

Monday, April 27, 2020

Dear Summit Families,

The Board of Trustees met virtually on Monday, April 20th, and would like to share the following [statement](#) with The Summit community. The next virtual Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Board President, [Susan Miranti](#), no later than Friday, May 15th.

Last Friday, April 24th, faculty and administration attended a professional development webinar with Burrell to focus on wellness and self-care during the COVID-19 crisis. We are reminded of the importance of connecting with others while physically distancing, incorporating movement throughout our day, and taking time to breathe as we engage in self-care. We have reached out to Burrell for the slideshow content to share as we believe it is a valuable resource for all our families to open a conversation about stress, emotions, and coping during COVID-19. Please look for this information to be shared in the upcoming edition of the Raven Report.

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, The Summit will be offering a complimentary screening of the IndieFlix Original documentary [Angst](#) to our community in early May. This 56 minute film is appropriate for ages 10 and up and is designed to raise awareness around anxiety. [Click here to watch the trailer for Angst](#). The goal of the documentary, and [accompanying materials](#), “is to help people identify and understand the symptoms of anxiety and encourage them to reach out for help.” Please look for additional information about this film in this week’s Raven Report and from Summit Guidance Counselor, Becky Breckner.

Additionally, our teachers were able to review feedback from the second survey last week and meet virtually to discuss additional improvements to our distance learning plan through the end of the school year. **The final due date for assignments will be Friday, May 8th.** Monday, May 11th-Thursday, May 14th will be an opportunity for students and parents to schedule optional end-of-year conferences with teachers. Progress reports will be emailed to parents on Friday, May 15th. Please review the [Distance Learning Grading & Assessment](#) policy. If you have questions or need additional support for your student or family, please connect with your classroom teacher, grade level mentor, or administration to discuss options for assignment completion.

Tomorrow is the date we had previously scheduled to celebrate Grandfriends Day at school. Now, more than ever, it is important to maintain social connection and community even while we are physically distancing. We will still be celebrating Grandfriends Day virtually to share our learning with our grandfriends. Check out how [Lower School](#) and [Upper School](#) will be celebrating with their grandfriends this year! Teachers will still be hosting their regularly scheduled class meetings, advisory, and office hours.

We are also happy to announce another celebratory update--we have set a date for graduation! This year, graduation will be held at the Springfield Art Museum on Tuesday, July 14th. We look forward to celebrating our seniors and their achievements with their families. Additional details will be released to The Summit community in the coming weeks. If you have not already done so, please consider sharing a few words of encouragement to our graduating seniors to be shared next month in the Raven Report: [Celebrating the Class of 2020](#).

Sincerely,

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Head of School

Susan Miranti
Board of Trustees, President