

March 30, 2020

## Distance Learning Update - New Return to School Date Email

Email to Parents, Board of Directors, Students, Faculty, Staff

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, allow me to commend you for the cooperation and patience you continue to display as we all adjust to this new, temporary normal to combat this challenge that has befallen our nation.

We hope you all are doing well during these unprecedented times. We miss our students daily! Last evening, President Trump announced updated guidelines for closures and social distancing. All Americans must continue to avoid nonessential travel or gathering in groups of more than 10 through April 30, 2020. **Therefore, we are extending our anticipated date to reopen school to Friday, May 1.** We continue to closely monitor all CDC/government advisements, and we will continue to adjust our schedule as needed and to keep our families as safe as possible.

Our teachers have been working tirelessly to maintain our standards of academic excellence, as well as continuing to foster strong student-teacher relationships throughout this time of distant learning. This will continue, and all of our students will either be on track for graduation or prepared to progress to the next grade level as appropriate.

Our faculty and staff met this morning via Zoom for a very productive meeting and to continue to cooperatively plan for the best ways for instruction to be delivered to our students. Thank you for your feedback to your teachers on what is working well with your children and how we can most effectively serve them.

**You will receive an email from your child's teacher(s) today or tomorrow regarding specific information about plans following spring break.** We want to make sure everything is communicated this week, so that students are ready to begin when the break is over.

We do have several important year end activities and events that will need to be revised and/or rescheduled. More information will be forthcoming to you as we continue to monitor the national and local safety guidance and event details are finalized.

- We will continue to explore date options for the Jr-Sr. prom that was re-scheduled for May 1.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will not be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the committee will work on an alternate date.
- In addition, our senior's ISP (Independent Study Project) and standardized testing (ITBS) for grades 1-8 will not take place this year.
- Spring Break April 6-10 is still on!!

During this difficult time, I have seen incredible and humbling acts of kindness and compassion within our school, our local community, our state and our nation. Let us continue to encourage one another, our students, our faculty and staff and our fellow community members as we all navigate an unprecedented time in our history.

Please continue to check our website and email for updates, and please do not hesitate to call or email me at [dhowell@brentwoodschoo.org](mailto:dhowell@brentwoodschoo.org) if you have any questions or need anything.

Best Regards,

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