



# FORMAN

Dear Forman Family,

I hope all of you are well and safe. As we continue to prepare for the upcoming digital learning experience, I wanted to share an important update.

This weekend the Governor of Connecticut ordered all non-essential in-person businesses to close for thirty days. This means that the earliest Forman could possibly reopen for in-person classes would be the beginning of May. Even this thinking is probably optimistic, but in consultation with the Board of Trustees, we are going to remain hopeful that we will have the opportunity to all come together on the campus before the end of the school year. We will regularly reevaluate this decision and keep you posted on any changes. It is also important to know that even if we have this opportunity, we would continue to support those students who wish to remain at home for the duration of this year.

As you begin planning for this experience, I wanted to provide some initial details on what you will need and what the experience will be like.

We will continue to use LION for the posting of assignments, communication about classwork, and other strictly academic matters.

We will also continue to use Google tools to facilitate the learning experience.

In addition, we will use Zoom teleconferencing for classes, assemblies, advisor meetings, and other groups to get together. We will follow up with further details on how to do this, but you will want to make sure your technology has a built-in camera and microphone. Headphones and a separate microphone may be helpful if you are working in a noisy or busy space at home.

We are planning on both synchronous and asynchronous experiences as part of the learning process, but are mindful that different time zones may make this challenging and will plan accordingly. We are also planning many optional opportunities to get together online around various interests in topics. We understand that one of the greatest challenges of these new restrictions is the inability to connect in ways that are fun and meaningful. We hope to be able to address these needs as well.

As you get ready for learning in a digital space it is important to start establishing a daily routine, exercising on a regular basis, and taking time for your own mental wellbeing. We will be encouraging your feedback about the experience once we start, as we know that things will likely evolve and change over time as we all become more familiar and comfortable.

We are all thinking about you and sending you our best thoughts.

Best,

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*Head of School*

