

April 9, 2020

Dear Wardlaw-Hartridge Alumni/ae,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well during this unprecedented and difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, especially those who are dealing with hardships due to this novel coronavirus. Since late January, we have tracked the emergence of the coronavirus and its spread into a pandemic, trying to prepare for how it would affect our school community. As of this correspondence, fortunately, we are not aware of any W-H student or employee who has tested positive for COVID-19.

The school was on Spring Break when Governor Phil Murphy announced the stay-at-home executive order, closing all schools and non-essential businesses. Prior to our break, and his announcement, our faculty and administrators worked hard to prepare for the eventual closure and developed a Distance Learning plan and a clear strategy for its implementation. We returned to school on March 30 in Distance Learning mode, and are likely to continue in that mode through the end of the school year. Our administrators and faculty have engaged in this challenge with great spirit and energy. Please see our school Facebook page for some images and highlights of the progress being made in our distance learning program, or if you are interested in more detail, click the link that appears when you arrive at our school website whschool.org.

This is your school, and over the years I have heard from many of you how you recall well the engaged faculty, coaches and staff who provided a challenging and supportive environment when you attended. I am happy to share that you would be thrilled with the creativity and hard work that is still going on, outside of our school walls.

I also realize this is an uncertain time for many and perhaps we are able to support you with some networking assistance. We continue to expand our LinkedIn page and I encourage you to engage with our new networking portal: Wavelength. Both links are found below:

[LinkedIn Group](#)

[Wavelength Login - Don't know account? Get Access](#)

Our community is strong, and we have weathered hardships in our past, and together we will get through this as well. Our school flourishes today in part because of alumni and friends who made and continue to make this institution great. I wish to acknowledge and thank those who have provided ongoing support, which has helped us previously and especially now to be agile and innovative. I am confident we'll not only survive this, but we will be stronger as an institution and continue moving forward to a bright future.

Sincerely,



Andy Webster
Head of School