Coronavirus Update: School Schedule Changes

Dear Athenian Upper School Families,

We know this is a difficult time for students and families as we deal with changes in plans associated with the coronavirus outbreak and the stress that this may cause. We are taking extensive preventive measures while remaining conscious of the flexibility and understanding required to deal with this emerging public health crisis. Thank you for your patience and partnership as we navigate this unprecedented situation together.

We remain at Risk Level 2 and there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Athenian community. However, we have made several schoolwide decisions that are outlined below.

- **March Term classes have been cancelled in order to limit travel and field trips to other parts of the Bay Area.**
- **Upper School classes are cancelled from Wednesday, March 11 - Friday, March 13 (in addition to our previously planned long weekend)**
- **Middle School classes are cancelled on Wednesday, March 11 (in addition to our previously planned long weekend)**

Please see below for more detailed information:

**Upper School Closure March 11-13**

Upper School classes will be cancelled next week. On Monday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 10 teachers will finalize third quarter grades and write narrative comments. From Wednesday, March 11 - Friday, March 13, Upper School faculty will develop lesson plans for the remainder of March and engage in distance learning preparation. While we are hopeful that we will not have to close the school this spring, we believe that we need to prepare our community for this possibility. Please note that athletic games and competitions will take place as scheduled next week. Athletes can expect follow-up communication from their coaches. Any athletes with transportation issues should reach out to Darek Cliff and Josie Chapman.

**Upper School Classes from March 16 - April 1**

Upper School students will attend their regularly scheduled classes from Monday, March 16 - March 31. Students on AWE will not be responsible for the material covered during this time. Faculty will not assign homework in order to give students a chance to decompress and to honor the “mental break” that many students were anticipating with March Term. Please note that in the event that we have to move to a distance learning model, there will be, by its very nature, a homework component. We plan to hold a modified “Tim Holm Day” on Wednesday, April 1 before AWE Run-In and Spring Break will begin as scheduled on April 2.

**AWE**

AWE will run as planned and students going to Death Valley will not be responsible for the academic content covered from March 16 - March 31. AWE Run-In will take place as planned on Wednesday, April 1. Please note that AWE ends on April 2 following the mandatory evening banquet.

We apologize for the inconvenience that these changes may cause you and your family, and we appreciate your understanding. The safety of our community, in addition to the continuation of learning, is our top priority.

Sincerely,
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