



COVID-19 Update – March 13, 2020

Saint John's Preparatory School learned late yesterday afternoon that a parent in our community has tested positive for COVID-19. As a school with an international high school student population, we have been monitoring this situation and helping students and families navigate this world event for the past five weeks.

We have been in communication with the Minnesota Department of Health and have made a decision that we believe is in the best interest of our school community. The Department has informed us that this situation is one of very low risk. However, out of an abundance of caution, we have proactively chosen to activate our eLearning plan and suspend face-to-face instruction. Our current plan is to engage in eLearning from March 13 through March 27. We will continually monitor the situation and adjust the return date if necessary.

During this time, all extracurricular activities and sports are cancelled. Our Prep theater production of *Fiddler on the Roof* has been postponed. We will continue to update the community on the future performance.

The academic building will be closed during this period of time. Saint Michael Hall will remain open for our residential students. Guests will not be permitted to enter. Staff will continue to monitor voicemail and email. If you experience any challenges with eLearning, we will be available to problem solve with you.

These are hard decisions. We will continue to monitor information about COVID-19 and provide updates as the situation changes and evolves. We sincerely appreciate your support and understanding as we navigate through this situation. The care for our students and the Prep community is our top priority. Given this announcement we will be in constant communication with our partnering institutions to make future decisions to protect our wider community and all of our students.

Again, thank you for your patience and support.

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