



# COUNTRY DAY

## CONNECTED

Dear Country Day Families,

I hope this email finds you safe and well. I am extremely proud of how the Country Day community has come together to navigate these uncertain times. Today was our first day of Country Day ConnectEd, and though there have been bumps in the road, I hope your children are comfortably adjusting, along with our teachers, to their remote learning experience.

### **Complying with Governor DeWine's Order**

At Governor DeWine's 2 p.m. press conference today, he announced his decision to extend the state-wide "stay at home" order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. His order **extends the closures of Ohio schools through May 1**, consistent with CDC recommendations. Later in April, Governor DeWine will make a decision about the rest of the school year.

As a result, Cincinnati Country Day School will extend its Country Day ConnectEd remote learning program until May 1, 2020, in line with the governor's orders. Extracurricular programs, including athletics and clubs/activities, will not be held during this period. We are still awaiting an official announcement from the OHSAA regarding middle and upper school sports for the remainder of seasons.

Since the school was anticipating this decision, we are ready to extend our remote learning platform, Country Day ConnectEd, for as long as necessary. We will continue to follow the governor's orders and will communicate with you, the Country Day Community, about any further extensions as they are announced.

While this is incredibly challenging and disappointing for our students, we must all do our part to act responsibly and help slow the spread of the virus.

### **Graduation**

With this latest news, we have decided to postpone the Class of 2020 commencement ceremony originally scheduled for May 30. The logistical preparations for this event require us to confirm our plans significantly ahead of the end of April, when we anticipate an update from Gov. DeWine. I realize this will be hugely disappointing to our seniors, but we are committed to conducting an in-person ceremony in early August (if possible) or during the Thanksgiving break next November to celebrate their many accomplishments. They are an impressive class and deserve the pomp and circumstance of a traditional graduation ceremony.

For generations, County Day has impressed on its student the importance of resilience, and over the past few weeks I have witnessed an incredible display of tenacity and persistence. Together, we are rising to the challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony T. T. Jaccaci".

Anthony T. T. Jaccaci  
Head of School

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