

Message from President Frank Miley

March 18, 2020 (11 a.m) – These are unprecedented times at Cretin-Derham Hall. First and foremost, we hope our CDH community is blessed with continued health and wellness as we pull together to combat the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We also want to take a moment to update you on how the outbreak of Coronavirus has altered our operations here at CDH.

If you are a current parent, you have been receiving communications with more detail as it relates to your students. For the rest of our community, please know that CDH has the health and wellness of our students, our families and our community as our first priority.

This week, several decisions at the state and federal level have resulted in school and business closings with restrictions on travel and more all around the world. To our great benefit, our faculty and staff had already begun discussions and preparations for such a disruption in our ‘normal’ operations since the end of February, and have ramped up efforts these past couple of weeks.

As of Thursday, March 19, CDH is moving to Online School. We are not ‘closing’ even though we will not be conducting in-person learning on campus. We are taking this very seriously and are committed to working diligently so that our students will receive a first-rate educational experience remotely. At this time, we do not know how long Online School will be in effect, but we are prepared to do so for weeks or months as needed. Additionally, there are no more athletics or co-curricular activities happening for the time being. All our Advancement events are also on hold until further notice.

Let me say - The faculty, under the direction of Principal Mona Passman, has faced this challenge with a level of professionalism and dedication to our students that is truly inspiring. The level of excellence in our soon-to-be-implemented online experience is due to their leadership and willingness to provide the most positive experience possible in the face of such widespread and likely long-term phase of remote learning. We are blessed to have their commitment leading this effort.

We ask that you keep CDH in your prayers during this ever-evolving response to this crisis. In addition to the challenges of providing academic programming during a pandemic, there is an emotional toll affecting all of us. The unique sense of community is what makes CDH so special and there is obvious sadness about not being together, especially from our 12th graders. However, we are in this together, whether on campus or remotely, and we operate from a place of both realism and hope that we will resume our traditional CDH experience as soon as it is smart to do so.

Please be assured that you and your family will be in my daily prayers until this challenge is overcome.

God bless you all.

Frank Miley
President