



SCHOOL CLOSURE EXTENSION

March 24, 2020

Dear Boys' Latin Family:

In response to the continued spread of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, the Governor extended the school closure until at least April 6, 2020. In the interest of student and community safety, Boys' Latin supports and will abide by the Governor's decision. **Due to Boys' Latin's previously scheduled spring break, the earliest Boys' Latin students and staff will return to school is April 14, 2020.**

Students and families should continue to follow the distance learning protocols and expectations set forth in previous correspondence. Of course, all students (and staff) should take a well-deserved rest during Spring Break, from April 6 through 13.

This school closure extension understandably prompts more questions. There are, in fact, more questions than answers right now – questions about how this will impact end-of-year activities and other rites of passage that we associate with our school community. Rest assured that your Boys' Latin family stands with you as we navigate these uncertainties. While we do not yet have all the answers, we will remain in contact with authorities at the local, state, and federal level so we can be responsive to our students' and families' needs. We want to proceed with safety, but also with recognition that being together and celebrating as a community is a vital piece of the Boys' Latin experience. We will continue to update students and families as decisions are made.

We hope this time away from the school building affords the experts and health care professionals the time necessary to ensure everyone's safety. Safety is the #1 priority right now. But we also hope to have more answers as time unfolds. We embrace the guidance and feedback being provided by authorities, by families, and by students, and we will continue to shape our practice in a manner that keeps students academically engaged and challenged.

Meanwhile, as a reminder, this time away from the school building is not time away from learning. Students should be checking their Boys' Latin email accounts daily. They are also reminded to sign-in to their Google Classrooms daily and contact their teachers, social workers, or other members of the school team when they need support.

I understand the worry and fear that some feel for our children and our community. But in times of hardship, we will find opportunities to get better and get stronger. I, for one, am especially grateful to be part of the Boys' Latin family during times like this.

Sincerely,

Noah Tennant