



March 13, 2020

Dear LACS and LACP Community,

In our effort to put the safety and health of our students and families first and the latest decision by the Santa Clara County Superintendents to close all public schools, LACS will be **closed for three weeks beginning Monday, March 16 through April 3, 2020. We are currently planning to resume on Monday, April 6. We are moving the regularly scheduled spring break earlier to March 29 through April 3.** We know that families may already have spring break plans so we will accommodate your student's absence. This unexpected school closure may provide a hardship for families regarding childcare. If you need childcare during the school closure, please contact Brad Burman at 650-823-0226. LACS has a plan to support our families with this need. Preschool families may contact Jessica Kang via email at jessica.kang@lacs.com.

All junior kindergarten through ninth grade teachers will be sending via email an optional work packet on Monday, March 16 for students to complete during the school closure that will contain two weeks of work.

We believe LACS provides a clean, safe learning environment and provides a high-quality education for all students. However, we are facing an unprecedented health crisis and new information is surfacing hourly. It is likely our community will be seeing more cases of COVID-19 in the coming weeks and months, which will require a measured, sustained response. For this reason, we are not providing distance learning during this three-week break period. In order to provide distance learning, we would need to require teachers to come to school. It is important that we protect our faculty and their families during this state of emergency and not put them at risk. It is critical that we take great care of our entire LACS community including our teachers.

Additional communications with respect to the definition and availability of critical services and educational continuity options for the upcoming weeks will be communicated during the break. In the event that the school closure exceeds three weeks, we will implement distance learning options at that time. We are fully prepared to provide a robust distance learning program when the time is right. Please check your email regularly for any additional updates.

Protecting public health requires a community-wide response, and we need the help of all LACS families to remain united in our response. Students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible to keep loved ones and adult family members safe. While children have not been shown to be a high-risk group for serious illness from COVID-19, they are still able to transmit the virus to populations who are most vulnerable to serious illness, such as older adults and those with compromised immune systems.

As parents, you are your child's first teacher, and you are your child's most influential teacher. Ongoing developments regarding COVID-19 may be overwhelming, especially to younger children. Parents can help children understand the situation better by discussing with them their concerns and answering their questions. Please let your children know that they are loved by God and He is in control.

Information is changing rapidly during this state of emergency so I will continue to keep you updated.

Thank you for your patience and partnership.

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.*

Sincerely,

Cathy Robinson
Head of Schools

Jessica Kang
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