



Community Update

April 4, 2020

Dear Prep Community,

April is here, and we seem to be finding our groove with online learning. We miss our students immensely, yet it is a gift to be able to connect with so many online. Teaching and learning are not only continuing but thriving despite social distancing. We feel blessed to have the support and care from our community as we continue to learn and adjust our instruction to best meet the needs of our students.

Did you get a chance to see the sports section of the St. Cloud Times on Wednesday, April 1? The Saint John's Prep League of Legends esports team had a great photo and article about their successful season. We are so proud of our students and coaches. With the challenges in the world around us, it was great to read this positive piece of news.

What We Are learning

The safety of our students is always a priority for the faculty and staff at Prep. As we learn more about the online platforms we are using, we have discovered a way you can help your child with online safety. We are asking all of our students and faculty to change their display name in Zoom. Instead of displaying a full name or email address, we are asking everyone to use their first name and the first initial of their last name. This is a simple way to maintain the privacy of our students while using Zoom. Please watch this short video clip with instructions on how to make the name change:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQnRpann6k0&feature=youtu.be>

Planning Forward

Governor Tim Walz suggested it is unlikely our public-school students will return to the physical classroom this spring. With that in mind and given the continuing uncertainty regarding the spread of the virus, we've examined our schedule and **do not expect our students to return to classes at the Prep School this semester.** We do plan to deliver eLearning through the end of the spring semester. We are in the process of putting together a learning plan and schedule that will carry us through the end of the academic year. This will include a plan for graduation. We will get this plan to you as soon as it is complete. While this isn't the way we had hoped to end our academic year together, we are committed to the engaging, rigorous instruction we are known for and celebrating the successes of our students in creative ways.

With the Easter holiday right around the corner, we have a couple of short school weeks:

- April 6 – 8: Student classes Monday through Wednesday (no classes on Holy Thursday or Good Friday)
- April 14 – 17: Student classes Tuesday through Friday (no classes on Easter Monday)

Re-enrollment Forms for Returning Students

You should have received materials from us asking you to indicate your intent to continue with your student's enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. We are keenly aware that you have many other educational choices, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work with so many talented students. We hope that we have earned your trust, and you will continue to choose Prep for your family.

If you have any questions about the re-enrollment process or any financial aid issue, please contact us. We want to ensure your student successfully continues their Prep experience!

Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can access staff and faculty email addresses [here](#). Please visit our [website](#) for updates and additional information.

We are so proud of the dedication and commitment of our faculty, staff and students. This speaks to the strength of this remarkable Prep community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jon McGee
Head of School

Christine Glomski
Principal

