

March 26, 2020

Dear Families/Caregivers and Staff,

Remote Learning Extended

Our initial plan for remote learning was for two weeks. At the time I also asked you to anticipate that we might not return until April 20. Presently we are extending remote learning until the beginning of spring break with the *possibility* of returning April 20. We will reassess prior to April 20 to determine whether or not remote learning will be further extended.

We will **maintain the spring break week (April 13-17) as scheduled on the 2019-2020 calendar**. Our hope is that families and staff will have a chance to relax and rejuvenate that week free from classroom obligations.

Ice Hockey Coach of the Year

Coach Mark Janifer, Varsity Ice Hockey Coach, was named NJ.com Ice Hockey Coach of the Year. You can [read all about it](#), and enjoy reflecting on the spirited season our team had competing for the McGinnis Cup for the first time since 2003. The student and community support was phenomenal, and we will see those times again!

Emotional Support

With the loss of the structure and routine of school, children may display feelings of sadness, confusion, anxiety, anger and more. Clinical-developmental psychologist and parent Dr. Barbara Stroud has created a [presentation for parents/caregivers](#) with tips on how to manage the emotional responses and developmental needs of children during this crisis. Dr. Stroud provides information and skills to support children's emotional health and mental well-being and build necessary skills of resilience.

New Format for COVID-19 Updates

There is a wealth of information regarding the COVID-19 health crisis, and I want to bring you the most pertinent in a streamlined fashion so you can readily and easily find what you need. In the coming weeks, I will send updates as bulleted lists, like the one attached. **Please be sure to read the attached COVID-19 Notification No. 12**, as it has our most up-to-date information.

Support for One Another

Many thanks to our staff and families for working together to support the continuation of learning in these challenging times. I greatly appreciate how everyone has pitched in to be helpful!

Sincerely,
Dr. Nathan Parker