



Dear Warrior Families,

I hope you, your family and your friends are safe and well, and that you are all diligently continuing to practice social distancing. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us all, introducing uncertainty and disrupting our way of life – but what remains certain and constant is, that in challenging times, Warriors unite – we ARE Warrior Strong! And with that, we are so proud of our Warrior Alumni and Parents – doctors, nurses, other healthcare professionals, firefighters and police officers – who are on the front lines of this pandemic.

As we continue to navigate these uncharted waters and come to grips with our new “normal,” please know that I, the Academy’s leadership team, and our intrepid Board of Trustees, are working tirelessly, carefully, and thoughtfully to deal with these many challenges.

In a recent letter to our Cadets I highlighted two points: Discipline and leading in adversity and I implored them to step up. I am proud to report that I’m seeing that across the Warrior Team every single day. With our Faculty, Counselors, and TACs leading the way, our Cadets HAVE stepped up – in a major way. I am buoyed by how resilient our Cadets have become and how they are adapting to uncertainty and change.

The health, safety and welfare of our Cadets, Faculty and Staff, as well as that of the entire Warrior Family, are my highest priority. To that end, we are developing a number of contingencies for the remainder of the school year, including ways that we can appropriately recognize our remarkable Class of 2020. The profound uncertainty of our situation makes that planning difficult and I greatly appreciate your patience, understanding and support in these endeavors. I promise to keep you apprised of our decisions in as timely a manner as possible.

I remind our Faculty, Staff, and Cadets often, to “Keep Calm and Lead On” and they are not letting us down. We will get through this, together.

Warrior Proud! Warrior Strong! Warrior Safe!

Respectfully,

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