Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Dear Athenian Parents:

Instead of my usual Wednesday update, I am writing today with a call to action. The idea of service has been at the heart of Athenian since its founding. Now more than ever, we are being called to put this pillar into motion.

During the early weeks of the pandemic, Athenian donated its stock of N95 masks to healthcare workers, hosted a blood drive, and printed 3D face shields for a local hospital in the Carter Innovation Center. Many Athenian students, alumni, and parents are finding creative ways to help out too, showing that the ethos of service is alive and well at Athenian.

The coronavirus pandemic is impacting all of us, and for many in our community, that impact is coming in the form of economic hardship. Jobs have been lost and savings depleted. Some Athenian families have expressed uncertainty about their ability to fulfill their full tuition obligation for the 2020-2021 school year. As we plan for the coming academic year, Athenian is committed to doing all that it can to keep its community whole. This includes raising additional dollars for tuition assistance for families encountering unexpected financial hardship.

We understand that many individuals and families are simply not in a position to make charitable gifts at this time. Others, however, have told us they are ready to help. If this is you, please consider a gift that will enable a student to return to Athenian next year and help us keep our community intact.

With appreciation,
Eric F. Niles

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