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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know, student and staff safety and health is a top priority. Calvary Academy Administration has been proactive in this fluid situation and made the decision to use snow days Monday – Wednesday in anticipation of mandated closure. As of today at 2pm, The Governor will be announcing that all schools, both public and private must be closed for two weeks. We will be **closed at this time until March 30th**; then, we **will reassess the situation as we get closer to that date in accordance with state guidelines**. That means that all campus activities are cancelled, including the Auction for this coming Saturday, March 21st. We intend to reschedule the auction for later this Spring.

Student growth and success is very important to us and during this time of uncertainty, learning will continue to ensure that students continue to receive instruction that allows them to maintain and advance their skills. Calvary will be providing K-12 distance learning. Teachers will be reaching out to their classes individually but please know that our upper school students will access their lessons/work via Microsoft Teams, and also our Pre-K-2nd grade students will use Microsoft Teams. (Just on a more limited level) Elementary students in grades 3,4, and 5 will continue to use class Dojo as their means of communication and online learning to ensure uninterrupted services.

Mr. DeFranza will be sending out a tutorial for students and parents to help our students to feel more comfortable navigating Microsoft Teams. Thankfully, our 9-12th grade students are very familiar with One Note and have been using it for the past year. Our 6-8th grade have been set up with Teams and will also be able to access lessons from home. The teachers have been working diligently on lesson plans and methods of delivering instruction so that our students will be able to continue learning. We recognize that there will be glitches, so I am asking you to please be patient and flexible with us as we work out the logistics. Our remote learning plans will go live beginning **Monday, March 23rd. This Thursday and Friday** our teachers will be reaching out to their classes in an attempt to get the students familiar with the online platform. Please keep your eyes out for these emails so that your child can participate. It is important for your students to keep up with their online work daily so we can assess and issue grades for the work they do remotely. As long as students complete their work, we will not be required by the state to make up these days.

If for some reason you do not have internet at home, Comcast is offering free internet for 60 days; details are available through this link: <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

Sincerely,


Mrs. Stephanie Cruz