



April 3, 2020

Dear Upper School Families,

Congratulations on making it to the end of our first week of online learning! As I look back on our first days of this venture, I am pleased that classes are up and running, thrilled to “see” the faces of students and colleagues again, and humbled by the efforts and patience with which everyone is approaching these circumstances. If anyone is feeling a little exhausted, that’s okay, too. It’s been said in a few circles that it feels like we opened school twice this year, and in some ways we did.

We hope that your child is finding some routine in all of this, with US classes meeting live before lunch, and asynchronous classes affording time for work in the afternoons. Having just met with a group of students, I enjoyed hearing their appreciation for the extra hour of sleep in the morning and simply getting to hear and see their peers and teachers again. The connections matter, and while it doesn’t look or feel the same, I hope there’s been a noticeable boost in their spirits.

As we continue to hone our skills as online educators, we appreciate you and your children’s patience with the meeting links that may not have connected as planned, or the assignments that needed extra clarification. We understand there is a new learning curve, and everyone is doing their best to adjust. With that in mind, we would love for you to complete [this survey](#) to provide us valuable insight into how things are going from your perspective. We ask that you complete it by noon on Monday, April 6, so that we can use the information to help guide us in the coming week.

As always, we appreciate all your support and for taking the time to share your thoughts.

Warmly,

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