



## A Message from the Head of School

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

It is with much empathy I announce that ACS will be closed (including all extra and co-curricular activities), effective at the end of the school day today, March 13th. Although there have been no confirmed cases of Covid 19, we made this decision in response to the safety and needs of our community. We plan to remain closed through Spring Break, and tentatively reopen on Monday, April 6th. Our faculty will be on campus Monday, March 16th to prepare for online learning for our students, which will begin on **Tuesday, March 17th**.

We close with a heavy heart, as both the reasons for closing and the ensuing disruption, on all levels, will be far-reaching and painful for members of our community. Nevertheless, at this time, it is the right decision, and we stand ready to help as much as possible in this challenging time. For the next few days, you will hear from individual teachers and administrators as we provide additional information and support to our students with their online learning experiences. More instructions will follow. Fortunately, because we remained open this week, some teachers were able to begin working with their students, exploring remote learning capabilities, and getting a head start in the process. As I wrote previously, there will be some bumps along the way, but we hope to turn this into a creative, problem-solving, learning experience for all of us—and that is the essence of a great school!

I will be communicating regularly with families. The administrative leadership team and I will also be available throughout the coming days. Most of us will be on campus or close at hand, so please do not hesitate to let us know how we can best support you, your children, and your families. Our support extends beyond academics. We know families may need personal help or assistance, and we hope that our wonderful community will reach out to each other, as well.

We are asking students to take as many of their belongings as possible home with them today. If your child forgot something, you can come in between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm on Monday, March 16th, to retrieve their belongings. After that, you can email Peter Brown to schedule an appointment to come in.

Please stay safe, and know that we will get through these challenging times together. Stay tuned for further details about online learning in the next three days.

Sincerely,

**Paul Druzinsky**  
**Head of School**