

COVID-19 Update

May 6, 2020

Saint Ursula Community,

Lelia and I remain committed to staying attentive and present to daily COVID-19 updates from Governor DeWine, even though the frequent changes, especially related to education, continue to weigh heavily on us as we plan for the future. The daily briefings enable us to remain informed about current Ohio mandates, relevant pandemic data, and research-based projections. On May 5, Governor DeWine announced a state budget reduction, with the brunt of these cuts coming from Medicaid and education. At a time when educators are working overtime to ensure learning continues, it is hard to hear this news. Based on the information we have now, we do not expect the State education cuts to impact any students at Saint Ursula, even students who benefit from services and programs that are funded by the State. We continue to watch this closely and will communicate any updates as needed.

I share this information for one main reason, and that is to assure the SUA community that Lelia and I talk about responsible use of tuition dollars every day with our COVID19 Crisis Team. We are conscientious decision-makers, thoughtful savers, and data-driven future planners, and believe SUA will not feel much, if any, impact from these State cuts. We are #SUAstrong.

And, at a time when we all called to offer up just a little more support to one another, Lelia and I ask that you keep the family of Cara Thiemann, Class of 2023, in your thoughts and prayers. On May 5, Cara's dad, Matt, passed away. Cara's mom, Laura Smith Thiemann, is a member of the SUA Class of 1993 and Matt was an integral part of the SUA golf program.

Educational Services

We are in the final stretch of the 2019-2020 Distance Learning. Educational Services teachers continue to make every effort to provide online instructional support to students in the ES program. **If you or your daughter have a need**, please direct questions to your daughter's ES advisor via email.

Counseling

The SUA counseling team **remains committed** to the continual care and support of each of our students. If your daughter wishes to set up a chat video, please have her email her counselor to set up a time. Counselors are available through email or Google Chat video between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days. Please use [this brief survey](#) to let us know if your daughter has a need.

AP exams

Important Information About 2020 AP Courses and Exams:

Below is information that was sent directly from the College Board to the students last week. If your daughter did not receive an email from the College Board, it is extremely important that she checks her email in her College Board account, reviews her SPAM folder, and also contacts the College Board directly.

[Check College Board Email Address Here](#)

Advanced Placement Program® (AP)

888-225-5427

apstudents@info.collegeboard.org

The email College Board delivered had important resources and links to upcoming AP Exams including a complete testing guide and checklist. It is extremely important that your student completes the items in the College Board checklist at the appropriate times and seeks any support she may need prior to her exam day. You can find both of these documents below.

[2020 Preparing for your AP Exam Checklist](#)

[2020 AP Testing Guide](#)

Additionally, here are some videos sent from the College Board that have quick, easily accessible information about the test day experience, how your student should prepare, exam security, and more. Also, there is a link to online AP classes and review sessions that will focus on the exam day experience and sample exam questions.

[Explainer Videos](#)

[AP Classes and Review Sessions](#)

Extracurricular Activities, After-School Programs

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

SUAVE

The SUAVE auditions have been postponed to August. [Here](#) is the updated SUAVE audition information. The girls received a special link to sign up for one of the following audition slots.

Auditions will occur on August 5th from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Solo auditions from 1:00 - 2:10

Ensemble sing from 2:10 - 3:00

Dance auditions from 3:00 - 4:00

Cincinnati Reds' Straight A Program

Cincinnati Reds Straight A Ticket passwords will be emailed this week! Your individual student password is valid for two FREE tickets to ONE of the designated game dates. We realize that there is a lot of uncertainty around whether or not the Reds will have a season with spectators,

but wanted to make sure SUA families had their Straight A vouchers ready!

Athletics

OHSAA update

1. Per the Governor, school facilities are now closed through June 30.
2. Per OHSAA, when school facilities are closed, so are all athletic facilities.
3. Per OHSAA, when school facilities are closed, the no-contact period is extended to that date.
4. The 10-day rule will not apply this summer. No connections with athletes until after June 30 or school facilities are reopened.
5. OHSAA is making contingency plans for the fall season. Right now, athletics are scheduled to begin August 1.

With school facilities closed, and student-athletes are not permitted to gather together, OHSAA launched the [#HOWICOMPETE](#) campaign. This campaign encourages athletes to train on their own at home and with instructions sent electronically by their school coaches. Student-athletes and teams are encouraged to set goals and compete against themselves and others while complying with social distancing guidelines. Content can be found on OHSAA's social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) on its handle [@OHSAASports](#).

Year-end Housekeeping

During the week of May 26, we will be scheduling students to come onto campus to take care of year-end business. Please stay tuned for more information about this campus visit.

COVID-19 FAMILY VIDEO SERIES, EXCLUSIVE FOR SUA FAMILIES

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](#)

April 29 - Nick Reilly, Partner at Constellation Wealth Advisors

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

On-site Staffing

SUA continues to ensure continuity of services despite the campus being closed to all but essential staff. As long as Governor DeWine's office permits, Mari Thomas or Lelia Kramer will be on campus. If you have needs during this time, please call Lelia's Administrative Assistant, Patrice Eby, at 961-3410 ext. 132. We are all in this together!

Keeping the SUA Community Healthy

Just recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health have started to see an increase in children with COVID-19 symptoms. [Here is](#) an up-to-date story about the perplexing inflammatory syndrome being seen in young children.

Watch for Updates

SUA will continue to upload updates on a special section of our website dedicated to COVID-19 information.

Lelia and I will continue to provide weekly COVID-19 updates and Parent Bulletins. Thank you for taking the time to read these resources.

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