



November 16, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

After careful consideration, we have decided to move to remote learning between Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. This will affect the following dates on our school calendar: December 1st – 18th. This decision was made in collaboration with the Board of Directors, Collaborative Planning Team, teachers, and staff. While it is not ideal, we feel strongly that it is a sensible, proactive measure given the amount of area school closings and spike in statewide COVID-19 infections.

While remote, we will continue to follow the daily schedule. Teachers are planning robust, engaging remote lessons. We are asking for your help with attendance by supporting and encouraging your student's participation. Advisors will be reaching out to communicate individually and will meet with students every morning at 7:50am. Additional support services will continue as scheduled.

Meals will be available while remote and we are trying to determine the best method for distribution. If you would like to provide feedback, please contact our Nutrition Director, Katrina Guptill at kguptill@gwh.org, 238-4005.

We will return to our hybrid schedule on Tuesday, January 5th, as indicated on the school calendar. We ask that families be mindful of holiday travel and gatherings and provide "quarantine" time prior to sending your students back to school.

I apologize if this creates additional hardship. We hope these precautions will allow everyone to feel safe during this unusual holiday season. Please reach out with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Newberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "N".

Matt Newberg

Head of School

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