



# Charleston Day School

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Dear Charleston Day School Families,

I hope that you and your family have had a chance to relax a little over the past week. As Spring Break week ends, I wanted to take a moment to update you regarding the next several weeks at Charleston Day School. As most of you are aware, in order to protect the health and safety of South Carolinians, Governor McMaster recently indicated that, *students, parents, and families should plan for South Carolina's schools to remain closed through the month of April*. As such, we anticipate that Charleston Day School will continue to operate utilizing Remote Learning during that time period. In the event that the Governor determines that schools may reopen earlier, we would immediately resume classes on campus. Last week, we offered two days of Remote Learning, which allowed the faculty to test the schedule and review the methods of delivery. As with any new program, we are already working through implementing several changes and improvements, including,

- Creating opportunities for our K - Grade 3 students to have real-time interaction with their teachers
- Creating an opportunity for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to present their speeches to a live audience of classmates and faculty members
- Adjusting the middle school schedule to allow for two sections of math in each grade level

We appreciate your patience as we continue to refine the delivery of Remote Learning. Please be on the lookout for emails from the Division Directors – they will provide updates regarding the specifics of any changes to your student's schedule or the Remote Learning plans.

As our students adjust to Remote Learning, we wanted to provide guidance regarding preparing them for their (new) school days.

- Please help your student create a productive work space. Attending class while in bed, by the pool or on a boat is distracting and can impact class productivity.
- Students should not walk around with their computers while attending a Zoom class – please don't walk to the kitchen, bathroom, take the dog for a walk, etc.
- Dress for Remote Learning may be casual, but we ask that your student wear a CDS shirt or top – CDS spirit wear, CDS t-shirts, CDS collared uniform shirts and CDS PE shirts are all acceptable. Please make sure that students wear bottoms 😊
- No food should be eaten during online classes.
- The behavior that we would expect in an on-campus classroom is the same behavior that will be expected in our remote learning classrooms.

Please know that everyone at Charleston Day School is working hard to create continuity, consistency, community and a caring environment as we deliver the curriculum remotely. We appreciate the confidence that you have in the school and the partnership that you offer us each day. We are in this together, so please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Stay connected and take care of one another.

Warm regards,