

Zoom Conference Call March 19, 2020 with Parents Questions and Answers

General

How can parents help out at this time?

The support of the entire community has been incredible. We would ask that you be proactive and reach out to the school and tell us what you can do to support the students at the school. If it aligns with a need, then we will certainly take you up on it.

What sort of associations and governmental bodies are guiding the schools decision making process?

The Governor of Colorado has closed all schools until April 17 (one week longer than our original announcement). We are in contact with Garfield County Public Health, the Colorado Association of Independent Schools, The Association of Boarding Schools, and the National Association of Independent Schools. I have a call with the Governor's office on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the unique situation boarding schools are in.

How do I get something my student might need to pick up from campus (day or boarding)?

Please contact the school in advance and we will make arrangements.

Schedule Impact

When school starts up in a distance-learning format, what will the schedule look like?

The schedule will be different so as to keep it as simple as possible for the students. Please reach out to us if you have not accessed that schedule from the most recent Head of School letter.

Will the school be going on Spring Trip as planned?

We have canceled spring trip for now but are looking into alternative dates and possibilities. Please be on the lookout for changes to the annual calendar.

Will the school be having senior projects?

As of right now, senior projects are not impacted by our decision to move to a distance learning format in April.

Will there be Advanced Placement Exams?

Below is the latest from the AP administration:

- For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. Educator-led development committees are currently selecting the exam questions that will be administered.
- Some students may want to take the exam sooner rather than later, while the content is still fresh. Other students may want more time to practice. For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates.
- AP curricula are locally developed and we defer to local decisions on how best to help students complete coursework. To be fair to all students, some of whom have lost more instructional time than others, the exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.
- Colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they've worked this year to earn. For decades, colleges have accepted a shortened AP Exam for college credit when groups of students have experienced emergencies.
- Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option.

Zoom

Does Zoom allow for students to ask questions and interact with one another?

Yes.

Is Zoom available for student to student contact/connection or is it only classroom based?

It is available for student to student contact/connection.

Is there an extra cost for Zoom?

No.

Campus Quarantine

What kinds of protections are the staff taking with food prep and what other restrictions will be in place?

Our kitchen abides by all recommendations and expectations around safe food preparation.

What measures is the school taking around staff/faculty who have traveled?

With the delay, our faculty will be on campus for an adequate amount of time prior to any student's returning. Faculty are taking their health and well being seriously and know to self-isolate, practice social distancing, and to take care of themselves in order to better ensure the health and well-being of others.

Will the school require all families to quarantine for 14 days?

We expect all our families to do their part in ensuring the health and well being of others. However, we cannot control the actions of people who are living outside our community.

What are the limitations about gathering?

Our county has prohibited all gatherings larger than 50 people.

Does the school have a quarantine plan if a student is COVID-19 positive?

Yes, we do. Day students will be quarantined at home and boarding students will be isolated in a quarantine room we built as part of our new health and wellness center.

Making the best of what we currently have

Can we organize a social gathering/zoom chat to keep boarders who are on campus and off-campus bonding - can we organize for them weekly zoom chats?

I have passed this suggestion on to BJ (and the dorm leaders) and Jen. I think it is a great idea and a wonderful way to have everyone feel connected. Let's see if the teenagers agree.