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SENT VIA EMAIL TO DAY FAMILIES

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Dear Families of SAS Day Students,

Yesterday, the SAS administrative team voted unanimously to change our spring semester plans based on the COVID-19 pandemic. Our decisions are based on concern for the SAS community and a sense of civic responsibility.

Based on all that we know and our concerns about what we do not yet know, we have decided to suspend classes for students through March 25 and in-person classes through at least April 3. Beginning on Thursday, March 26, we will begin virtual classes, more information on this will be coming to you from Academic Dean Kelley Black and Educational Technology Coordinator Viva Reynolds. We promise much patience and grace in this process. We know that all of our families may not have reliable internet. We also know that continuing the educational process is important to everyone's well-being and to getting back on track once this virus runs its course. All afternoon programs, including athletics, are suspended. Please note that we are not closing campus. Offices will remain open.

We are asking that day students not come on campus. A team is working on delivering to students the items left in their lockers. More information on this will be forthcoming. If you hosted a boarding student during the break, Interim Dean of Students Geoffrey Smith will be in touch with you to arrange their return home or to campus.

We have canceled all large gatherings on our campus through April 3. Chaplain Molly Short is looking at ways to continue to provide spiritual sustenance and a sense of community for the SAS family. Mother Short will be available for counseling. We will also be implementing revised work period, learning support, and advisory programs so that each of our students will have several adults ready to provide them with support. Events after April 3, including Commencement, will be discussed at a later date.

When we set our goals of challenge, balance, and joy, we were not expecting quite so much challenge. Please know that our intention as we move forward is to get back to balance. And we PROMISE to find opportunities for joy, even if we have to share it virtually for a while.

This is the first of several communications. In the coming days we will be clarifying policies and plans for academic schedules, learning support, advising, etc. Stay tuned. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Karl J. Sjolund
Head of School