

# Gulliver

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PREPARATORY

Dear Upper School Families and Students,

By now you've heard that Gulliver is transitioning to a remote learning environment, which will formally begin on Wednesday, March 18. President Kling's email noted that principals would be in touch with you tomorrow, but because Friday's schedule is designed to help students prepare for remote learning, I wanted to write with the first of what will surely be many updates.

First and foremost, all of us at Gulliver know that this shift requires thoughtfulness, a willingness to adapt and change, and an eagerness to prepare for an environment that continues to evolve and take shape. It's not easy to pivot so quickly, reimagining what is everyday experience and adapting it to something that is, if not virtual, also not our everyday reality. And yet that's what we're doing. But if I've learned anything in my time at the Prep, our students will quickly help lead this all-school effort. Therefore, I want to thank students, faculty, and families for supporting this rapidly evolving teaching and learning landscape.

Tomorrow, Friday, we will have a half-day schedule that looks like this:

## **PREP HALF-DAY--Friday, March 13**

7:15-7:50 Early Bird  
8:00-8:40 Period 1  
8:45-9:05 Period 2  
9:10-9:35 Period 3  
9:40-10:05 Period 4  
10:10-10:35 Period 5  
10:40-11:05 Period 6  
11:10-11:35 Period 7  
11:40-12:00 Period 8  
No Tutorial

## **MILLER DRIVE HALF-DAY--Friday, March 13**

8:00-8:38 Period 1  
8:40-9:00 Period 2  
9:04-9:27 Period 3  
9:31-9:54 Period 4  
9:58-10:21 Period 5

10:25 Bus to Prep  
10:40-11:05 Period 6  
11:10-11:35 Period 7  
11:40-12:00 Period 8  
No Tutorial

In each class students will log onto Zoom using the teacher's Personal Meeting ID. We want to make sure that everyone is comfortable logging into Zoom prior to leaving campus.

Lunch will not be served to students tomorrow.

**Students should take all books and materials they need for their classes with them when they leave campus at 12:00 PM.**

On Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17, teachers will spend time preparing for remote learning. No classes will be held either day.

Classes will begin for all Upper School students on Wednesday, March 18, which will be an Even day. The schedule is attached to this email as a PDF and a screenshot. Classes begin at 9:00 AM and are one hour long. There are 15-minute breaks between classes, with a lunch break from 11:15-12:00 PM. Classes end at 2:30 PM, with tutorial running from 2:30-3:30.

On Wednesday, March 18, students should plan on logging onto their first block class (Period 2) no later than 8:50 AM. Teachers will take attendance at every class meeting each day, including DS periods.

Teachers will be in touch with students prior to Wednesday and Thursday so they have an idea of what to expect when they log in for class. Thus, it is crucial that *students regularly check their Gulliver email, log into Veracross, and check Google Classroom.*

That is probably enough for now. I will be back in touch with updates, and I'll look forward to dropping in on Zoom meetings as we begin this exciting new phase at Gulliver.

I'll finish by noting that the historian in me can't resist comparing this moment to October 4, 1957, when, in the midst of the Cold War, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, which was the first satellite to orbit the Earth, and quickly came to represent a military, technological, and existential threat to America and the West. However, what no one anticipated was how Sputnik energized American research and development in universities, industry, and government, which, when taken together, brought about enormous gains that transformed everyday lives of millions of people around the world.

Sputnik inspired thousands of young people to study science. And though at this point I know it is hard to imagine anything good coming out of the coronavirus, I am confident

that this experience will inspire many of our students to enter fields like public health, medicine, and the biological sciences, where they will undoubtedly make a difference in the lives of others for many years to come.

As always, thank you for your partnership and support of all we do here at Gulliver.

Best regards,

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Official Upper School Remote Learning Schedule					
March 16 - March 20					
	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			EVEN DAY	ODD day	
8:00 AM	<b>TEACHER WORK DAY</b>	<b>TEACHER WORK DAY</b>	PERIOD 2 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)	PERIOD 1 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)	<b>SPRING BREAK BEGINS</b>
9:15 AM			BREAK	BREAK	
9:30 AM			PERIOD 4 (10:15 AM - 11:15 AM)	PERIOD 3 (10:15 AM - 11:15 AM)	
9:45 AM			LUNCH	LUNCH	
10:00 AM			PERIOD 6 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)	PERIOD 5 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)	
10:15 AM			BREAK	BREAK	
10:30 AM			PERIOD 8 (1:15 PM - 2:15 PM)	PERIOD 7 (1:15 PM - 2:15 PM)	
10:45 AM			BREAK	BREAK	
11:00 AM			TUTORIAL (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM)	TUTORIAL (2:30 PM - 3:30 PM)	
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