

May 1, 2020

Dear VCS parents and families:

Thank you so much for your patience and endurance during March and April. As we finish our 5th week of remote learning, I trust that everybody is continuing to stay safe and healthy. As always, safety is our primary concern.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank VCS parents and guardians for helping more than ever during the 4th quarter with the education of your children. This year has been like no other.

Thank you, also, to my VCS leadership team for working countless hours alongside me as we navigate this unprecedented COVID quarantine event.

I want to particularly thank VCS teachers and support staff for creating new and unique lessons, making all those phone calls, informing parents, and encouraging student motivation.

After the uncertainty of not being able to return to school after March 11th, I am so proud of the work that our VCS staff compiled with limited resources and in such a short amount of time. In fact, since March 11th, we have all pulled together as a school community and have taken great steps in making the best of the challenges we face through the COVID quarantine. Well done!

As we roll through the last three weeks of the 2019-20 school year, we're already looking ahead to next year. As you have likely seen from recent news sources, and also advised by our own Governor Polis, we are preparing for both a "Regular" and a "Remote" start for the 2020-21 school year. Fortunately, we have a lot of experience with a regular start and that planning, which involves necessary social distancing changes, is already well underway. However, if we do ultimately face a remote start, we are excited about that challenge too, and have every confidence in our ability to roll out the most meaningful and equitable Remote Learning Program (RLP) for all 1100+ Vanguard Classical School East and West students. Unlike the conditions right after March 11th, we now have the luxury of time to research, evaluate, choose, and train VCS staff and students with the remote platform models that will serve us best for an upcoming virtual school year.

As a part of this process, we will be visiting with your VCS Board of Directors over the next week to discuss our RLP process; particularly known successes and challenges. Our focus will be on determining the highest quality remote engagement platform for all VCS students. We plan on communicating frequently with VCS families once we have the main components of our RLP chosen and in the pipeline, which we envision happening through the remainder of May and into June. And of course, we also very much look forward to a time, hopefully soon, when we can get back to normal and enjoy regular face-to-face instruction and interaction with those we love so much, our VCS students and families.

Sincerely,

Jay Cerny and the Vanguard Classical School East and West Leadership Team



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