

Dear Magnificat Students and Parents:

I hope this message finds you healthy and that you found ways to enjoy what we hope was the final snow of the season over the weekend. I hope you and your families have found a rhythm and routine in the midst of all the uncertainty we have encountered over the last five weeks.

When we left the building on March 12, we had no way of knowing that it would be the last time for this school year. But as the COVID-19 pandemic has progressed, the Governor and the Ohio Department of Health have issued guidance that we continue to follow. **I write with the news that today, Governor DeWine announced that Ohio schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. Online classes will continue through May 20.** We know that online learning comes with its own set of challenges, but Magnificat faculty and staff are committed to delivering on our Mission to educate young women holistically to learn, lead, and serve in the spirit of Mary's *Magnificat* regardless of the circumstances.

We know that this end to in-person classes for the school year is disappointing. We miss seeing our students in the halls of the school as much as they miss being there with their classmates. Magnificat faculty and staff continue to prioritize community-building at this time, and we encourage you to take advantage of the spiritual, wellness, and community resources that are regularly updated at www.magnificaths.org/coronavirus.

We will communicate information about final exams, graduation, prom, the pick-up of personal items, and turning-in of school property as soon as we have it.

I would like to thank each of you for your continued partnership as we navigate this challenge. Our community is incredibly resilient. I am proud of the faculty and staff for their dedication to our students, who show up to their online classes every day, ready to learn. Their commitment to their Magnificat education is truly inspiring.

You are in my prayers every day, and I look forward to enthusiastically welcoming our students, families, faculty, and staff back to campus when it is safe to do so. Until then, I thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding.

In the Spirit of Mary's *Magnificat*,

Moira Clark '77
President