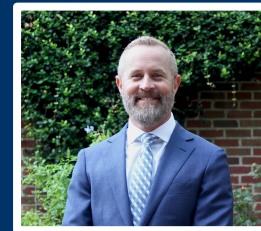


A Message from Headmaster, Garhett Wagers



Dear St. Mark's Families,

Through the following guide, we offer you a view into the planning and preparation that is taking place for the fall of 2020. Throughout the summer we have worked on a variety of scenarios, consulting many resources. You will note on page 4 of this document a list of global, national, regional, and local organizations that have contributed to this work. Members of our Leadership Team and faculty are engaged in conversations with their colleagues at peer schools and organizations, and personally, I maintain ongoing conversations with Heads of ISAS schools in Houston and throughout Texas, as we each strive to learn from one another and further broaden our perspectives.

This resource, *Moving Forward to the Fall of 2020*, is a working draft; it is not a guarantee, nor is it final. Even the most renowned doctors in the world today are unable to predict with certainty what August will look like, and the recent spike in positive cases in Houston serves as evidence that each day brings new challenges to any type of planning.

What this document does provide is a view into the work that has been done to prepare for a variety of possible scenarios. We realize that most of the temporary changes needed to enhance everyone's safety will result in compromises of the ideal environment, an environment that best aligns with our mission, values, and beliefs about teaching and learning. With that, I reiterate that these changes and protocols are temporary. We are seeking solutions that allow as many St. Mark's children as possible to return to campus for live, in-classroom school experiences.