



Charleston Day School

March 17, 2020

Dear Charleston Day School Families,

First, I want to take a moment to celebrate our exemplary faculty and staff. In a matter of days, everyone at Charleston Day School pulled together to provide your families with the tools and materials necessary to implement remote learning. This is an extraordinary group of individuals, and I am grateful to work alongside them each day.

As we move forward with the new normal at Charleston Day School, I wanted to take a moment to re-emphasize our commitment to partnering with you to continue to provide your family with a sense of community and connection. As such, we have created a remote learning plan that will allow students to remain connected to teachers, and for families to be supported during the challenging days ahead. As we indicated previously, **we will begin remote learning on Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20. There will be no scheduled remote learning next week (Spring Break).** We anticipate that there will be some glitches as we implement these plans and appreciate your patience and understanding as we refine this approach to learning. In order to assist you in preparing for and understanding how remote learning will occur, please click the links below:

[K-Grade 3 Remote Learning Instructions and Plan](#)

[Grades 4 and 5 Remote Learning Instructions and Plan](#)

[Grades 6-8 Remote Learning Instructions and Plan](#)

I also wanted to share some advice that has been circulated among independent school leaders regarding school closings. *The main purpose of school closings is to keep people apart so they do not spread the COVID-19 virus. What we've learned so far from the COVID-19 virus is that it's highly transmissible, even from people who don't exhibit symptoms. As such, it is recommended that during school closures you don't plan playdates or have group trips to the mall or other public places. These outings defeat the purpose of closing schools.*

As of this writing, the school will be closed to parents, students and visitors. For the most part, faculty, staff and administrators will not be on campus during the school closure, but all of us are available via email. We are continuing to monitor the overall COVID-19 situation and will provide information regarding the weeks beyond Spring Break at a later date.

Thank you so much for your partnership and patience as we embark on this journey together. Stay connected and take care of each other.

Warm regards,