



SAINT JOHN'S PREP

COVID-19 Update

March 15, 2020

Dear Prep Community,

We appreciate the way the Prep community has supported our school during these uncertain times. We remain committed to regular communication as the COVID-19 situation evolves to provide ongoing information and support to our students and families.

Student Learning

Governor Tim Walz today signed an executive order authorizing the temporary closure of Minnesota K-12 public schools in order to provide those schools the time to make plans for alternative learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, last week we elected to move to eLearning at the Prep School. **There will be no school on Monday, March 16.** This will allow our faculty time to prepare an electronic curriculum. **Formal online instruction will begin on Tuesday, March 17.** Please note the following key points of our eLearning plan:

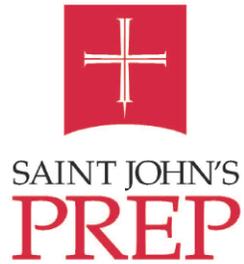
- We recognize student engagement in eLearning differs from our traditional instruction. Our faculty is dedicated to collaborating with one another to increase student engagement and learning.
- Students will interact daily with their teachers. This interaction might be through a Zoom class, email, Schoology, or another platform. If a class is going to meet online, classes will meet as scheduled in Connect2Prep and use Zoom for class.
- Student attendance will be determined by participation in course assignments. If there are barriers that are preventing learning, please contact your child's teacher.
- Faculty will continue to be available through email and Schoology for questions and support.

Know that our dedicated faculty will continue to monitor and adjust instruction as we implement this new way of teaching and learning.

Student Support

We understand students may be experiencing feelings of anxiety, stress, isolation and even loss and grief associated with the pandemic and its fallout. Our guidance department stands ready to support our students. Our guidance counselors will offer support group sessions for interested students via Zoom. In addition, they will reach out to individual students weekly. Please contact our school guidance counselors with any questions or requests for student support. Beyond our school resources, the National Association of School Psychologists has provided this link with information on talking with children about [COVID-19](#).





Extracurricular Events and Activities

All scheduled school events have been cancelled or postponed through March 27, 2020. At that time, we will reassess and communicate updates to our community. We are happy to report that the spring musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, has been rescheduled for August 21-23 at the Paramount Center for the Arts. We look forward to kicking off the 2020-2021 academic year with this fantastic performance!

While our building is closed during this period, we are still accepting new applications for admission and processing current applications for fall 2020. Our admission staff will arrange virtual appointments and tours with interested families. If you know families considering Prep for their children, please encourage them to contact us.

Contact Us

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you may have. The best way to reach faculty and staff in the coming weeks is via email. All staff and faculty email addresses can be accessed [here](#). We have created a page on our [website](#) that includes our communication as well as links to other resources.

The care for our students and the Prep community is our top priority. To help us make future decisions in protecting our students, please notify our office if anyone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19.

We recognize that the student experience and learning opportunity with eLearning differs from the way we traditionally instruct. As a Prep community, we are deeply committed to learning together, adjusting as needed and continuing the tradition of great teaching and learning at Saint John's Prep.

Sincerely,

Jon McGee
Head of School

Christine Glomski
Principal

