



Dear Collegiate Community,

I write today with an update on our approach to COVID-19, specifically with regard to school closure. I will always consider closing our school a “last resort” for any difficult situation, as I know the hardship this causes for families as well as the missed learning experiences it results in for our students. As our society attempts to mitigate what has become a global pandemic, it is clear that we must play our part in this mitigation and turn to this last resort. We teach our students to be responsible members of society, and this is our opportunity to be a responsible member of society on an institutional scale, while also keeping our students and families safe. Therefore, Collegiate will be moving to a distance learning model beginning Monday, March 23rd through Friday April 3rd, returning to school hopefully, on Monday April 6th. Additionally, Kids Club will be closed beginning with spring break through April 3rd. While the duration and timing of our school closure is intentional, it is entirely possible that this will be extended based on what the spread of COVID-19 looks like over the next couple of weeks.

This is not a decision that we make lightly, and it is not made in response to specific cases of COVID-19 being present in our school community. *Collegiate continues to have no reported or confirmed cases of students, faculty, or staff with COVID-19 or who have had direct exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.*

Distance Learning

We want to stress to you all that learning is not confined to a classroom. The current world environment is concerning, and we want to assure you that our distance learning is intended to be a comfortable experience for our students. It will likely look different than typical learning. Students will not be expected to sit at their computers all day, but will be asked to spend part of each day going through the online experiences outlined by their teachers.

We will take Monday, March 23rd as a remote work day for our faculty and staff to further prepare for our distance learning program. On Tuesday, March 24, we will begin our distance learning program. This instruction will look different in each grade and each division. For our younger students, learning may look like parents watching SeeSaw videos with their child(ren) and leading them through provided exercises. For our older students, instruction may look like a combination of Zoom meetings and online sharing of work. Your child’s individual teachers will reach out at some point before Tuesday, March 24 with specific instructions and will be available to you starting that day to discuss your questions and concerns through email.

In preparation for distance learning, we are sending all students home with the materials they will need for the week following spring break. For any students who are absent from school today due to illness and/or early departure for Spring Break, parents and/or caregivers have the option to send their child’s school materials home with a friend after school today, or they will receive separate instructions from their relevant division.

Furthermore, for those families navigating any anxiety at this uncertain time, our counselors will have office hours available the week after spring break for teleconferencing. Please do not hesitate to contact them if needed.

Co-Curricular Activities

All athletics, fine arts, and Collegiate Enrichment Academy activities are cancelled from March 23rd through April 3rd. That includes practices, concerts, and trips. I am confident in our faculty, staff, students, and families. We will work together through this challenging, unpredictable time, and we will be stronger for it at the end. We continue to face choice after choice in which there is no “good” or “best” decision. Thank you for your continued patience as we react to new information and consistently attempt to make choices on what we believe to be best for our community.

Best Regards,



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