



SUFFIELD
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Dear Students and Parents,

We are looking forward to the new academic year. I am writing to reiterate some of our plans for the openings weeks.

As you know, we will have both on-campus and remote learning programs. The academic schedule for the first two weeks—while some boarding students are cohorting on campus—is now on our website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Boarding students can be on campus for this cohorting period or self-isolate and be in our remote academic program if they are in a state not listed on [Connecticut's travel advisory list](#). Regardless of which they choose, all students must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test within ten days of being on campus. We plan to test day students here at Suffield around September 17.

We are partnering with Diligent Urgent Care on PCR COVID-19 testing. We will test the full community periodically throughout the year using both saliva and nasal swab tests. We will also have daily health checks for all students through an electronic application.

Specifics about our remote learning program are now on our [website](#). You will notice in this information that all classes will be recorded so students can participate live or watch the recordings at more convenient times. We understand the challenges created by Suffield having students in many different time zones. We have also created virtual meeting times early in the day here in Suffield for personal, direct interaction with classroom teachers. We are aware some students will be moving between the on-campus and remote learning programs during this unusual school year.

During the cohort period our afternoon activities will focus primarily on fitness and fun. When we are fully in session later in September we will move to traditional fall sports as well as opportunities in sports usually held in other seasons. Students and families will hear more about this from our Athletic Department leaders in the coming days and weeks. We will have a robust series of opportunities for our students to pursue their love of athletics and the arts.

When students return to campus they will notice various steps we have taken in classrooms and other campus spaces to ensure appropriate physical distancing. Meals will be pre-made and served at assigned times in both Brewster Hall and Tisch Field House.

As you can tell, the level of planning is extensive and our success will require a full community effort. At this point we need students to focus on four specific areas: (1) proper hygiene and self-care, (2) PCR COVID-19 testing arrangements, (3) identifying an emergency contact within 500 miles of Suffield if you live more than 10 hours from school, and (4) agreeing to our Tiger Pride Promise. [Please open this](#), read the Tiger Pride Promise, and indicate you understand our expectations and agree to honor them.

Our next communication later this week will be from Greg Lynch about rooming assignments and registration specifics. Thank you and best wishes from Suffield.

Sincerely,

Charles Cahn III
Head of School