



Update from the Head of School

March 16, 2020

Good Day St. Anne's Families,

Just two weeks ago, we left for Spring Break expecting time to relax and re-energize in preparation for the remainder of the school year. In a moment's time, we found ourselves in the midst of something we could not have imagined. The Coronavirus has taken us into uncharted territory, a place with no historical reference from which to draw. In these unprecedented times, our priority is to continue doing what is best to support the health, safety, and well-being of our community. We will continue to abide by the recommendations laid out by the CDC and State of Delaware, and we recognize the current situation presents a myriad of challenges. We plan to meet those challenges head on.

We know that we will not be able to replicate the St. Anne's classroom learning experience; however, our faculty will work to deliver the best distance learning experience to our children. Today was our first opportunity to connect as a full faculty, and while CDC Guidelines prevented us from meeting as a group, we were able to meet virtually via Google Meet to begin reviewing and planning our online learning approach for Middle, Lower, and Primary School. It was a very productive first day back, with faculty working collaboratively in grade level teams. You should expect to hear from your child's teacher/adviser via email sometime later today if you have not already.

As we get closer to sharing more detailed information about our distance learning plans, it is important to know that we are not expecting you to teach your child. In preparation for executing this plan, we are asking all families to complete this survey (also linked below) to let us know about your internet access as well as equipment available to your child. In the event that your child has books, notebooks and personal items to collect from his/her locker or cubby, we will have the building open on Tuesday, March 17 - Friday, March 20 from 9:00am - 2:00pm. Please check in at the front desk. Should you have any questions or concerns, please send your questions to the following email address covid@stannesde.org and continue

to check the website for event updates and schedule changes.

Lastly, please know that we will get through this challenging time. The strength of a community is determined by how it responds in times like these. The foundation of St. Anne's Episcopal School is solid and it will take much more than this to shake us. Our theme this year has been Courage and these words help me to keep my focus during challenging times. Thank you for your continued faith in our school and community. #HeronStrong #HeronProud

"Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Sincere Regards,

Barry

Distance [Learning Survey](#)