



March 13, 2020

Dear St. George's Community:

Following the Governor's announcement, St. George's has made the decision to transition to our *StG Community at Home* virtual learning model. **Effective as of 4 p.m. today, access to campus will be restricted for St. George's families with the exception of a supply pick-up day on Monday** (more details below).

At this time, we anticipate reopening campus at the conclusion of spring break; however, we will establish and communicate a confirmed date in the next few weeks.

To facilitate this transition, we will take the following steps:

- We recognize that the closure of our campus and introduction of our Continuity of Learning Plan will be disruptive to your family's routine. This is why learning experiences will not begin until Wednesday, March 18th, and initial online contact will be gradual as we all learn and adapt to our new normal. Teachers are prepared to be flexible and will use a variety of instructional methods to promote engagement, social interaction, and, of course, learning. Our Tech Team will also be available to answer questions related to online learning via the email address tech@stgnola.org.
- The Directors of Early Childhood, Lower School, Middle School and Resource Services have prepared communications that introduce the division-specific Continuity of Learning Plans that inform and address what parents should expect. Parents should anticipate these emails on Monday. While online tools cannot perfectly replicate the classroom experience, each division has planned for daily opportunities that capture the essence of who we are as an StG community while ensuring that students are able to continue learning.
- Due to our parent/teacher conference schedule today, we were unable to send materials home with our students. **All families must retrieve supplies from campus on Monday, March 16th, with the exception of families able to receive supply bags from teachers at their conference time yesterday and today.**
 - The windows for retrieving supplies are **7:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday.**
 - Early Childhood and Lower School families should plan to remain in your cars and pick up supplies via our Early Childhood carpool line (between General Pershing and Milan Streets).

- Middle School families should plan to park and enter campus via our Camp Street gate to retrieve supplies and ensure that personal and PE lockers are emptied of necessary materials and perishable items.
- All extra-curricular and athletic activities, field trips and other events scheduled during the multi-week closure are canceled. If we are able to reschedule them after campus reopens, please know that we will make every effort to do so.
- We ask that StG families continue to update the school with information related to travel and/or illness. Any member of our community who travels to a Level 2 or Level 3 region or country should notify [Nurse Penny](#) so that the appropriate measures may be taken to protect the well-being of our community. We ask all community members to consider the value of non-essential travel to any area that is experiencing a high degree of disruption due to the novel coronavirus in the coming days and weeks. Our Pandemic Response Plan also compels us to remind you that if any member of your family is aware of or has been contacted by authorities of possible exposure to the coronavirus, you should immediately notify Nurse Penny.
- As a reminder, Nurse Penny and Tamara Claverie have collected (and continue to collect and curate) a series of articles and other resources that are posted to our school website at www.stgnola.org/covid-19. Please make use of them as you find a need to consult CDC or other recommendations and/or determine how to talk with your children about the transition to online learning.

At this time, there are no known confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 at St. George's Episcopal School.

Please know that our administration, faculty and staff have been and will continue to work tirelessly to safeguard everything special about our St. George's community and continue to foster it via our Continuity of Learning Plan. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding at this time when the situation is evolving. Please continue to check your email and our website for updates.

We continue to be your partners and your community in the education of your children.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Santogiovanni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.