

LS & MS EXTENDED CARE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

Dear TVS Lower and Middle School families,

There are few things that I love more than the after-school atmosphere at TVS, which brings a pace and tone that is distinct from the academic day. This makes it especially difficult to announce that all extended care and extracurricular enrichment for Lower and Middle School students is paused until further notice.

I have been working closely with re-entry team members to look at all possibilities for running Trojan Extended Day (TED), Trojan Supervised Study (TSS), and after-school enrichment with respect to maintaining the mandated TVS COVID-19 protocol and with consideration of available campus resources. Unfortunately, there are significant factors working against a safe solution at this time:

- **Student Cohorts:** It is essential to maintain the integrity of academic-day cohorts for the overall safety of the TVS community. Previously, after-care program models were characterized by multiple grade levels gathered in a single common space. Following this same approach for TED, TSS, and enrichment activities during the current school year would lead to higher risk of potential spread across the community. While new after-school program models have been considered, all feasible formats involve the mixing of cohorts to some degree.
- **Space and Cleaning:** Available classrooms and meeting areas on campus must be prioritized for academic-day learning. As such, we face limitations on available locations on campus that allow for adequate physical distancing of students and time for deep cleaning in between the academic day and after-school hours.

We recognize that families need childcare solutions, and we will continue to monitor this situation. It is my hope that we will have the opportunity to resume some or all of these programs later this academic year should it be safe to do so. For now, the focus remains on the ultimate goal of providing in-person schooling for all TVS students while maintaining the highest level of safety with mandated COVID health protocols.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,
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