



May 17, 2020

Dear Lower School Families,

It is hard to believe we are coming down to the final two weeks of the 2019-20 school year. Please note that we have online activities each day through May 28 and the final Grade 5 Closing Ceremony on May 29 (see below).

### **Student Belongings Pick-up**

You will be able to drive through the car line on the dates below that correspond with your LAST name to pick up bags the teachers have put together of your children's belongings from their lockers, desks and classroom into one bag. We are doing this pick-up by LAST name to make it easier for families with siblings to collect everything in one trip. Please make sure you have a placard with your last name in large letters on the passenger-side window to help ease the flow and gathering of materials:

- Last names **A-K** on Tuesday, May 26, from 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- Last names **L-Z** on Wednesday, May 27, from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

### **iPads**

Students who have a school-issued iPad or borrowed one for online learning are asked to keep the iPad over the summer, and we will collect it in the fall. We are only collecting iPads from those families not attending Academy next year. If you are not returning to Academy in the fall, please drop off your children's iPads in a collection bin either on May 26 or May 27 when you come to collect your children's belongings.

### **Library Books**

We will be collecting Columbus Academy library books when you come to pick up your children's belongings. There will be a bin for them to be put into as you go through the line. Please do not put books into plastic or other bags.

### **"A Year in Review" Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**

We will have online conferences on May 26-28. These will be school days for students, but your children's homeroom teachers will provide time slots to have an online conference and talk about the year.

### **Grade-Level Rising Meetings for Parents & Guardians**

As many of you know from previous years, we also have annual Parent Coffees in May when parents and guardians have the opportunity to learn about the programs for their children in the grades in which they will be enrolled for next year. These will be done online this year. We will distribute the slideshows and links the day before your children's program so you can review them, and then each grade-level Team Leader along with an administrator will be online live to take any questions you may have.

DATE	GRADE	TIME
Monday, May 18	Rising 5 (current Grade 4)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	Rising PreK (current Explorers)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	Rising 2 (current Grade 1)	7:30-8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20	Rising 1 (current Kindergarten)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20	Rising 3 (current Grade 2)	7:30-8:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Rising Kindergarten (current PreK)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Rising Grade 4 (current Grade 3)	7:30-8:15 p.m.

### **Grade 5 Closing Ceremony**

Our Grade 5 Closing Ceremony will be held online on Friday, May 29, at 9:00 a.m. (as currently scheduled on the school calendar). This will be a recorded ceremony that will be followed by the fifth-graders and their parents/guardians invited to come to campus in order to pick up their certificates and gift bags from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at school (students will stay in their cars, and the parent/guardians pick up the bags from a table). Fifth grade teachers will be there to wave and cheer as families drive by and provide closure for our fifth-graders as they move on to Middle School in the fall.

### **Feedback**

Please feel free to share [feedback with me](#) about how things are going for your children and you in your roles of supporting their online learning programs.

Be well,  
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