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Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, and Staff,

I am writing with a brief update from Suffield. Thank you for all of your efforts as we adjust to remote learning. Our collective resilience is helping us proceed in a complicated and sad landscape. The horrific power of COVID-19 is impacting all parts of the world.

In response to our recent remote learning experience we will make a few alterations to our schedule starting on Monday, April 13. The revised schedule is attached. You will see the academic day is slightly more compact with the four daily classes meeting between 9:30am and 1:30pm [EST]. There is still dedicated time for community meetings [chapel] and advisor meetings, and a flexible self-directed period at the conclusion of the academic day.

The upcoming chapel meetings will include senior speakers on April 13 and April 20, a presentation by Science Department Chair Volker Krasemann on April 27, our Alumni Leadership Day on May 4, Student Council Election speeches on May 11, and the Kent-Davis Oratory Contest on May 18.

Additional April events include a 50th Night program for members of the Class of 2020 and SuffieldConnect meeting for juniors on April 16, and a college athletics signing program for some seniors at the end of the month.

As I mentioned in my most recent letter [April 2] members of our Class of 2020 are finalizing their college selections between now and May 1. I can now also notify you that a talented group of new Suffield students will join us next year. Thank you to many members of the community for helping with virtual revisit programs and our student recruitment efforts. I will share more news about the newly enrolled students in my next letter.

Regarding other areas of school life, spring athletics teams have schoology pages updated regularly by coaches to help students remain connected. They include home drills, workouts, and videos. There are fitness and yoga links on the general athletics page. The four-year college counseling program is unfolding for all students with various upcoming meetings and events. Our student life office is working on several social programs they will communicate about through various sources [email, the activities schoology group, and Instagram—@suffieldstudentactivities]. They are organizing some creative challenges and interactive activities. The student life office will also soon be coordinating advisor selections and rooming assignments for returning students. Our academic dean's office will similarly be helping families sort through course selections for the 2020-2021 academic year, and our Leadership Program faculty will oversee the process of securing senior leadership positions for all members of the Class of 2021.

Thank you again for the collective perseverance we are showing during this unfortunate historic period of time. We know this is challenging for students and families. As always, we are here to help in any ways we can.

Sincerely,

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Head of School



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WEEKLY REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30-10:00 am	A	E	C	B	G
10:10-10:40	B	F	D	A	F
10:50-11:20	C	G	E	F	D
11:30-12:00 pm	Chapel	Conference or Extra Help	Advisor Meeting	Junior Leadership	B
1:00-1:30	D	A	G	C	E
1:30-3:00	Flexible Self-Directed Student Work Time				