



# St. Margaret's School

*Belong. Believe. Become.*

March 25, 2020

We may be physically separated due to COVID-19, but the SMS sisterhood is strong. We are nearing the end of Week 1 of remote learning. It has been remarkable to observe our faculty, staff, students and families dive in to this new challenge for our community. And yet again, we are proving that St. Margaret's truly is a place for belonging.

Each St. Margaret's student is engaged in her usual academic endeavors in this new form. Whether it be Painting, Literature & Composition, or Algebra II, faculty are dedicated to finding new ways to engage with students and master essential content through tech tools like video chats, online whiteboards, and live streaming.

In addition to our commitment to a meaningful academic program, SMS faculty and students are already fully engaged in a variety of remote community gatherings. Monday we came together for an all-school meeting. Tuesday, Pastor Joie Baker led us in a live Chapel service and shared her wisdom on this opportunity to look ahead to our future together. Wednesday, all of our students participated in class meetings to connect with one another (and fortunately, Ms. Judy Preston from SAGE provided some excellent cooking advice to our 8th and 9th graders!)

Sisterhood forums every night Monday - Thursday are quickly becoming a hallmark of our unique remote learning program. Full community gatherings facilitated by students, these themed, casual, remote gatherings are intended to remind us all that our community endures through uncertain times. We invite all community members to consider joining a forum to learn something new, whether it be how to stay organized when working from home or how to repurpose your wardrobe!

While we can all agree that there is no substitute for being together on campus, the St. Margaret's faculty and students are demonstrating creative problem solving and resiliency. We hope to support families in this new way of learning as well. We encourage parents and guardians to join us on Friday, March 27 from 7:00 pm EDT - 8:00 pm EDT for our second Question & Answer Forum. Click on this link to join the forum: [meet.google.com/ghe-ttij-vat](https://meet.google.com/ghe-ttij-vat).

All the best to you and your family,

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