



FUQUA SCHOOL

Dear Fuqua Family,

By the time you receive this letter, grades and comments will be available on Renweb which typically marks the official close of the school year. Of course, this is no typical year! We have senior week and Commencement ahead, assuming we move to Phase 2 of re-opening, and we will continue to correspond with families on a regular basis to make you aware of our developing plans for re-opening.

We will hold another Virtual Community Meeting at 7:00 on Tuesday, June 2nd. In the first portion of the meeting I will provide more in-depth updates about some of the items I mention in the body of this letter, and the second half of the meeting will be reserved for seniors and their parents and include information about senior week and Commencement.

First, I am excited to announce that Fuqua School has signed an endorsement agreement with Adidas and has become one of many prestigious colleges, universities, and secondary schools sponsored by Adidas. The agreement with Adidas and Johnson-Lambe, out of Raleigh, NC, is comprehensive and provides the school with support for all teams. This support will come in the form of discounted uniforms, equipment, and apparel for our athletes and wider recognition for our athletic program. A special thank you goes out to our Director of Athletics, Mike Edwards, for pursuing this sponsorship. More information to come!

Second, the most recent Executive Order issued by the Governor includes the requirement that all citizens 10 years of age and over wear a mask in public indoor spaces. Fuqua School buildings fall under this order and as such we have adopted a mask policy and added signage to this affect at all points of entry. Please help us keep one-another safe by abiding by this policy.

Third, the communications sub-committee of our re-opening committee is busy developing a Covid-19 page on the Fuqua School website. Once the page is active, parents can reference this page to learn important details about our re-opening plans as they develop. This page will also include a video message from our incoming Head of School, Chance Reynolds. We hope to make the site live late next week.

Fourth, the results are in from the Parent Distance Learning Survey that we conducted in partnership with the National Association of Independent Schools. The major themes include a very positive response to our preliminary distance learning efforts, a strong intent to re-enroll for next year, an expectation that we will improve on our initial distance learning program as we prepare for that possibility in the coming school year, and a sense that some sort of financial relief for parents should be considered by the school. Again, I will share more details on Tuesday evening.

Finally, as we develop our plan for re-opening and determine the amount of instructional space we will have available with social distancing in place, it is becoming clear that we are reaching our enrollment capacity in some grades. We are aggressively searching for solutions to this problem; however, based on what we know now it will be important for families who plan to re-enroll to complete the process as soon as possible. Since we are in open enrollment season, we also have new families enrolling daily. Once a class fills, we will begin a waiting list. Next week the Governor will communicate his preliminary plan for school re-opening in Virginia. It is likely this announcement will be a catalyst that accelerates the school selection process for families across the Commonwealth and our area will be no exception.

Congratulations to all of our students for completing the school year, and I wish you all the best as you ease into summer and a much-deserved break from school!

Go Red! Go Black! GO FALCONS!

John Melton

Head of School