



Warriors,

As we find ourselves in uncharted terrain, I wanted to take a moment to survey the horizon. I see this as an opportunity to exercise two notions you have heard me talk about many times.

The first is discipline – remember my definition – doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Now's the time, men – be disciplined, be engaged, do the right things. We have classes beginning remotely next week – be engaged, take full advantage of this great opportunity, do your work!! Take care of yourselves, physically – understand the seriousness of what we are facing and be disciplined, practice good personal hygiene, use social distancing when you're out in public and keep yourself physically fit. Be disciplined in your personal life.

Then there is leading in adversity – you've often heard me say that it is easy to be a good leader when everything is going well and things are happening just the way you expected them to.... But the true measure of leadership is how you do when things are NOT going well, when nothing is going the way you expected it would. Again, men, now's the time – be a leader, at home, with friends, wherever you might be – be the one to take charge and make good choices. Reach out to your Brothers – check on them, see how they're doing. Be supportive – be part of the solution, NOT part of the problem. You all have it in you, I know it!!

These are trying times – unprecedented in our lifetimes – but we will persevere because you are disciplined leaders. You have grit and determination and you are young men of character. Step up and be accountable whether you are a Middle Schooler or a Senior or anything in between. We don't know when this crisis will end and there are many things we cannot control. But, don't lose sight of what you CAN control and that is how YOU respond to this situation. You're not in this alone – your Warrior Team is here for you, any time! We will get through this, together! Learn from this experience and strengthen yourselves academically, physically and emotionally – be a disciplined leader – you are WARRIORS!!

We Are Warrior Proud! Warrior Strong! Warrior Resolute!

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