



Office of the Principal

March 20, 2020

Dear Cheverus Community,

I'm writing to fill you in on some details following Fr. Pecoraro's announcement that all in-person classes will be cancelled through the end of April Break. This news allows us to plan ahead and make sound decisions about how to best support our students, families, faculty and staff.

First, in order to allow our teachers more time to prepare, train and adjust to this lengthened period of remote learning, we will host a professional development and planning day for teachers next **Tuesday, March 24**. This means that no video-conferencing (Google Meet, Zoom, etc.) will occur next Tuesday; however, students will still be expected to work on assignments from teachers in preparation for classes on Wednesday.

Other impacts of the cancellation of in-person classes through April 24 include:

Senior Exams: the senior exams scheduled for April 14-18 have been cancelled. Teachers will be asked to assign 4th quarter grades to senior classes without the traditional seated exam period. Teachers may choose to give modified final exams during their own class periods.

April Calendar Events: while most events on our April calendar will be cancelled or postponed, Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Spring Break will remain as school holidays; classes will not meet during these scheduled school breaks. We will continue to keep the COVID-19 section of our website updated, and the Cheverus Newsletter will continue to be published on Sunday afternoons.

AP Exams: today we learned from the College Board that AP exams will not be administered in-person as they traditionally have been. The College Board is working on plans to allow students to take AP exams at home and will release more information about the schedule and details of such exams by April 3. According to the College Board website students wishing to cancel their AP registration can do so at no charge, and for this year we will drop our requirement that all students enrolled in an AP class must take the exam. [Click here to read more about AP exams.](#)

Beyond April: we are aware of the questions and anxieties regarding the events of May and beyond, particularly for our seniors. We are working on contingency plans for the Arrupe Project and other senior events should this closure go beyond the end of April Break. We will communicate any changes to our May/June calendar as soon as we feel we can confidently do so.

Finally, I want to share my enormous gratitude to our teachers and students. Over the past week as our personal and professional lives were turned upside down, our teachers came together, figured out how to transition the great work they do with students into this new reality, and pushed forward with immense energy and courage. Through this transition we've seen so much new thinking, creative approaches, and collaboration. And our students have risen to the occasion as well.

THANK YOU CHEVERUS!

Peace,
John Moran
Principal