

March 17, 2020

Dear Upper School Families,

While this Spring Break may not look like anything to which we are accustomed, I do hope you're finding ways to enjoy the close quarters and reinvent family game night.

As Mrs. Soderberg referenced in [her letter](#), last Friday was a very productive day for our teachers as they prepared for new and different ways to convey course content, but more importantly, to connect with your child(ren) in an online format. We are also looking closely at how we will tackle specific events such as the remaining Junior Speeches, ongoing course sign-ups and other important items that are traditionally part of our early spring.

When school wrapped up for our students last Thursday, we spread the word for everyone to bring home their essential academic materials: school iPad and Apple Pencil, personal laptop, textbooks and important binders and notes. As you can imagine, it's quite possible that not every student grabbed what they needed in the excitement of getting an extra day of break.

To help with this, we are offering the following days and times for students to return to school, individually and with purpose, to retrieve materials:

- **Tuesday, March 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 18, from 10:00 a.m. to noon**

Students should enter through the doors of the Senior Lounge where an upper school faculty member will be monitoring the pace and spacing of any students coming in. Should multiple students approach the door at the same time, we will request that some of them wait so as to maintain the appropriate social distancing.

In the meantime, hopefully our students will catch up on some much-needed rest and find ways to savor their favorite cup of homemade tea/coffee from a porch or while on a walk close to home. (If they are missing their travel mug, it's likely in the US lost-and-found.) If they are looking for something to do or places "to go" online, here is a [link](#) of interesting possibilities we will update periodically. The list of virtual tours is growing and pretty fascinating!

Know that we will be in touch again during the break as we prepare more detailed information for the start of online learning.

Warm Regards,
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