

Dear Armstrong Families,

It has been a whirlwind couple of days for Charles Armstrong School. It was good to have the students on campus yesterday as they prepared with their teachers for the transition to At Home Learning. Faculty and staff were also here today for their last day of on-campus planning. We are as ready as we can be, given the events of the last week, to begin teaching remotely with your children on Monday.

That being said, we expect this new way of learning to be a little bumpy at first; we know it will take time to get the kinks out of the system. We are asking all members of our community to be patient....patient with our faculty and staff and patient with your children as they learn in a new format. In addition, yesterday we reminded your children also to be patient with you as we adapt to a new reality for the time being.

Our wonderful Division Directors, Katie Lyslo in Lower School and De Shan Lett in Middle School, will be sending you more details on our plan.

A few additional important updates:

### **Update on Length of Time for At Home Learning**

As some of you may have heard, today Dr. Scott Morrow, the San Mateo County Health Officer, issued a School Operations Modification Order for the County of San Mateo. Based on this order, the earliest schools throughout San Mateo will be allowed to return our students to on-campus learning is Monday, April 6th. This extends our At Home Learning Plan from 2 weeks to a minimum of 3 weeks.

Our Spring break is the following week. **Spring break remains intact, and it will be a break - not a week of At Home Learning.** Therefore, the earliest we would return to campus is Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – and we will evaluate whether or not to do so as we get closer to that date.

### **Update on Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trips**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip:** We are thrilled to let you know that we have been successful in re-scheduling this trip for the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>! Assuming our world returns to a level of normalcy by that week, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to experience this wonderful trip with their classmates and teachers.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Yosemite:** It is unfortunately not looking likely that this trip can be rescheduled for this school year. We are continuing to work towards rescheduling for the beginning of school in September and will keep you posted.

Thank you for your partnership during this week and as we plan for this challenging transition through uncharted waters together. Please take care of yourselves and your families.

We will see each other remotely for now and we look forward to reconnecting with you all in person on the other side of this challenging event.

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