

Gulliver

PREPARATORY

Dear Upper School Families and Students,

I write as we end our second day of remote learning, which has been an unqualified success by every measure. I had the opportunity to "drop in" on a number of classes and speak with students and faculty, and in every instance the feelings were upbeat and optimistic. Whether talking as a whole class or working in small groups in breakout rooms, everyone was deeply engaged. In short, we had two great opening days this week, which showed us that our faculty and students truly see the unlimited potential within our community.

As we sign off for spring break, I wanted to review some nuts and bolts items that will be important to know about before returning to school on March 30:

1. Schedule for March 30-April 2: I've attached the daily schedule for the first week back. To stay aligned with the calendar that we published in the beginning of the year, Monday, March 30 will be an Odd day.

In addition, we listened to student and faculty feedback, and have moved our Early Bird classes so they run from 8:00-8:45 AM. Tutorial time will run from 2:15-3:15 PM, and faculty will have meeting and planning time after that.

2. Recording Classes: Teachers may choose to record class sessions so they can post them for students to access at later dates for reviews, etc. These will not be posted or shared on public sites.

3. Absences: If you know your child will be absent, please email [Lucrecia Bustillo](#) and [Beatriz Diaz-Santiago](#) at the Prep, and [Raquel Marin](#) at Miller Drive.

4. Remote Learning Conduct: Since we know we will be in an online environment for at least two weeks when we return, I wanted to make sure that all of us understood some basic expectations for remote learning:

- Arrive on time--log onto Zoom a few minutes before class begins
- Sit at a desk or table. Don't lie in bed, on a sofa, etc.
- Dress appropriately
- Don't eat during class
- Make sure your background is not distracting to others
- Be extra patient, forgiving, and helpful; we're all navigating this new environment together.

You can find all of the latest updates from Gulliver on the [Gulliver Covid-19](#) webpage.

I know this has been a stressful time for us all, and I want to thank each of you for your collaboration, your willingness to fully dive in, and to reimagine learning more quickly than any of us ever could have envisioned. Our move to remote learning happened gradually, as we took some time to get ready for Zoom and other platforms, and then suddenly it was upon us. I could not have been more proud of our entire Upper School community in this new beginning.

Finally, I want to thank the Upper School faculty once more. They have adapted to these changing circumstances with grace, laughter, grit, and determination. They've sunk hours into retooling lessons, getting familiar with Zoom, and teaching each other newly discovered best practices. Like so many other times in my almost six years here, they are leading me across this uncharted landscape, and I couldn't be happier having them as my guides.

Stay safe and healthy over this well-deserved break, and I'll look forward to being in touch soon.

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Official Upper School Remote Learning Schedule

March 30 - April 3

3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ODD DAY	EVEN DAY	ODD DAY	EVEN DAY	ODD DAY
EARLY BIRD (8:00 AM - 8:45 AM)	EARLY BIRD (8:00 AM - 8:45 AM)		EARLY BIRD (8:00 AM - 8:45 AM)	EARLY BIRD (8:00 AM - 8:45 AM)
BREAK	BREAK		BREAK	BREAK
PERIOD 1 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)	PERIOD 2 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)	PERIOD 1 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)	PERIOD 2 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)	PERIOD 1 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
PERIOD 3 (10:15 AM - 11:15 AM)	PERIOD 4 (10:15 AM - 11:15 AM)	PERIOD 3 (10:15 AM - 11:15 AM)	PERIOD 4 (10:15 AM - 11:15 AM)	PERIOD 3 (10:15 AM - 11:15 AM)
LUNCH (11:15 AM - 12:00 PM)				
PERIOD 5 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)	PERIOD 6 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)	PERIOD 5 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)	PERIOD 6 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)	PERIOD 5 (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)
BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
PERIOD 7 (1:15 PM - 2:15 PM)	PERIOD 8 (1:15 PM - 2:15 PM)	PERIOD 7 (1:15 PM - 2:15 PM)	PERIOD 8 (1:15 PM - 2:15 PM)	PERIOD 7 (1:15 PM - 2:15 PM)
TUTORIAL (2:15 PM - 3:15 PM)				

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