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Dear Families,

We hope this email finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

Thank you to those of you who were able to join our Community Meeting via Zoom on March 25th at either 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Although the essence of those announcements and questions were updated on the WMPCS COVID-19 web page, a few of the main points are as follow:

- School officially resumes Monday, March 30th via remote learning through May 15th
- Children's House (CH), Lower (LE) and Upper (UE) Elementary have set up google classrooms for students to access/submit assignments
- Secondary I and II will continue with Schoology and implement Zoom meetings
- Beginning Monday, 3-30, UE students who do not have access to a computer, contact the office to borrow a chromebook; you will sign a computer use agreement and pledge to return the chromebook.

As the school's directors, we continue to be in contact with multiple authorities for guidance; on Friday, we met virtually with the State Board of Education for the latest information on remote learning. A summary of important points:

- Remote learning is defined as learning that takes place outside of the traditional school setting using various media and formats, such as but not limited to: video conference, telephone conference, print material, online material, or learning management systems.
- Students and staff will maintain *consistent* communication.
- Students will communicate to staff *evidence* of learning.
- Staff will communicate *feedback* to students.
- Seniors, who were passing on March 13th, will graduate this year.

We are thankful that the State's guidelines are flexible. During this time of alternative learning, that flexibility allows us to continue our commitment to the Montessori philosophy of educating the whole child/adolescent. We understand that every family has a unique situation with different needs; as such, we will do our utmost to be adaptable during these next weeks and at the same time, challenge our students to progress wholly.

Please know we miss your children/adolescents and are here to help both you and them navigate the learning curve of remote learning. Our emphasis is on offering opportunities for continued academic growth, on assisting in your student's social and emotional growth while focusing on keeping him engaged in learning.

Finally, as stressful as these days may be for some of us, we want school to be a bright spot in your routines. Learning is life-long and presents itself in many forms; we encourage your students to take advantage of all opportunities in the days to come. Contact classroom guides for specific instructions or questions and we remind you to use the Q & A google form on the school's COVID-19 page.

Thank you for all that you do,

Darla and Austin