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COVID-19 Update: 12:00 Dismissal & Guys and Dolls Performance Change

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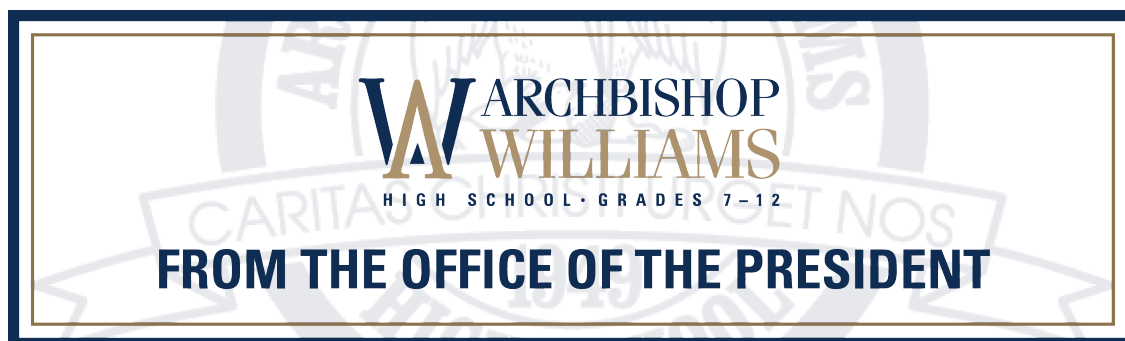
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Dear AWHS Families and Students,

Thank you for the positive response to our email communication from last night. Almost our entire student population came to school today having already downloaded Zoom. In homeroom, our teachers read a prepared statement that further explained to the students our plans for conducting virtual instruction, reviewed the steps AWHS has taken to protect our community, and answered some common questions about the coronavirus. We also confirmed that students were able to log into Zoom--and many students enjoyed exploring some of its features.

The situation with the coronavirus outbreak remains fluid and further developments from today have led us to make some additional decisions to further safeguard our students and faculty while allowing the educational process to continue. As a result, we are announcing the following:

1. While AWHS has not, as of now, decided to close and has not received any instruction to do so, we are proceeding as if tomorrow, Friday, may be our last day of normal operations for some time.
2. We will have a 12:00 Dismissal tomorrow, using the schedule printed in our Handbook in which all seven classes meet. This way all teachers will get to see their students in case we are away from school for an extended period. At the end of the day, we will set aside time for students to clean out their lockers and bring all of their textbooks and notebooks home so they can participate in virtual instruction.

3. In light of the governmental recommendation against large public gatherings, we are modifying our performance schedule for *Guys and Dolls* as follows:
 - a. We will hold a special 1 PM matinee performance tomorrow for all students who wish to support their classmates and see this wonderful production.
 - b. We will hold a second performance tomorrow evening at 6 PM open to family only. The Saturday evening performance is canceled.
 - c. Admission to both performances will be free of charge, but we will gladly accept donations to help defray the cost of the production.
4. Our Cafeteria will serve a light lunch at Noon tomorrow. We will have our normal after school supervision until 5 PM (but encourage anyone staying to attend the musical).
5. All other AWHs co-curricular activities are suspended. All field trips and public events/assemblies will be either postponed or canceled.
6. The Spring Sports Season has been postponed until March 30, per this afternoon's order from the MIAA.
7. We will go forward with our Zoom Practice Day on Monday. Please double check to ensure that your child has downloaded the software, has access to WiFi, and has an appropriate place set up in your home to attend the virtual classes.

It is imperative that students take everything home on Friday that they will need to conduct virtual classes. *If AWHs makes the decision to close, no student will be permitted back in our buildings without the explicit permission of school administration.*

We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we navigate these difficult and unprecedented circumstances. Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, and concerns. Let us continue to pray for everyone affected by COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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