



March 20, 2020

Dear Latin Community,

Just after sending this week's *Legenda*, in which I shared the tentative schedule for reopening our building on April 1, Mayor Bowser made a public announcement that all DC public schools will remain closed through April 24 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The District's charter schools, including Washington Latin, are expected to follow DCPS' operating status.

Washington Latin will follow the Mayor's order and continue remote operations through Friday, April 24. Our Distance Learning Plan remains in effect through April 24 for all students and all grades. Here is a summary of the schedule for the coming weeks:

- Next week, March 23-27, is our previously scheduled Spring Break.
- On Monday, March 30, virtual classes will resume for all students with the same system as established for this week. We will send more details about this before classes Monday the 30th, but ***all Latin students should plan on working remotely on Monday 3/30.***
- All Latin extracurricular activities, athletic events (practices and games), field trips, and other gatherings of all kinds currently scheduled for March 30 - April 24 are cancelled as well. This specifically includes:
 - The Distinguished Speaker Series on Monday 4/6
 - The 9th grade field trip to see *King Lear* in Baltimore on Wednesday 4/8
 - The previously cancelled Bacchanalia parties for parents the weekend of 4/3-5
- Other school activities on the calendar for April may also be postponed or cancelled; we will be in touch with you all once we have had a chance to discuss internally.

Finally, we also learned today that the DC Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) hopes to cancel DC-wide testing due to the extended closure. We therefore do not expect to have PARCC testing this spring. In addition, the College Board is canceling the SAT and SAT Subject Test administration scheduled for May 2, 2020 and will post additional testing dates soon.

As I wrote to you this afternoon in our weekly *Legenda*, this situation is evolving very quickly and we are working hard to keep ahead of the many changes the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to our lives. I urge you to follow the guidance on social distancing so we can "flatten the curve" and move beyond this crisis. And I hope you will reach out to any one of us at Latin if your family is facing any kind of difficulty during this closure. We care about all members of our community and want to make sure that you all have what you need to weather this unexpected storm.

I hope you all enjoy the break, taking in the beautiful spring weather we are enjoying (but at a 6-foot distance from others!) Remember to check the [closure resources page](#) for some ideas on what to do next week, even as we observe social distancing. Be well, and we will be back in touch before distance learning starts up again on Monday 3/30.

Sincerely,

Peter

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