



# Charleston Day School

April 26, 2020

Dear Charleston Day School Families,

I hope that you had an opportunity to enjoy this weekend's beautiful weather. The spring in Charleston is magnificent, and I feel fortunate to live here. Despite there being no students on campus, there is constant activity. The facilities are being cleaned and sanitized, repairs are being made and day-to-day operations continue. Everyone at Charleston Day remains busy and engaged, including the bees in the science lab!

Following Governor McMaster's decision to close all K-12 school facilities for the remainder of the school year, I wanted to provide you with several updates regarding school operations.

1. Charleston Day School will continue to adhere to our current school calendar.
2. The last day of virtual classes will be May 22, 2020 and we will follow a full schedule on that day.
3. Given the unique characteristics of remote learning, there will be no final exams for students in grades 6-8. Students in those grades will continue to attend virtual classes through May 22, 2020.
4. Tuesday, May 26, 2020 will remain an all-school community service day and is being organized in a manner similar to virtual Field Day. Details on that event will follow.
5. The Awards Assembly and Closing Ceremony will be delivered remotely on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.
6. Given the current mandates regarding social distancing and size limitations on gatherings, we are reviewing options for graduation and will communicate information regarding that event shortly.
7. Instructions for returning school provided technology, books and other supplies and for picking up any personal items that were left at school will be forthcoming.
8. Families with students who have medication at school (EpiPens, inhalers, etc.) may contact Margi Marks at [margi.marks@charlestday.org](mailto:margi.marks@charlestday.org) to make arrangements to retrieve those items.

As we move through the remainder of the school year, there will be additional updates. We recognize the importance of the many milestones and events that are part of the Charleston Day School experience, and everyone at the school is working hard to reimagine and retool plans for remote delivery. We continue to focus on the school's mission of fostering scholarship, integrity, respect and responsibility in our students, and I've been amazed at the creativity and thoughtful approach of our faculty as they deliver on this mission.

Finally, thank you to all of the families who have already shared feedback with us regarding remote learning at CDS. The faculty has worked incredibly hard to approach remote learning in a decidedly Charleston Day manner – to provide continued connections with teachers while delivering an age appropriate and challenging curriculum. Although many of you have already provided feedback, we wanted to survey all of our families regarding their experience with remote learning so far. There are separate surveys for Kindergarten, Grades 1-5 and Grades 6-8. Please fill out the appropriate survey for your child(ren) by Tuesday, April 28.

[Kindergarten Survey](#)

[Grades 1-5 Survey](#)

[Grades 6-8 Survey](#)

As all of us navigate the challenges posed by COVID-19, we recognize that there may be financial or other issues for our families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us to confidentially discuss these issues. As always, we want to support our families in whatever way we can. Stay safe and thank you so much for your continued support and partnership.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.