



February 12, 2020

Dear Webb Families,

It has been a busy but exciting week. Between restarting our on-campus conditioning for fall season sports and our Parents Week programming, we have appreciated the opportunity to check in with many of you. As we head into the February break, we wanted to update you as we continue our gradual return to campus.

Los Angeles County's COVID case rates have declined substantially over the past three weeks. While levels are decreasing, most of the state, including LA County, remains in the purple tier with widespread infection. While we will continue to monitor the virus and may have to change course if numbers increase, **we are moving forward with our plans for on-campus study groups and spring sports conditioning to start March 1.**

As part of our gradual return to campus, we have already begun our screening testing program. We are testing members of the community (students and adults) participating in on-campus programming using Abbot's BinaxNOW COVID-19 antigen testing. Please be sure to review our [**updated Health & Safety Protocols**](#) which include information about this testing regimen as well as our community notification of COVID results process.

In order to have the most accurate numbers, we are asking that all families who plan to participate in either spring athletics and/or March study groups review and familiarize yourself with the information below and **complete online registration at webb.myschoolapp.com no later than Thursday, February 18 at 12 noon.** This registration can be found under parent SIS log-ins and is intended for students and parents to complete together.

On-Campus Study Groups

Our on-campus study groups will launch March 1. Organized by grade levels, these small groups of students will be able to come to campus between 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM (PT) on assigned days. Each student will have a dorm room designated to take their online classes and shared outdoor spaces where they can socialize, eat lunch and study together with other students in their groups.

Groups will be between 11 and 14 students and must remain steady cohorts with no more than 16 stable members including students and adults. Groups will be shepherded by faculty and staff, and students will not be able to mix with other groups of students or adults not assigned to their group.

We anticipate that two grades will attend on Mondays and Tuesdays and the other two grades will attend on Thursdays and Fridays.

Our dining hall will deliver snacks and lunch to the dorm areas for study groups. Students will be able to sign-up for these meals, noting any dietary restrictions. Please note that our dining hall options will be limited due to health and safety constraints.

We will be providing tech orientation prior to opening our study groups to ensure all students' machines are set up for our network. We will send additional information about available support early the week of February 22.

[**Please read these protocols**](#) to get a full sense of the texture of the day and the guidelines our participants will be required to follow.

Our goal with this programming is to provide additional support for students, help them to connect to their peers in our community, and mitigate the social isolation that has been so difficult for teens during the pandemic.

Spring Season Athletics & Afternoon Activities

Our spring sports/activities season begins on Monday, March 1, and we anticipate having on-campus sports conditioning practices starting that day as well for the following sports: badminton, baseball, VWS basketball, WSC basketball, VWS golf, WSC golf, VWS soccer, WSC soccer, softball, swimming and diving, VWS tennis, WSC tennis, and Track and Field.

Our non-sports afternoon activities will continue virtually during the month of March. Please note that online programming will be provided for all students in all sports and afternoon activities.

We anticipate practices will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Please note that not all teams will practice all four days; a schedule will be sent out by February 25 with the specific in-person practice days for each sport. Students are encouraged to participate to the greatest extent possible, and attendance will be taken based on planned participation.

Please note that in order to maintain stable groupings, the California Department of Public Health and our Medical Advisory Board recommends students participate with only one team. This means that any athletes who are practicing with a club team (even if the club team is following county guidelines) would not be able to participate in Webb's athletic conditioning program.

We will continue to follow our [**athletic protocols**](#). As state and local public health agencies update their policies regarding practice and team competition protocols, our Medical Advisory Board will review and update these protocols and our Director of Athletics & Afternoon Activities Steve Wishek will notify families.

Any students interested in changing their current spring sport or afternoon activity should reach out to either their personalized learning plan coordinator or Mr. Wishek as soon as possible to discuss a potential change. The goal of in-person sports is to allow students the opportunity to work together with their peers, stay in shape, and practice sport specific skills while allowing the opportunity to pivot to interscholastic competition when safe to do so.

If you or your student is interested in participating in these on-campus activities, please be sure to review all of the related protocols and fill out the form by next Thursday, February 18. In addition, please ensure all medical forms are complete and on file with the health center. If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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