



Dear SOF families,

As many of you may already know, the Mayor just announced that in order to contain the spread of Covid-19, that NYC schools are closed until April 20th - after the planned Spring Break - at which point they will attempt to open schools again.

Although we think it is the right decision, we are sad to be away from one another and our students for this long. We also know that even though many students say that they 'hate school', they in some way love and or need their SOF community. I imagine that though this may feel exciting for them, it's also probably kind of scary.

School will be open this week for grab and go breakfast and lunch. Please come if you want!

As the mayor indicated, all staff will come to school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to plan and prepare. And as much as we'll be thinking about curriculum, we will be thinking about community - and how to not only stay connected with and take care of, but to deepen and create with, our SOF family.

I know the Mayor indicated that remote learning will start on March 23rd, but because we already have a solid remote learning / remote community infrastructure, **starting tomorrow:**

- **Work will now be posted between 8:30 and 9:30 am each day.** Students should pace themselves throughout the day across classes to complete their work, and can be in email and/or g/chat communication with teachers throughout the day. **All work will be due by 4:00 (or on the indicated due date for longer term assignments).**
- Teachers will be updating grades in pupil path regularly and will be giving feedback to students via google classroom. Again, students should connect with teachers via email and gchat throughout the day with any questions.

We will send out more updates as we meet and form plans Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

I imagine we will have updates on daily 'attendance' expectations, grading policies, specifics about counseling and other related services, updates about Exhibitions, State exams, AP exams, and plans to integrate video conferencing capabilities.



Finally, I know our parent community wants to come together and build support networks for one another. So stay tuned as we work with our PA and interested parents to build this capacity as well.

There is much opportunity for creative solutions and loving community in this crisis and I look forward to being a part of all the magic the SOF community creates!

We will be in touch soon!

Warmly,

Stacy, Katherine John and the SOF Staff