

COVID-19 UPDATE

April 29, 2020

Saint Ursula Community,

Lelia and I continue to extend well wishes to you and your family!

As I have previously shared, Lelia and I meet daily with our COVID19 Crisis Team to proactively plan for tomorrow, next week, and the months ahead. We always ground our work and decisions in the following three principles:

1. Data and official mandates
2. Clear, timely, and reliable communication
3. Feedback and evaluation

On April 23, Governor DeWine and ODE strongly recommended no in-person graduations. This announcement caused us to place a HOLD on all of our final plans for an in-person graduation on June 28. We quickly shifted to our backup plan. This change was shared in our April 27 COVID19 - Senior Edition.

Then, on April 28, Governor DeWine changed this decision and said he would permit schools to hold in-person graduations if they could meet all of the social distancing and safety guidelines. Earlier today, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati announced that, as long as we adhere to all the guidelines and orders of the Bishops of Ohio and Governor Mike DeWine, we can plan activities that fit the environment of our Catholic school community. Late today, Governor DeWine shared three new recommendations. We have communicated to our safety and government specialists and we understand the steps that we need to move forward with our in-person graduation.

Lelia and I are thrilled to share we will return to our IN-PERSON graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020. This will take place on June 28, it will include required social mitigation practices.

By moving graduation to campus and delaying it until June 28, we knew this would provide us with flexibility in the event mandates changed. We are committed to follow State mandates and use data to drive our decisions.

AP exams

Exam Timing and Tasks

1. Exams will be given from May 11 through May 22. [See the full AP exam schedule.](#)
2. Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide, and will be delivered to you online.
3. 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Drawing, and Computer Science Principles will use portfolio submissions and will not have a separate online exam. All deadlines for these submissions have been extended to May 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET.
4. All AP Exams will be delivered online directly to your College Board email account. There is no need to register for an exam, however, it is important that you can access the email sent to

you by the College Board on the day of the exam. You will receive an electronic ticket through the College Board via email before your AP Exam. This will provide you admission to the online exam on the appropriate time and date scheduled. **Every student will need to sign in to their College Board account to check that your email address is correct!** This will ensure that you receive the correct exam information. The link to the College Board profile account [can be found here](#).

Exam Length, Structure, and Format

1. The exams will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.
2. Like many college-level exams, this year's AP Exams will be open book/open note. [Get tips for taking open book/open note exams](#).
3. Most exams will have one or two free-response questions, and each question is timed separately. Students will need to write and submit their responses within the allotted time for each question.
4. For most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long, and include an additional 5 minutes for uploading. Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up.
5. Students will be able to take exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. They will be able to either type and upload their responses or write responses by hand and submit a photo via their cell phone.
6. Students taking AP world language and culture exams will complete two spoken tasks consistent with free-response questions three and four on the current AP Exam; written responses will not be required.

Exam Details by Subject

Please visit the 2020 AP Exam Schedule to get [course-specific information](#) for each exam, including the question descriptions and what units the exam will cover.

AP College Credit

The College Board is confident that the vast majority of higher education institutions will award credit as they have in the past. They have spoken with hundreds of institutions across the country that support their solution for this year's AP Exams. Feel free to visit [this website](#) for more details and an updated list of the colleges accepting AP credits this year.

Students Testing with Accommodations

Students will be able to take online AP Exams with College Board–approved accommodations such as extended time. [Learn how accommodations will be provided this year](#).

Exam Schedule; non-senior exams

Thursday, May 21

- D Bell: 9-10:30
- B Bell: 11-12:30
- B2 Bell: 1-2:30

Friday, May 22

- C Bell: 9-10:30

A Bell: 11-12:30
A2 Bell: 1-2:30

Exam Schedule; senior exams

Wednesday, May 13 (Senior exam schedule)

B Bell: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
A Bell: 11:10 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13 (Normal class schedule)

B Bell: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
A Bell: 11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m. (skinnies split)

Thursday, May 14 (Senior exam schedule)

D Bell: 9:00-10:30 a.m.
C Bell 11:10 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Thursday, May 14 (Normal class schedule)

D Bell: 10:00-11:00 a.m.
C Bell: 11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m. (skinnies split)

The girls will be receiving more details about class-specific year-end assessments from their teachers in the very near future.

Year-end housekeeping

We are finalizing our plans for year-end housekeeping. May 6, we will share specifics for laptop drop-offs, book returns, athletic uniform returns, and health office collections.

Extracurricular Activities, After-School Programs

All activities, including athletic events, are canceled while Saint Ursula Academy uses distance learning.

Summer Programs

Summer camps for grade school girls and for our athletes are canceled in June. There are a limited number of camps still accepting registrations for July.

On-site Staffing

SUA continues to ensure continuity of services despite the campus being closed. Lelia and I continue to come to campus to ensure that community needs are met. If you have needs during this time, please call Lelia's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Patrice Eby, at 961-3410 ext. 132. She will share your message with us so that we can respond in a timely manner. We are pleased to share that we will reopen the campus to staff with safe social distancing, masks and disinfecting procedures June 1, 2020.

COVID-19 FAMILY VIDEO SERIES, EXCLUSIVE FOR SUA FAMILIES

On March 27, SUA launched our COVID-19 Family Video Series. Today's exclusive session is with Mr. Nick Reilly. These past few months have been unsettling in regards to thinking about

finances. Mr. Reilly shares some information you may want to consider about budgeting, investing, and talking with your family about finances during COVID-19.

April 29, Nick Reilly

Partner at Constellation Wealth Advisors

[WATCH: Your Financial Check-up During COVID-19](#)

Previous Videos

March 27 - Dr. Dean Whitfield, M.Ed., Ed.D., SUA Instructional Technology Coordinator

Topic: [COVID-19 and work school balance](#)

April 1 - Dr. Lisa Damour, psychologist, best-selling author, monthly New York Times columnist, and regular CBS News contributor

Topic: [COVID-19 and anxiety](#)

April 3 - Ms. Sara Hyzdu, Owner *Why Grey Matters*, Neuroscience Trainer, Leadership Coach

Topic: [COVID-19 and concentration](#)

April 8 - Dr. Julie Wigton, Pediatrician

Topic: [COVID-19 and vaping](#)

April 22 Mrs. Ann Berger, Education Consultant, HCESC

Topic: [COVID-19 and Educational shifts](#)

April 24, Dr. Karen Graves, Mayerson Academy, VIA

Topic: [COVID-19 and Character Strengths](#)

SUA will continue to upload updates on a special section of our website dedicated to COVID-19 information. You can find the Coronavirus Planning and Information section on the [homepage](#) or under the Family Resources section of the site.

Keeping the SUA Community Healthy

Every day researchers are learning more about COVID-19. Recently, the CDC put out an [updated list](#) of symptoms. Please take the time to review the updated list.

Finally, we are thrilled to share that the SUA therapy puppy was born this week. We are the proud recipients of a newborn cream and white male doodle. We anticipate his arrival mid-August 2020. Here is our first [picture of him](#).

Watch for Updates

Lelia and I are grateful to the entire community for taking the time to read these resources, engage with us in conversation, and flex when new data causes us to pivot. We are not perfect;

we are human. When we need to reset decisions, we will. We are here for our girls, we will do right by them. Always!

Mari