



May 25, 2020

Dear Lower School Families,

The final week of the 2019-20 school year is upon us! I would like to thank all of you for the significant amount of support, encouragement, cajoling and love you've shown your children during the past two months of online learning. The past two months are unlike anything most of us as educators have faced before. While certainly our dedicated and talented faculty quickly moved into online learning, we recognize the success of it was only possible with your support while under a very challenging environment. Please know the entire lower school faculty is grateful for all you've done and continue to do to support your children. It goes without saying that we have missed seeing our students every day and while our community remains strong, we realize just how important it is to both the children and the adults. Below are some important details about the upcoming week.

Final Report Cards

Report cards from the Lower School will be sent through the mail on June 10. In our Lower School, there are three reporting periods (December, March, June). The final report cards reflect learning that took place completely online beginning on March 30 and finishing on May 28. The school recognizes that participation in online learning may have looked different for each child, as all families were impacted by the stay-at-home orders in a variety of ways. The use of an all-narrative evaluation for this last reporting period provides you insight into your children's engagement in the online learning process. Also included are *summary statements* of your children's progress for the year. Additionally, the first two reporting periods were completed while in-school and provide greater detail about the progress your children made this year, especially in terms of their social and emotional development.

Student Belongings Pickup and Dropoff

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 classrooms into one bag. We are doing this pickup 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.

Library Books & Textbooks

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

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. If you are not returning to Academy in the fall, please drop off school iPads in a collection bin either on May 26 or May 27 when you come to collect your children's belongings. We are only collecting iPads from those families not attending Academy next year.

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

We will have online conferences on May 26-27-28. Your children's homeroom teachers have provided time slots to have online conferences in order to talk about the year, and they look forward to their conversations with you.

Take care,
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