

Reminder: Supply Pick-Up Tomorrow, 7:30-9:30a.m. Update #5-- March 18, 2020

Good morning Eagles,

I'll try to keep this update short - or at least shorter than recent correspondence!

Last night we learned that Kansas schools will be closed through the end of the school year. While we anticipated this announcement, it did not make it any easier to hear. All of us are so sad that many of our traditions, as we've known them, are cancelled this year. However, we are determined to make the best of this situation and will recreate our Beyond the Book experiences in new, innovative ways!

And while we just can't believe that our hallways won't be filled with your children's joyous laughter in the near future...I'm thrilled with the plans our teachers have for your students through Distance Learning. If you have not already heard from your teacher about this, you can expect an email from them later today.

We can't wait for Distance Learning to begin! It will be so good to "see" all of your faces again!

Reminders

- **Today, March 18, 2020:** If your child is in Lower School, classroom teachers will provide you with instructions to allow time for troubleshooting tomorrow before Distance Learning begins on Friday. If your child is in Middle School, you'll receive a comprehensive schedule update from school administration.
- **Tomorrow, March 19, 2020:** The school will be open from 7:30-9:30 a.m. for parents to pick-up Chromebooks, worksheets, or any specific materials teachers prepare for Distance Learning. Please bring a backpack or tote to transport these materials. Lower School teachers have collected everything your child needs on your child's desk. Middle School supplies are organized by each student's name in the Commons. **Teachers will not be onsite during this time - please email them if you have questions.** We ask that you limit the amount of time you are on campus. This time is for Distance Learning pick-up only.
- **Friday, March 20, 2020:** Distance Learning officially begins. If you have any difficulties, please let your teacher know. You may also call the office number from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for assistance: 785-228-0490.

New Dates/Info

- **Friday, March 20, 2020:** We will provide Online Storytime for Prekindergarten through Second Grade students at 10:30 a.m., via Facebook Live. Online Storytime will continue the following week, March 23-27 at 10:30 a.m. Check out our Facebook Page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/TopekaCollegiateSchool>.
- **Saturday, March 21, 2020:** We will send you an email solely focused on mental health and your family's well-being - including links to resources and ideas we've collected over the past couple weeks.
- **Friday, March 27, 2020:** We will send the Collegiate Connection, as normally scheduled. We are collecting photos from the first week of Distance Learning to include in this email. If you have some you'd like included, please send them to sayhello@topekacollegiate.org!

If you do not feel comfortable coming into the building, I am happy to deliver materials to your car, during the designated pick-up time. Please text me directly: 913-207-0288 with your student's name, car description and time you'll be arriving for pick-up.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lyn Rantz, Head of School