



THE NEWMAN SCHOOL

Office of Head of School

Dear Friends:

After a very welcomed and happy return to Marlborough Street, we are off and running. It is energizing to be together.

We know from our own unique perspective and experiences, amidst the challenge and turmoil of present times, that education is always the answer. School is far more than an academic, intellectual endeavor. Learning is fundamentally social, rooted in relationships, to self and others, ideas, the work at hand, and to community the world around us. At Newman, we have endeavored to bring our school community together for as much learning in-person as possible. As much as we would all like to be together, we will find new ways to communicate and deliver on our *Cor ad Cor* values effectively to share in the relationships that are truly "the heart" of our common purpose.

For our teachers and staff, it is so heartening to see the smiling eyes of our students, their ebullience and resolve. The personal engagement, whether in-person, on-line, or from across the world, even at the earliest hours of the morning, is where learning begins. To the best of our abilities, we have intentionally designed our program to carry forward the best traditions of our past, the collaborative and independent work of the IB curriculum, and new ways of fulfilling our Mission. Our goal will always be to create the best learning environment to meet the needs of students and address our responsibilities to our students to find meaning and lasting value in the experiences we share, so that Newman students will contribute to whatever communities they join.

As we work through these first few weeks of our new schedule, we appreciate your patience as we all adjust. We continue to address safety measures, safe distancing in hallways and classrooms, require frequent hand washing and proper masking. Academically, we will continue to modify individual schedules as needed. Beyond the classroom, we are putting together a slate of co-curricular offerings to serve the social, emotional, physical and developmental needs of our students. These offerings will be shared with students and with parents by the middle of next week.

Soon we will provide notices about all-school meetings, parent forums, back to school nights, faculty-parent advisory sessions, and other opportunities for us build a community in support of every student and family.

In the meanwhile, our lines of communication are open to teachers, advisors, and senior staff, so please don't hesitate to reach out. It is important that we stay connected. We are grateful for your questions and feedback.

Below, I have provided a link to our faculty page. I know you will enjoy reading about our wonderful teachers.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Schafer
Head of School

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