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RE: COVID-19

March 16, 2020

Over the weekend, many of the counties in the state declared States of Emergency with directives to suspend face-to-face classes in all schools in their county. Many schools are transitioning to online distance learning for their students.

In an attempt to continue face-to-face learning for our students and to save some of our students returning to homes in the Covid-19 hotspots in New York State, an appeal was made to the Cayuga County Health Department to have relief from the order since we are a self-contained community. The Cayuga County Legislature delineation removed the ability for the Director of Health to give relief and therefore we also need to transition to on-line teaching.

Union Springs Academy is prepared to provide online distance learning for all of our students. Online delivery will be via Zoom, Jupiter, Google Classroom, and other media. The details for what and when will be sent in the following days. Students have been trained in how to use the Zoom platform. Students will be taking home all of the books and materials that they need to continue their studies.

The March homeleave will be moved in the calendar, to begin tomorrow, March 17, 2020. Parents may pick up all domestic students at USA on either Tuesday, March 17, 2020 or Wednesday, March 18, 2020. All domestic students need to be picked up by Wednesday evening, March 18, 2020. International students may stay on campus as is often customary. We will take good care of your children and help them get some much-needed rest. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact us immediately.

SCHEDULE for Tuesday, March 17:

- 8:45 Worship in the Chapel
- 9:15 – 12:00 Teachers are available for students to pick up their necessary materials and answer any questions.
- 12:00 Lunch in the Cafeteria
- 1:00 Homeleave van leaves for Albany. Arrival in Albany expected between 5:00 – 5:30.

UPDATED CALENDAR:

- Homeleave: March 17 – 22
- On-line classes begin March 23
- 3rd Quarter ends April 3
- Spring Break April 4 – 12
- RETURN to Campus April 12

**All calendar updates subject to change

We know these unexpected changes are an inconvenience for everyone. During this national emergency, we will pull together and successfully weather this. Be assured that we are committed to helping your child complete their academic year here at USA and are prepared for whatever eventualities arise.

We know that God is faithful, and He will provide for all our needs as He sees fit. The Bible gives us this hope in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose."

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to work towards a positive solution to this situation.

God bless,

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