

March 13, 2020

Dear St. Anne's School of Annapolis Families,

Governor Hogan announced yesterday major actions to try to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, including prohibiting gatherings of over 250 people and closing all Maryland public schools through Friday, March 27. He strongly advised private schools to do the same.

St. Anne's School of Annapolis wants and needs to do its part. To that end, we have planned the following:

- We will extend Spring Break through Wednesday, March 25 to allow our faculty to finalize preparations.
- We will initiate our Virtual/Distance Teaching and Learning (VDTL) plan on Thursday, March 26.
- Families will receive step-by-step directions at the beginning of the week of March 23 to access the VDTL website.
- Should we need to extend our VDTL plan beyond Friday, March 27, I will alert you as soon as possible. Please continue to check your email and our website for updates.

Our faculty convened on campus today to continue preparations for our VDTL Plan. While the content and skills we deliver through this plan will differ from the education we offer in school each day, we are confident that our dedicated and talented teachers will rise to this unprecedented and creative challenge. We are also privileged to collaborate with our fellow independent schools around the country in sharing best practices in order to provide the high-quality education to which our families are accustomed.

The situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve rapidly. We recognize that whatever our plans, we may need to adapt and make changes quickly. Know that I will continue to update you as we learn more.

Our community is distinguished by its sense of its kindness and mutual care. We at school will continue to provide resources on our COVID-19 website page to help you support your children during these uncertain weeks. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate this time together,

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