

The logo features a stylized eagle with its wings spread wide, set against a dark blue background. The eagle is white with a yellow cross on its chest. To the left of the eagle, the letters "AACCS" are written in a large, bold, white font with a slight shadow effect.

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A Message From
Rick Kempton, Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Dear AACCS Eagle Community,

First and foremost, thank you for your patience as we gather all pertinent information from many different sources. **AACCS campuses will remain closed through Sunday, April 5, to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors.** There will be no co-curricular or extra-curricular school-sponsored activities, including all athletic games and practices during the closure. Additionally, we have canceled all rentals of our facilities through April 5. Although this is one week longer than the public school's announcement yesterday afternoon, it is in line with the expert advice we are receiving from professionals at all levels of the COVID-19 response.

Phillipians 4:6

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Next Week and Spring Break

Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20, will be non-instructional days. As previously scheduled, spring break will start at noon on Friday, March 20, and run through Sunday, March 29.

Virtual School

Distance learning with AACCS teacher instruction and guidance will begin Monday, March 30, and run through Friday, April 3, at minimum. Principals will send an email on Wednesday, March 18, that shares more details, expectations, and a framework for the first week of AACCS's virtual school. As many states in the U.S. are joining Maryland's frontrunning move to flatten the curve of this novel coronavirus, we will continue to make decisions based on the facts available to us from the nation's leading authorities on public health.

Quarter 3&4 Adjustment

- Thursday, March 12, is now considered the end of Quarter 3 instruction, which is one week earlier than scheduled.
- Upper School teachers may require electronic submission for long-term papers/projects that were originally due next week (March 16-20) so that they can be counted in Quarter 3.
- Quarter 4 instruction will begin on March 30 as originally scheduled.
- To attain a fuller picture of student progress, teachers will have the latitude to include assessments that they give during the first week of Quarter 4 into the Quarter 3 grades if necessary.
- As a result, Quarter 3 reports cards will be delayed until April 10.

AACS leaders, teachers, and staff began discussions and preparations for virtual school more than two weeks ago. Thank you for supporting our decision to give them time on campus today without students to gather instructional materials and touch base with colleagues for long-term planning, prayer, and idea-sharing should the need for distance learning extend beyond April 3.

In His Service and Yours,



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