

March 16, 2020

## **Update on COVID-19**

Dear Parents and Students,

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation as each new development is revealed. We thank you for your questions, and your personal insights.

The Administrative Council and the faculty met this morning.

Here are some important announcements from those meetings:

1. The School will begin Distance Learning on Monday, March 30. This will be the form of learning until at least after Easter Vacation. The situation will be re-evaluated frequently, and we will keep you informed. What this means is that the earliest boarders will return will be Monday, April 13, and the earliest on-campus classes will begin is Tuesday, April 14. All co-curricular and extra-curricular activities (including Prom) are cancelled. These are sad times...
2. Many boarders have flights scheduled for this upcoming weekend, which would have been our spring break. Boarders may leave earlier if they wish to do so. We plan to close all dorms on Monday, March 23 – Monday, April 13 for a thorough cleaning. Please make arrangements for your child to leave campus by March 23. If you need assistance in making arrangements for your student, please contact Mr. Bloom, Mr. Foulk, or Ms. James.
3. AP Exams – Below is a recent announcement from the College Board about AP Exams.

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## **March 13, 2020**

The AP Program is closely monitoring the updates and guidance about the coronavirus (COVID-19) provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading health organizations. Our first concern is for the health and safety of students, their families, and their school communities.

To help schools and students, we're focused on:

- Supporting student learning of the remaining content and skills in the course.
- Providing flexible and streamlined testing opportunities and partnering with colleges and universities to ensure that students can still receive the college credit they have been striving to earn all year long.

The AP Exam administration remains as scheduled for schools that will be open on May 4–8 and 11–15, with late testing scheduled for May 20–22.

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4. Right now, our faculty are preparing for the distance learning programs. We are committed to working with our students to provide the best education possible during these difficult times. Teachers will be in touch with assignments on March 30, and they will be in regular contact as long as we have distance learning.
5. No non-essential visitors are allowed on campus. This includes students who are not already here. Essential visitors will be asked to check-in at the Administration Building

Thank you for your patience and support. There is no “owners’ manual” for what is happening in our world. We continue to communicate with other schools and education associations as we move forward and make decisions.

My fervent prayer is that we all stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Ray Broadhead  
Head of School