



FUQUA SCHOOL

Dear Fuqua Family,

Over the last ten weeks our Fuqua School Family has deepened our commitment to one-another and leveraged all of our resources to ensure our students continue to learn in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to take a moment to share my profound appreciation for all our teachers and parents have done to successfully implement distance learning at Fuqua School. I will always remember the manner in which our school community came together during a crisis to support student learning.

As we wrap up this year, we will begin to focus in more detail on the 2020-2021 school year. The administrative team has already started some preliminary planning for next year; however, this planning will shift into high gear in the coming weeks and include the participation of our incoming Head of School, Chance Reynolds. As part of this planning, we need your feedback about distance learning. As I mentioned previously, we have partnered with the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) on a distance learning parent survey designed to gather your feedback and feedback from independent school parents across the country. We will use this feedback as a guide while making important decisions for next year. Please click on the [Distance Learning Parent Survey](#) link to complete the survey.

We are closely monitoring the dialogue about schools re-opening in the fall. We are actively engaged in conversations with other independent schools across the Commonwealth and the country and the advocacy groups that represent these schools. As we learn more from the state and federal government, we will harness the collective expertise of all these partners to re-open in a manner that provides the best possible learning environment for our students coupled with the highest consideration for the safety of our students and employees. We will be holding a **Zoom Community Meeting this Tuesday at 7:00** to share final details about the end of this school year, report out on our planning for next year, and outline the events planned for senior week. An initiation to this meeting will be distributed on or before Tuesday morning. Below please see the preliminary information about senior week. More details will follow in our meeting on Tuesday and in future correspondence.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Baccalaureate	Sunday, June 14	4:00	TBA*
Senior Banquet	Sunday, June 14	6:00	The Barn at Gully Tavern
Senior Awards Ceremony	Tuesday, June 16	6:00	Fuqua Pool (weather permitting)**
Senior Athletic Awards	Wednesday, June 17	6:00	Fuqua Pool (weather permitting)**
Senior Breakfast	Thursday, June 18	9:00	Gee Price
Commencement Rehearsal	Thursday, June 18	10:00	Gilmer Field
Commencement Ceremony	Friday, June 19	7:00	Gilmer Field***
Senior Reflections	Friday, June 19	8:00	Gilmer Field***

* The family of each senior will have their own pew that will accommodate approximately 8 family members

** One senior and four guests per table and dinner will be provided by Fuqua Catering

*** These events will be held in a drive-in movie format with one preferred parking spot per senior family. All other guest vehicles will be parked once senior families are parked. All spectators must remain in their vehicle for the duration of the ceremony. An inclement weather plan is being developed that would limit participation to one vehicle per senior family with no other guests.

Finally, a [senior tribute video](#) and the last [virtual storytelling](#) of the year will be posted on Fuqua School social media this evening at 6:00.

Congratulation to all of our students for completing the school year, and I wish you all the best as you ease into summer and a much-deserved break from school!

Go Red! Go Black! GO FALCONS!

John Melton

Head of School