue to play a role in the “new normal.” Help us make it as good as it can be.

Thank you for your patience and guidance as we explore this new world as we have always done at Cardinal Mooney High School — in a collaborative spirit of faith, family and love.

Sincerely,

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## Plans for seniors are moving forward

Dear Parents and Members of the Senior Class,

As we turn the calendar and begin May, we look forward to the events that will celebrate the wonderful Class of 2020. These events are rich in tradition and important to the individual student, each family, and our school community. They mark an important step as Mooney celebrates the many accomplishments of the class, the growth of each student, and the future that awaits. The term “commencement” comes from the French word *commencer* which means to begin. Graduation exercises thus mark not the end, but the beginning of the next phase of each student’s life. The Seniors have demonstrated sanctity, scholarship, and discipline throughout their academic, athletic, co-curricular, and service activities, leaving a legacy for future classes to build upon.

We recognize that COVID-19 has upended our plans for the traditional ways we would gather to celebrate this transition from the present to the future. The traditions honor the relationships that have developed over four years. Even though we are not permitted to come together for the traditional events, we are developing ways to maintain the spirit embedded in the reason for each event. With you, we grieve the inability to come together, and we look forward to joining together at a special event for the class of 2020 when the limitations on social gathering make that safely possible.

We are reaching out to you today with an update about some of the events planned for you in the month of May. We have been working with the other principals in the diocese and our superintendent to study the guidelines we have received from the Ohio Department of Education and the Governor. The Diocesan guidelines state: “The Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health have issued an updated [statement](#) on what graduation protocols will fit with the Governor’s orders at this time.”

The spirit of the guidance asks school leaders to conduct graduation ceremonies and other recognition events in a remote manner that honors each student in a safe and responsible way, prioritizing the health needs of students, their family, and the community. This approach embodies our Catholic commitment to human dignity and the common good. Our schools will follow this directive and the strict guidelines that are outlined in the Ohio Statement on Graduation Ceremonies. At Mooney, therefore, we are committed to offering events that follow the guidelines so that we protect the safety of each individual and the entire community, but also celebrate these important milestones for the Seniors and their families.

The Commencement Exercises will be a mix of live events involving each student and a virtual film of the whole ceremony. The video will be produced at Stambaugh Auditorium by their staff and will be available for all to view at the originally scheduled date and time (May 24 at 4 pm). Each student will wear his/her cap and gown and walk across the stage to receive the diploma as his/her name and accomplishments are read.

This will maintain the tradition of graduating at this lovely venue while also abiding by the guidance that we have been given. How will we accomplish this?

On May 17 and 18, four people will be able to enter Stambaugh with each student.

Two of those people will be able to join the graduate on stage to award him/her the diploma.

The two other guests will be seated and witness the event. Each family group will leave the auditorium and building to allow the next group to have their special moment. With the crew and administrators also present in the auditorium, we must limit the group to the graduate and four guests in person so we do not exceed a group of 10 people.

Watch for details for signing up for your appointment time as well as information about picking up your cap and gown. When we send that information, there will also be information about where to park at Stambaugh, how to enter, and how we will manage the flow of each family group to ensure we maintain proper social distancing. We appreciate the help of the Stambaugh employees who are arranging the logistics to make all this run smoothly for schools. The graduate and up to four family members who enter the building are asked to wear a mask, but it may be removed when the group is on the stage.

As previously announced, we are also developing a virtual Awards Day Ceremony to broadcast on May 21. Planning is also in process for a virtual Baccalaureate Mass for that day as well.

Sincerely,

Richard Osborne  
President/CEO

Mary Anne Beiting, Ed.D.  
Principal



## Graduation and End of the Year Recognition Ceremonies May 1, 2020

The worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus has changed our world in a very short time. The pandemic has brought suffering and fear to both those we know and those we do not. The Church reminds us that we share a common humanity, and that all life has dignity. One of the hallmarks of our schools is that people feel as if their school is a special family. During these times, our faith challenges us to reach out to family members and others in new ways. Our individual faith is lived out in community. We have a responsibility to act for the common good.

By order of the Governor, schools are not opening for the remainder of the school year. We have been asked to continue social distancing and health and safety norms through the end of the school year, even as the governor is slowly and carefully expanding community access. The “Stay at Home” order is still effectively in place, with the public gathering limit remaining at 10 or less.

The Bishops of Ohio have extended the temporary suspension on all publicly celebrated Masses/ liturgies through May 29th, with the possible hope of lifting that suspension the weekend of Pentecost, May 30th and 31st. How that will look is still unknown.

Pope Francis has said: “At this time, as indications emerge for a way out of quarantine, we pray that the Lord will grant us the grace of prudence and obedience to these indications, so that the pandemic does not return.” #PrayingTogether

The Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health have issued an updated statement on what graduation protocols will fit with the Governor’s orders at this time. [http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Graduation-and-Recognition-Ceremonies](#)

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**High School Graduation and Recognitions**  
The following choices are available for high schools.

- Virtual Graduations and Recognition Ceremonies are the safest for all. They also allow for the incorporation of speeches and other school traditions and have the ability for all to be recognized collectively.
- Drive-Thru Graduations that follow the strict guidelines detailed in the Ohio Statement on Graduation Ceremonies are permitted. No variations other than the ones listed are virtual presentations that will be streamed at the time originally scheduled for graduation—May 24, at 4 pm. Single family in-person graduations are permitted as described in the Ohio Statement on Graduation Ceremonies. Schools may be incorporating these photos into their virtual graduation celebration.
- No other celebration event will be planned or sanctioned by the Diocese of Youngstown or its schools unless it is done virtually.
- No event will be planned or permitted that involves students or students and their families driving around or congregating on or around school property in a group manner other than a Drive-thru Graduation as described above.
- Schools will schedule students and families intermittently to return items and pick up personal belongings in a way that supports the social distancing and prohibition of mass gatherings.

## Ohio Department of Education

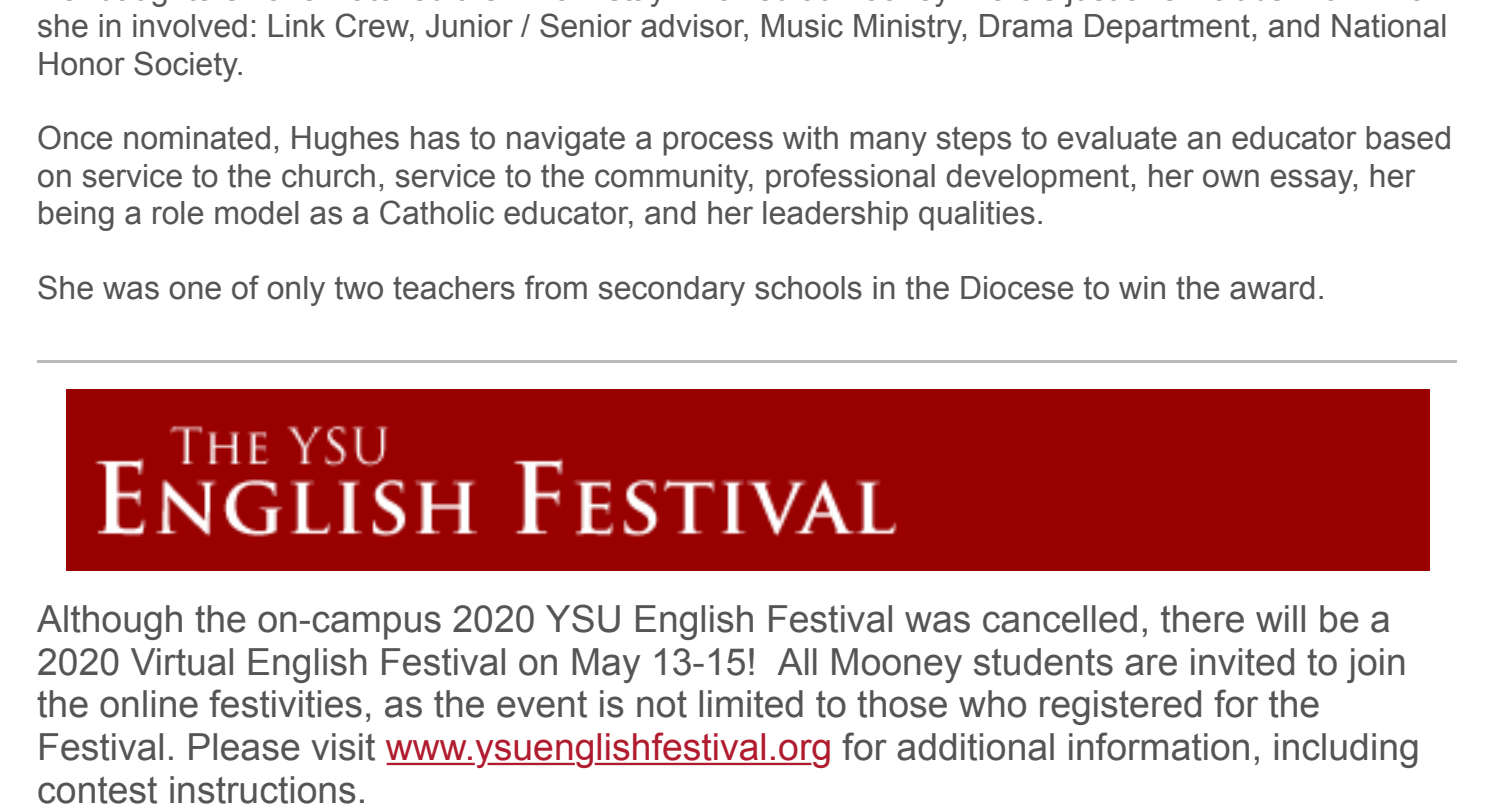
## Graduation and other end-of-year recognition ceremonies guidelines

## A prayer during the pandemic

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today, as beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.  
Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.  
In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to your hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



Announcing 2020 CARDINAL MOONEY HIGH SCHOOL PROM ROYALTY

Senior King and Queen: Elise and Andrew Armile

Junior Princess: Paige Pavlock

Junior Prince: AJ Pecchia

Academic update

Graduation information: We hope that seniors and their parents have been able to review the information about how we will hold our Commencement. It will be a combination of live pictures and elements that are pre-recorded at Stambaugh Auditorium and then combined into a virtual presentation that will be streamed at the time originally scheduled for graduation—May 24, at 4 pm. Seniors and their parents will receive more information about scheduling their appointment at Stambaugh.

AP Exams: This year the AP exams will be online and students will take them at their home. Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Calko sent out an invitation for a Zoom meeting for students planning to take these exams. Please RSVP to the meeting that will be held Wednesday, May 6th, at 3:30 pm.

EdChoice applications: Please be sure to submit your applications to Mrs. Kalasky ([pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org)) by May 22 so we have time to process them. The sooner we receive them, the sooner we can submit them!

Registration packet: If you have not yet returned your registration information, please email it to [mbeiting@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:mbeiting@youngstowndiocese.org) or mail it to the school. We want to be sure to include each of the students. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Beiting, Mrs. Calko, or Mrs. O'Neill. If you need new forms or did not receive the original packet, please email Mrs. Kalasky at [pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org)

As we work to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we realize that uncertainties remain about whether COVID-19 will impact how the year begins. At this time of year we lay the groundwork for scheduling teachers and students. The more we can include each student's requests in the scheduling process, the better schedule we can develop. We know that the strength of the Mooney family will sustain us and continue to be strong as we look forward to next school year.

Teacher Appreciation Week: This week is nationally recognized as Teacher Appreciation Week. Mr. Osborne and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the teachers who are the heart and soul of education in the Mooney Family. Each year they bring the mission of our school to life and keep alive the deep relationships and wonderful traditions that students, parents, and alumni value so much.

This year has taken turns that no one would have anticipated when the year began. And as we neared the end of this year, the impact of COVID-19 has challenged all of us to rethink oh so quickly what a Mooney education entails. With little advance notice, teachers have made valiant efforts to adapt their lessons and assignments, and we salute and thank them for that.

While as a Catholic school we have always considered parents as the first teachers of the students we are privileged to get to teach, this year has brought parents and families into an expanded role. On behalf of the faculty, we thank you for all the ways you have guided and supported us as we rolled out this new model of Cardinal Mooney education. Thank you for your work and love. Your presence, support, and encouragement have helped us tremendously. So, we salute you, too, for your special efforts this quarter.

And students, we know that Google Classroom has required you to be engaged and more independently than quarter. Thank you for taking on this new role and learning new strategies and techniques for working with your teachers. We miss being with you each day and long for when we can be together in our beloved building. Until then, we thank you for your perseverance and commitment to figuring it all out with us.

Yearbooks for freshmen, sophomores and juniors are now on sale. Seniors get their yearbook as part of the senior fee. Just go to <http://www.youngstowndiocese.org> to order. Seniors can also get their yearbook personalized for an additional \$7.00. Just neatly write out how you would like it to appear on the yearbook and send the check to the school to the attention of Jennifer Policy. Personalization orders are due May 15th.

## Community resources

### Food

- Sheetz free meals for kids continues, ask for Kidz Meal Bagz.
- Call 211 for available food pantries in your area.
- No Kid Hungry — Text the word FOOD to 877-877. They will ask for a zip code to provide you with the closest locations in your area.

### Legal Services

- Community Legal Aid — Ask a lawyer live on Facebook Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on their website, [www.facebook.com/commlegalaids](http://www.facebook.com/commlegalaids). You can attend any of their free events on the website.

### Diapers

- MyCap Emergency Diaper Bank — Mondays 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. You must call 330-747-7921 ext. 1725 to schedule

### Mental Health

- Compass Sojourner House is open for anyone in need of emergency shelter due to domestic violence, 330-747-4040.
- Compass Support Line — Free, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 330-531-7499.
- Help Network — Food pantries and referral information, 330-747-2696.
- Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic, 330-744-1181.
- Alta Behavioral Health, 330-793-2487.
- Meridian Healthcare, 330-747-2696.
- Catholic Charities, 330-744-3320.
- These agencies are open for new and continuing clients. They offer Telemed services for the appointments.

If you have any other concerns, please call the school at (330) 788-5007, and ask for LORI RADINSKY.

## STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY STAY IN CONTACT WITH TEACHERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY

## Pray for guidance, strength, and the needs of all affected by COVID-19

## YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE

## Updated information on EdChoice and Cardinal Mooney scholarships



The EdChoice priority application period runs through May 30. Scholarships are awarded as applications are submitted, so opportunities increase the earlier you apply.

### 1

**BE ENROLLED AT CARDINAL MOONEY**  
To be eligible for EdChoice scholarships, you must be a current or newly registered student. To apply, visit [Apply.CardinalMooney.com](http://Apply.CardinalMooney.com).

### 2

**APPLY FOR EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP**  
Download and complete the application form available here to renew or request a new EdChoice Scholarship. Include income verification if your family meets low income guidelines.  
There are two choices:  
• If a new school apply for a new EdChoice Traditional Scholarship if your home high school is on the designated lists for 2019-20 AND 2020-21.  
• Consider EdChoice Expansion if your student is now in grades 8-11, attending or registered for next year at CMHS and your family meets the low income guidelines, but your district's high school is not on the lists.

### 3

**MAIL/EMAIL DOCUMENTATION AND COPIES OF APPLICATION**  
EdChoice at CMHS  
254 Erie Street  
Youngstown, OH 44507  
or email [P.Kalasky@YoungstownDiocese.org](mailto:P.Kalasky@YoungstownDiocese.org)

## Important links

[Request or Renewal of EdChoice Scholarship forms](#)  
[Ohio Department of Education EdChoice Traditional information](#)  
[Cardinal Mooney's FACTS page](#)

## We are still taking applications

Cardinal Mooney is still accepting applications for the 2020–21 school year. Please visit [CardinalMooney.com/admissions](http://CardinalMooney.com/admissions) to start your application process today!

**Apply now**  
**Apply.CardinalMooney.com**



## Mooney adds up

- Block scheduling prepares students for college
- Nationally recognized Athletics and Speech & Debate
- More than 21 AP and honors courses
- Extensive art department
- Faith based curriculum drives our mission

**More than 83% of our students receive financial aid**

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## We salute you



## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED

Teachers, parents, friends form caravan to honor seniors  
On Saturday, Mooney's Class of 2020 woke up to a surprise: dozens of cars driving by their yards to deliver yard signs and care packages. Please read the story on [WFMJ](#).  
If any family was not home at the time, they are invited to take a picture of their student with their sign and email it [here](#).

Cardinal Mooney is proud to present  
**Tina Hughes**  
Golden Apple Award  
2020 Golden Apple Award Winner



## Tina Hughes wins prestigious Golden Apple Award

Usually when a box of frozen apple dumplings from Omaha Steaks comes to your door, it's not a landmark moment in your career.  
That wasn't the case for Cardinal Mooney math teacher, Tina Hughes.  
Recently, Hughes received one of those sweet treats in the mail, and immediately thought it was a gift from a relative. Minutes later, it was discovered that inside the box rested a card, which notified her she had won a prestigious Golden Apple Award for the 2019-20 school year.  
"It was an incredible surprise," Hughes said. "I am so honored that Janet Cadman nominated me, so I owe a lot to her and my fellow teachers, the administration, and the students."  
While Hughes was quick to give credit to her colleagues and students, she also recognized Mooney's tradition regarding the Golden Apple.  
"I think of some of the great people who have won this like (former assistant principal and teacher) Theresa Yarger, (former religion teacher) Nancy Shugart, and (current art teacher) Maureen Kandray," she said. "That's a great legacy, and I'm proud to be a part of it."  
Make no mistake about it: Although this a crowning moment is a fantastic career, Hughes has the type of mindset that keeps her engaged.  
"The students really inspire me every day," she said. "I learn so much my just listening to them. I think, at times, they teach me as much as I teach them."  
While those experiences will be hard to forget, Hughes gets to see two of her daughters, Anna, a junior, and Jenna, a sophomore on a daily basis. Next year she will also get to see incoming freshman, Dayna, a second-grader, also has a future at Cardinal Mooney.  
"It's wonderful seeing my daughters in school with me," she said. "I have so many memories of taking them with me, so it's nice seeing them every day."  
Her daughters have watched their mom stay involved at Mooney. Here's a few clubs with which she is involved: Link Crew, Junior / Senior advisor, Music Ministry, Drama Department, and National Honor Society.  
Once nominated, Hughes has to navigate a process with many steps to evaluate an educator based on service to the church, service to the community, professional development, her own essay, her being a role model as a Catholic educator, and their leadership qualities.  
She was one of only two teachers from secondary schools in the Diocese to win the award.

## THE YSU ENGLISH FESTIVAL

Although the on-campus 2020 YSU English Festival was cancelled, there will be a 2020 Virtual English Festival on May 13-15! All Mooney students are invited to join the online festivities, as the event is not limited to those who registered for the Festival. Please visit [www.ysuenlishfestival.org](http://www.ysuenlishfestival.org) for additional information, including contest instructions.