



Longleaf School of the Arts

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Good morning LSA Community,

As a precaution against the coronavirus, Longleaf will convert to an extended learning platform beginning Thursday, March 19 through Friday, April 3. Please note, this is a precautionary measure and there are no reported cases. All students and staff members will utilize Google Suite to continue the learning process online. Teachers will be involved in professional development workshops Monday, March 16, through Wednesday, March 18, to prepare for the transition.

There will be no school for students next Monday through Wednesday.

We will begin online Thursday, March 19, by following the "A" schedule at our usual class time of 8:30 AM. Teachers will either have all assignments uploaded and prepared for students to complete during the period or they will be present, virtually, to begin the lesson. We will follow the "B" schedule Friday, March 20. The following two weeks, March 23 through April 3, will reflect the weekly A-B-A-B, C schedule. Attendance will be taken through a Google form which will be submitted each day. All assignment due dates and specific assignment information will be provided in each teacher's Google Classroom. Lunch will begin at 11:20 AM and end at 12:40 PM on "A" and "B" days. Each "C" day, lunch will begin at 11:25 AM and end at 12:35 PM.

In order to ensure successful implementation of our online instructional platform, we will need the assistance of our LSA parents/guardians. Teachers will resend Google Classroom access invitations to parents/guardians on Tuesday, March 17. Like most accredited virtual programs, there must be an adult willing to be the accountability partner to communicate with teachers, if needed, and check for any incomplete or missing assignments on a daily basis. If a student is missing any required submissions, a report will be sent to the parent/guardian (accountability partner) by email.

The dates for spring break will remain **April 6 through April 10**. Hopefully, we will be able to return to the school building Monday, April 13.

I would like to express a few very special thank yous to all members of our LSA community! Teachers, thank you for being more than willing to make several adjustments to deliver the same level and caliber of instruction for our students. You ALL are AMAZING! Thank you to our dynamic board of directors for remaining supportive of the school administration team throughout the planning process. Department chairs, thank you for your outstanding leadership. Parents, thank you for caring communication and your super suggestions shared with Nurse Jude and me. We will ALL continue to work diligently together to successfully implement our extended learning platform!

Superstar students, it is your time to shine by demonstrating the **LSA Way!** We know you will respond responsibly to the level of **Rigor** provided in this new online **Community** by submitting your **Creative** and **Authentic** work!

Please let us know by Tuesday, March 17, if your family needs assistance with following the extended learning plan. Send your request to office@longleafschool.com.

LSA Board of Directors will have a special meeting to review the plan on Saturday, March 14. Any additions or revisions will be immediately communicated to our school community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Johneka S. Williams
Head of School