



## COVID-19 Update

March 20, 2020

Dear Prep Community,

We are grateful for the many notes of support and encouragement we have received over the past week. Our highest priority is the well-being of our students, faculty, staff and families.

### **What We Have Done**

Today we will complete our first week of online instruction. We are among the first secondary schools in Minnesota to be fully online. Our faculty and staff have rolled up their sleeves and committed to making this new way of instructing work. Saint Michael Hall remains open, and we are continuing to meet the needs of our boarding students.

We have resolved access to technology issues with our families. However, if you have questions related to technology or access to technology, please contact us.

Our guidance counselors have reached out to all students. You can expect them to contact your child weekly to check on progress and work through any challenges.

We have reimagined our upcoming Discovery Day. It remains scheduled for April 3 but will be conducted virtually. If you know families considering Prep for their children, please encourage them to contact us and attend this Discovery Day. Watch for additional information in the coming week.

In an effort to connect our community, we invite you to join "Morning Coffee and Prayer" with Brother Richard and Brother Lucian. This fabulous online gathering takes place every school day at 7:45am. Your children have the Zoom link needed to join. We will continue to find creative ways to connect with our students and families online.

### **Looking Forward**

The most recent guidance from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, the Minnesota Department of Health and the State of Emergency declaration by Governor Walz recommended foregoing group gatherings of more than 50 people for at least the next eight weeks. Additionally, they recommend social distancing of six feet or more in groups of all sizes. With these guidelines in mind, we will extend online instruction indefinitely this semester. We are hopeful that we will have an opportunity to bring our students back prior to the end of the semester, though that remains uncertain right now.





We continue to hope, within the bounds of health considerations and guidelines, to bring our seniors back to campus to spend time with one another and to celebrate Graduation at the end of May with their family and friends. We recognize, however, that it may be necessary to change those plans. If we are not able to hold Graduation on May 23, we will explore the possibility of holding Graduation at another date later in the summer. We will, of course, keep everyone informed.

### **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 remains via email. All staff and faculty email addresses can be accessed [here](#). Please go to our [website](#) for updates and additional information.

We in the Prep community, along with nearly everyone around the world, are enduring a difficult, uncertain and anxious time. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we sort through many decisions and choices.

We are grateful for the Prep community and confident that we will emerge even stronger. With courage and compassion, we can anticipate better days ahead! Let us continue to strengthen one another by mutual support and prayer.

Sincerely,

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Head of School

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Principal

