



March 13, 2020

To the Princeton Day School Community,

I write today to let you know that Princeton Day School classes will not resume on Monday, March 23, as we prepare to begin remote learning on Monday, March 30. The School's academic program will be conducted remotely through April 17, at which point I will have determined if the campus will reopen and classes resume. During this period, all school-related activities are canceled, including athletic practices and games, and the campus is closed to visitors.

While I know of no confirmed case of COVID-19 in our School community; and as the Department of Health has yet to advise us on the advisability of closing, common sense and caution compel us to take this unprecedented step. In responding to quickly changing current events, I have relied on the wise counsel of my Leadership Team colleagues and Board Chair Rebecca Bushnell '70.

Preparing for Remote Learning

So that students may collect belongings they will need to engage in remote learning; and to allow the School to distribute iPads to parents of younger students, we will open the campus briefly on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26. I ask that you not come to campus until we advise you to do so. Teachers will have contacted all of their students - or, in some younger grades, their parents - by Friday, March 27.

Ongoing School Operations

At the present time, all administrative offices are open. Director of Admissions Julie Cucchi and her staff are designing virtual revisit days, affording admitted students and their families online opportunities to experience our School's vitality. In that pursuit, Julie will be assisted by our many Parent Partners. I want to thank all of them for their willingness and eagerness to assist us.

Moving Forward

Spring on the Great Road is a glorious affair, filled with events and traditions that mark the season and reveal the remarkable talents of our students. That they are now in jeopardy is a source of sadness and disappointment for us all. Still, guided by the faculty, our students will continue to enjoy the engagement, challenge and support that have always distinguished our school.

Although additional information will be forthcoming, I felt it was important to share this information now and allow you to plan for the month ahead. We will continue to update and add to the information on the [COVID-19 News and Resources](#) pages, and I encourage you to check these resources. As always, we stand ready to assist you and your child in any way we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJS', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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