March 13, 2020

Dear Cheverus Community,

I'm writing to you once again in the spirit of transparency and communication. At the end of the school day today I made the following announcement to students:

"Good Afternoon. I’m sorry to interrupt the last few minutes of class but I need a few minutes of your attention before the weekend. You should be aware by now that these are anxious and unprecedented times. As Mrs. King’s prayer this morning reminded us, we need to be thinking of those people who are suffering, who live in fear, and who are racing to the aid of those affected by the Coronavirus.

I ask that you continue to keep those people and our world in your prayers over the weekend. It is natural with all that is going on to feel caught up in the excitement, and it’s also common to feel that there is a level of hysteria attached to all this news. However, we are calling on you to approach these times with a level of seriousness and maturity that goes above and beyond what we normally ask, and frankly a level we know you are capable of. These are times when we ask you more than ever to “Be a Cheverian”.

You know that we are planning for a pilot day of remote learning on Tuesday. Those plans are still in place, and as I speak to you now I expect we will be seeing you all on Monday morning. However, considering how quickly things have changed over the past week we think it would be prudent for students to take as many of your books and materials as you can home today in case we need to make a more abrupt decision over the weekend.

If anything changes between now and Monday morning, we will use our usual phone-blast and email notifications to let you know."

Also, we were informed today by the MPA that the start of all interscholastic spring sports has been delayed to Monday, April 27. As this situation continues to unfold by the day and the hour, we ask that you continue to check our COVID-19 communications page on our website for updates.

Peace,

John Moran