



NOTES FROM SPARTAN LANE

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Greetings from Spartan Lane,

It was awesome to cheer on our girls' and boys' basketball teams this past Tuesday and last evening. The girls won the region championship for the first time in 20 years, and it was a fun celebration after the win. The boys won their game last night, finishing third in the region. Both teams will participate in the Class A Private state tournaments next week. Not only are we competing and playing well, but we are also having a little fun along the way. I am grateful for the energy, spirit and support for one another. This was especially gratifying this week, as we had to sort through potential weather issues and debated about delayed starts. If you know anyone in school leadership, their least favorite decision is whether or not to cancel school or have a delayed start. Fortunately, we made the right decisions this week and hope to do so again, the next time these issues present.

We have had another mild week relative to COVID-19. Since last week's *eSpartan*, one colleague in the Middle School tested positive on Sunday. We also had a fifth grade student and a senior both test positive. Communication has remained open and honest between families and the school, and we are grateful for your continued partnership. We share the same goals - safe, in-person learning on Spartan Lane.

As spring break approaches there are many resources worth your time on the CDC site. [Here is a link](#) if you are going to travel over spring break. [This link shares travel notices for various destinations](#) and is worthy of your time if you are considering a trip beyond our border. [This third link is helpful for air travel considerations](#) in the near future. Coming back to school on Monday, March 15, does create anxiety for several in our community, and we ask that everyone please continue to exercise caution and follow protocols both on and away from campus. We want to return to school safely and if you have any reservations, concerns or worries about health and potential exposure, please remain at home until those issues have been resolved. You can easily contact your child's Division Director and talk through options.

Admission season is in full swing, with many tours, interest, and new applications for Athens Academy. Please help us with our future planning by completing your re-enrollment links for next school year. Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy the sunshine. It will be nice when the mercury starts to rise and we can enjoy a beautiful spring, but at least we are not out shoveling snow. Take care and be careful out there.

Go Spartans,

John Thorsen
Head of School