



May 8, 2020

Dear Trinity Families,

It was an inspiration to see so many of you at Family Chapel today as we honored the work of our faculty during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you for all your support - it's truly an honor and privilege for me to work with our faculty every day.

My goal is to continue to give you regular updates about future planning, even as the public health guidance for COVID-19 continues to evolve. Today I'd like to share how we're thinking about plans for the Fall. As always, please know that the health and safety of our community remains - and will remain - our primary goal.

We are actively and enthusiastically planning for students to return to campus this Fall for the 2020-2021 academic year. Of course, given the ongoing transmission of COVID-19, we recognize that contingency planning is both warranted and appropriate. We will continue to monitor updates from public health experts regarding changes to shelter-in-place standards. For our preschool program, we anticipate announcements from Community Care Licensing, Department of Social Services, while for our K-5 Program, updates will likely be shared by the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction and San Mateo County Office of Education.

As we re-imagine what school will look like in the Fall, we also recognize that it will not be "business as usual." We have already begun researching and procuring the necessary resources to ensure increased hygiene protocols, such as more frequent deep cleanings of our campus and "touchless" water bottle refilling stations. The administration and I will continue to be vigilant on this front.

We understand that there is the possibility that California may enter additional periods of shelter-in-place next year, until a COVID-19 vaccine is made widely available. With this in mind, we are also thinking now about how we can offer a comprehensive foundation for student learning should we require distance learning again in 2020-2021. This foundation would include integral support tools such as social-emotional support, physical activity, and social interaction in addition to core subjects and specials.

Finally, I know there are many questions about whether there might be "alternative" school models for the 2020-2021 academic year. These could include different daily and weekly schedules, revised breaks, and hybrid models of in-person and distance learning dependent on the path of COVID-19. We anticipate that some of the public agencies named above will begin to provide "educational blueprints" that detail how schools can safely open in the coming weeks, and we will keep you updated as we have more information.

This is truly one of the hardest periods for families -- on the cusp of Summer, with Fall around the corner, and many unknowns. I believe that we can rely upon each other to make it through these periods, together. My door is always open to you, and to your children if they ever need a chat with someone who cares about them. For now, please know that teaching and learning and the health and safety of this community is always foremost in our minds.

My best to you this weekend. Happy Mother's Day to our mothers, and to all who provide dedicated care for our students.

Matt

**Head of School**



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