



A Message from Head of School Ben Williams

Dear Cate Families,

The whirlwind of communications from Cate continues. Hopefully, you have all seen the [Distance Learning Guide](#) we shared earlier this week. If not, we have linked it to this letter along with our updated [Return to Campus Plan](#) which includes a number of changes that we suggest you review carefully. While these are dynamic URLs that will evolve as necessary, the key information surrounding our academic schedule and our late September start on campus, including move-in days, testing information, and the like is all included.

We will hold a [Q&A for all parents](#) on **Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m.** which is a perfect time to share any questions you might have, including those about our virtual programming or the transition to in-person instruction on campus. Advisors will also be standing ready should you need a response earlier. Happily, the more planning and preparation we do, the more confidence we feel in the calendar and sequence we have mapped out.

With respect to the placement of classes on any given day and the patterns we hope to build in this admittedly brief period of distance learning, I will offer one observation that is not in the Distance Learning Guide. Building a robust and diverse community of people means we welcome students from every part of the planet and virtually every time zone. To ensure that all of our students have access to the virtual classroom instruction they deserve during this opening month, **it is quite likely that every student - domestic and international - will find themselves with at least one evening class or perhaps a very early morning once each week.** Knowing our students, they will embrace this schedule with their usual vigor because they trust it gives them access to all of their classmates. Support for that very commitment is what will ensure our smooth momentum building as we begin this already distinctive school year.

To that end, **you are welcome to join us on Zoom on Monday evening, August 31, at 6:00 p.m.** for my opening comments to the community. We will share the link for the event with your students; it might be best if you watch with them so that we do not exceed our Zoom license allowance. And there is nothing wrong with another shared family experience as we begin and renew the Cate journey.

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Ben

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