

# Louisville Adventist Academy

*"Soaring Higher"*



March 13, 2020

Greetings, parents.

It is amazing what can happen in a week. During this past week, we have made some major efforts to keep our students and faculty healthy. Each day, every classroom has sanitized their desks, handles, computers, microwaves, tables, etc. We have required the students to wash their hands on a much more routine basis. We eliminated assembling the entire school into one room at chapel by having worship in each individual classroom. During our morning prayer before school starts, we stopped holding hands. We also reduced the flow of people into the school after school dismissal by asking parents to remain in their cars.

But now it has come to the point where we need to take the next step. We have received official notice that **school will be closing for at least the next two weeks, March 16-27.**

We will be utilizing snow days and spring break for these initial two weeks of no school. We have 7 remaining snow days built into our school year, and these days have been approved to be used for this health crisis in a similar fashion. **Our spring break has been moved up a week from March 30 – April 3 to March 23-27.** Thus, because we are using vacation and snow days, *there will be no school work for the next two weeks.*

This coming week, the teachers will meet to sanitize their classrooms again, followed by our janitorial company cleaning the buildings. The teachers will also be using this time to prepare materials for the students to work from home if we need to close for longer than two weeks.

Starting March 30<sup>th</sup>, (*assuming we will still be closed at that time*), we plan to begin virtual/distance learning schooling. Students in grades 5-12 will work primarily online via Google Classroom, with individual accommodations made for any that do not have online access. Younger students will have individual folders with schoolwork placed in the school foyer for pickup – specific details on that process will come as we get closer. Most teachers have sent textbooks home today so the students will have the resources they need to do their school work at home.

Please bear with us as we, too, are working through this unusual situation for the first time. We are doing our utmost to continue to meet the educational standards for each student. We will continue to update you as needed.

Sincerely,

David Matthews  
Principal