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Dear St. George Families,

With the growing impact of COVID-19, many of you have been asking questions and expressing concerns about how this unprecedented situation may affect the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and families as we prepare to return from spring break. During these uncertain times, I urge you to first take comfort in the words and promises of our loving God, as recorded by the apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy:

***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” - 2 Timothy 1:7
King James Version (KJV)***

It is important to understand that no St. George student, faculty, or staff member has reported direct exposure to COVID-19. However, given the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation, and in order to best protect the community and prevent the unnecessary spread of illness, the leadership at St. George has decided the following:

- ***St. George will extend spring break for students and families for an additional week, through March 20th.*** The faculty and staff of St. George school will use this time to continue our efforts to build and transfer assignments and projects into our remote learning structure.
- ***Beginning the week of March 23, St. George will engage students in our remote learning program for two weeks, through April 3rd.*** Although the St. George remote learning plan is not meant to replicate a daily school experience, it is intended to be a good-faith effort to provide a degree of learning and student engagement during an extended closure. Depending upon how the COVID-19 situation unfolds, the school may shorten or extend the duration of remote learning, as needed.
- At this point, there are no plans to extend the 2019-2020 school year beyond the previously published end date of May 28, 2020, and remote learning will allow our students the opportunity to receive all necessary credits toward promotion and graduation.
- During this three-week period, all school activities and events will be canceled or postponed. (athletics, fine arts, community events, etc.).



- The detailed plans and schedules for remote learning, including a staggered schedule for picking up books and study materials from school, will be addressed in forthcoming email communications.

Please understand that the decision to extend Spring Break and transition to remote learning was made through a process of prayerful and careful conversation and deliberation. Our primary motivation, as always, is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all members of our community. By following the recommendations of the CDC to limit large group gatherings and other meetings that require being indoors and in close proximity of others for prolonged periods of time, we hope to contribute our part in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 within the larger community.

Although we are certainly in uncharted territory, we are blessed by the ongoing work of our outstanding faculty and staff who are working tirelessly to help keep our community safe and engaged, and by our amazing and resilient students and families.

May you find encouragement in the words of Paul to the Philippians :

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” - Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Respectfully,

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