

March 13, 2020

Dear Franklin Academy families,

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate new territory with the coronavirus. To maintain ongoing communications with the community, families and staff, and to ensure everyone is well informed about the virus and important information affecting Broward County Public Schools, we wanted to share some updates in regards to school events.

At this time, the Broward County School Board has decided that schools will remain open. Guidance for school closures is determined in collaboration with state and local entities. Should this decision change, we will immediately inform all families. In the interim, please know that food service and transportation services continue as normal.

Please logon to PowerSchool parent portal to ensure that your email and contact information is correct.

At this time the following restrictions/cancellations are in effect:

- All international field trips have been suspended until further notice.
- All approved out-of-state field trips leaving after Thursday, March 12, 2020, have been suspended until further notice.
- All K-12 field trips and student travel are suspended until further notice.
- This includes athletic events, tryouts, practices, academic competitions, before and after school tutoring, academic camps and all club and extracurricular activities.
- Please note, K-8 after school care will operate as normal.
- Decisions regarding senior (12<sup>th</sup>grade) activities and graduation ceremonies will be made at a later time.
- Moving forward, all school visits are suspended and parent meetings/conferences will be conducted by phone rather than face-to-face.
- The presence of all on-campus parent volunteers is suspended until further notice. We will be in communication regarding service hour requirements.

We are advising parents/guardians to keep their child home when they are sick and to report the absence to the school via the regular attendance email, attendance-cc@franklin-academy.org. Any student who comes to school and is presenting flu-like symptoms will be isolated to a designated area of the school. If the school nurse confirms that the student is presenting these symptoms, the student will remain in the designated area until a parent or guardian takes the student home. The student must be medically cleared before their return. Any days absent will be excused and students will be provided with ample time to complete any missed work.

We will continue to provide updates as we receive information. Please email us with any questions or concerns.

Educationally yours,

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