

January 7, 2022

Dear Lower School Families,

As you read in the previous letter from Head of School Paul Stellato, the Lower School will be fully remote from Tuesday, January 11 through Friday, January 14. There will be no school for students on Monday, January 10, in order to give our faculty sufficient time to plan for a robust remote academic program.

On Monday, you will receive detailed information from your child's homeroom teacher about their remote learning schedule for the week. Your child should already have their PDS iPad at home with them. If they do not, please contact your homeroom teacher by Monday at 8:00am so that we can provide you with an opportunity to pick it up before school begins on Tuesday.

Below are some items to consider in preparation for Tuesday:

- Find a space from which your child can attend classes that is conducive for learning. (So they can be actively attending during lessons, students should not be in bed or laying on the floor during remote instruction.)
- Make sure the iPad is fully charged.
- Make sure you are connected to the internet.
- Students must be fully dressed, with cameras on during classes.
- If you have children who will be participating in online classes in the same space, headphones would be helpful.
- Allow your child to attend classes independently. Do not audio or video record any sessions.

Please contact the PDS Health Office (<u>healthoffice@pds.org</u>) with any medical questions or updates. Contact PDS Together (<u>pdstogether@pds.org</u>) with any non-medical questions or updates.

As always, feel free to reach out to me or your child's homeroom teacher with any questions about your child's academic program for the upcoming week.

Thank you for your partnership during these challenging times.

All the best,

Sandra Wang

Dr. Sandra Wang Head of Lower School