

## **March 13, 2020 Evening Message**

CCPS is following Governor Hogan's directive to close all Maryland schools Monday, March 16-Friday, March 27. All school activities are canceled through Sunday, March 29. No community activities will be held in schools during this time. This closure is to maintain social distance to slow down the transmission of COVID-19 in order to protect our most vulnerable citizens and not overwhelm our health care facilities.

Offices will be open during regular hours. Today students were asked to take home any resources that would allow them to continue learning during this two-week period. If your child forgot something or was absent on Friday, schools will be open on Monday, March 16, for students to pick up necessary books or materials. Beginning Tuesday, only front office and building service staff members may enter.

At this time, we anticipate being required to make up these days. It is highly likely that some or all of the days scheduled for spring recess will be used, and days will be added to the end of the year. Decisions about make-up days will be finalized pending further guidance from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). We will share information as soon as it is available.

The SAT at Huntingtown High on March 14, 2020 has been canceled. No makeup date has been determined at this time. Please check the [College Board website](#) for further information.

Our Department of Child Nutrition will begin distribution of free grab-n-go lunches at three locations in the county on Wednesday, March 18, to any children ages 4-18, regardless of where they live or attend school. Although according to federal regulations children must be present to receive a meal, the meal does not have to be eaten on site. The distribution locations are in eligible areas as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The sites are Chesapeake Ranch Estates area, White Sands area, and Prince Frederick area. More details will be available next week.

For additional, current information about COVID-19, visit the Maryland Department of Health website, [www.health.maryland.gov](http://www.health.maryland.gov), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).