

Good Evening!

What a difference a week can make! Our world has forever changed in the last seven days and will continue to change in the future. I hope this message finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

Starting today, I will be sending updates to all parents and students on Monday and Friday evenings. Monday's email will focus on informing you about what will be happening the upcoming week. Friday's email will focus on the progress that we made. In respect of your time, I will keep the rest of this communication to you as pointed as possible.

Quote of the day:

"I do not think that there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature." - John D. Rockefeller

Updates:

All MSA staff have been spending numerous hours daily working on a comprehensive Distance Learning Plan that will be equitable for our students when we begin our distance learning on March 30th. Details regarding this plan will be released next week. Distance learning will look much different than the in-person learning our students have experienced.

The Communications Committee has been working on a webpage that will be put on the MSA website and active on Monday afternoon. The webpage will be a portal of information regarding the COVID-19 virus and distance learning information.

The Minnesota Department of Education is requesting a waiver from the U. S. Department of Education to exempt all schools from the MCA testing. Look for more information on this next week.

Tips/suggestions for learning at home:

Retrieve any belongings from school that will be needed by calling the school (651-578-7507) for an appointment. Belongings to pick up could include: medications, school issued resources, and/or personal belongings.

Set up a learning area that includes online access. If you cannot access Skyward, please contact Justin Gehring (justin@jcorps.com or 651-578-7507 extension 3504).

Read a book or two for fun next week.

Write a letter/email to family members not in regular contact with you.

Go for a talk and walk with your family.

Featured Resources (Food Resource Focus)

[Christian Cupboard](#)

[City Pages](#)

[Friends in Need](#)

[Hunger Solutions](#)

[Washington County Resource List](#)

Questions:

Please send questions to me as they arise. In future emails, there will be a link to questions with answers for you.

In future emails, there will also be a link to the topics in previous emails and communications.