

Parent Communication/Update - COVID-19
March 13th, 2020

Dear Renaissance Families,

Thank you to all those who have already reached out to contact me with questions or to report their current family situation. Please continue to email me at savery@renacademy.org with any questions you may have about health issues, absences or school protocols with respect to the coronavirus (COVID-19). I will respond to all emails as quickly as possible. I will also send updated communication frequently over the next few days and weeks as we continue to make decisions and preparations for the possibility of school closure if required by the health department. Our administrative team and teachers are currently working quickly and efficiently to formulate a plan to continue our students online education in the unfortunate event that we are required to close temporarily. Thank you for your patience and support as we work to move through this uncertain situation together as a school community. We hope to maintain as much normalcy for our students as possible at school to enable them to continue to feel safe, learn, and grow.

1. COVID-19 Action Plan

Please click on the following link to access information regarding our Renaissance Academy COVID-19 Action Plan.

<https://renacademy.org/covid-19-action-plan>

2. Regular School Schedule Next Week 3/16-20

Our school schedule will continue as per usual next week, despite changes announced by Alpine District. We are already working closely with our teachers to prepare and train them for the possibility of online school in the unfortunate event that we are required to close for a period of time. We have teacher training scheduled this afternoon, Friday, March 13th.

3. Limiting Gatherings of 100+ people

Although we plan to continue with our regular school schedule, in light of Governor Herbert's address and recommendation yesterday we will be limiting mass gathering of 100 or more people at Renaissance. We have reviewed our upcoming school calendar between now and spring break (3/13-4/3), please see below for information on specific events and activities. We will continue to review the calendar each week and send updated communication regarding any events or activities that may need to be cancelled or postponed.

- a) **Student Assemblies** - All assemblies involving 100+ student/faculty/parents scheduled between 3/13-4/3/2020 will be cancelled. This includes the BOB final assembly, Aladdin Jr. production assemblies, any grade level productions/presentations or events as detailed below.
- b) **Battle of the Books 3/20** - Our final BOB competitions scheduled for 3/20 will continue as scheduled without an assembly audience. All students should continue to prepare to battle, we will keep the battles to small groups of competitors only. Unfortunately, no students, parents or faculty who are not participating in the battles will be able to attend.
- c) **Aladdin Jr. Production 3/26-28** - Aladdin Jr. practices will continue as scheduled since all practices are done in small groups of less than 100 people. Unfortunately, we are cancelling our Aladdin Jr. student assemblies and performances currently scheduled for March 26th-28th. To celebrate the hard work of our students and continue to allow them to perform, we plan to film each cast at dress rehearsal and make an 'Aladdin Jr.' movie for all students and families involved. If your student is involved in Aladdin Jr, please look out for a communication from Ms. Kinder within the next 24 hours. Please note, unfortunately parents are not able to attend any dress rehearsals of Aladdin Jr. in accordance with the Governor's recommendation yesterday. We thank all parents in advance for adhering to this request.
- d) **Field Trips** - We have two upcoming field trips scheduled on March 24th (4th-grade Hogle Zoo) and March 25th (3rd-grade Aquarium). Provided these locations remain open, we will continue to move forward with our scheduled field trips and ensure students maintain small groups for the entire duration of the field trip (i.e., multiple buses, different locations for student lunch, small chaperone groups etc).
- e) **Classic Skate Night 3/18** - Our FEC classic skate night currently scheduled for next Wednesday March 18th is cancelled. This event may be rescheduled later in the year.
- f) **Lunch and Recess** - We currently stagger our student outdoor and lunch recess times to prevent too many students in the lunchroom or on the playground at any given time. We will continue with this practice moving forward and will evaluate any possible changes as needed.
- g) **After School Activities** - Our current after school programs do not contain groups of 100+ people in any single gathering, as such we will continue after-school activities as per usual until further notice.

4. Missed Work

If your students are absent from school, please continue as usual and follow school procedure to work closely with your students teacher directly to coordinate any missed work or assignments.

5. Preparation for Home-Based Student Learning (Online School)

We are currently working closely with teachers to develop our online school procedures and protocol in the event that school is closed. Once the details are finalized, we will send out clear instructions and a video tutorial to all families detailing how their students will continue to access

their learning, communicate with their teacher/s and progress through grade level content if they are not able to attend school on campus. I will also be sending out a survey to all families later today regarding student device and online access at home, to ensure all students are considered and accounted for as we prepare for the possibility of school closure. Please watch your email closely for this information.

6. Excusing Student Absences

We encourage all families to make the best decision for your students when taking into consideration your individual family situation. If you choose to keep your student/s home from school, or they are absent for any other reason over the next few weeks (i.e., due to vacation, sickness not related to COVID-19, appointments etc.), please report their absence online at <https://renacademy.org/excuse-absence> and email me directly at savery@renacademy.org if you have any questions, concerns or suspect the absence may be in any way related to COVID-19.

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