

Dear H.A. Family:

I never imagined in a million years that we would be spending our Spring Break in isolation from each other. Spring is always such a wonderful time at H.A. and in the Wiregrass, and all of the faculty and staff have missed our students, dearly.

I want to remind everyone that it is imperative that we follow the guidelines of our health care providers and state officials. If we do this, I am hopeful that we will return to some sense of normality sooner rather than later. There is a lot of misinformation out there on the internet: There is no proven "cure" for COVID-19, and we are at least a year away from having a vaccine distributed and in wide use. The best thing that we can do RIGHT NOW is practice social distancing. For accurate information and updates on its effect on Alabama, I would direct you to the following sites:

[The Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[The Alabama Department of Public Health](#)

[The World Health Organization](#)

To that end, I want everyone to understand that **all Houston Academy athletic facilities and common areas are closed until further notice**. This includes batting cages, the baseball field, and the football field, the weight room, and the gym. We don't want students to gather, and we also are not in a position to adequately and safely supervise those facilities.

Finally, I want everyone know that we are thinking about you, we love you, and we are praying for you. I can't wait until all this is behind us and we can all be together, once again.

Stay safe!

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