



March 13, 2020

Dear TFS Family,

As we continue to monitor the developing situation of Covid-19, our thoughts are always centered on decisions that are best for our students, faculty and staff. Over the past 24 hours, we have witnessed the cancellations of major events around the country. These are unprecedented days in the lives of our students.

Yesterday afternoon, Georgia governor Brian Kemp called upon schools in Georgia to consider closing. He went on to say while the risk for most Georgians is low, it is important to take precautions now in order to stop the spread before it gets worse and to protect those most at risk.

In response to these developments, Tallulah Falls School will be suspending on-campus classes at the end of the academic day, Friday, March 13, 2020. Our target for on-campus classes to resume is Tuesday, April 14. We will continue to monitor and re-evaluate this decision as we get closer to that date. Students will be instructed to take home chrome books/chargers, textbooks and all other items necessary for the online learning experience.

Students will continue their academic classes through the use of online learning opportunities provided through the Google platform. Teachers and IT staff members will be working with them today to facilitate the transition to online learning. Online classes will begin on Wednesday, March 18. Information about the TFS online learning protocol will be communicated Monday, March 16 from the academic deans.

In order to protect all of our stakeholders, all after school activities, practices and games have been suspended until further notice. The school will re-evaluate these activities and communicate plans as soon as conditions develop.

Our dormitories will remain open for students unable to travel home – we will be working with those students who need assistance in making plans. Dean of Students Jimmy Franklin will be communicating and working with boarding parents to ensure a smooth transition for students returning home.



We appreciate your patience and understanding as we take this next step. As always, the safety of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority. In all situations, there is an opportunity for growth. Paraphrasing one of our parents:

“While it is necessary for students to learn all the knowledge and practices on how to protect themselves, I think it is very important for them to also learn to understand respect, responsibility, self-discipline, courage and care during this pandemic. I’m proud that Tallulah Falls School is helping them grow and will be with them as always.”

We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding school activities or the coronavirus. Please contact our Middle School Academic Dean and risk management representative David Chester at 706-839-2045 or David.Chester@tallulahfalls.org.

Sincerely,

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President and Head of School