

March 13, 2020

Dear Families:

As you may have heard, just this afternoon Governor Raimondo ordered all public schools to close the week of March 16 in order for schools to do a thorough cleaning and to prepare distance learning plans in the event of continued school closing. It is important to note that closing the schools is a strategy to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, or coronavirus.

There will be no school, no school activities, and no school food programs held next week. In the event that school is canceled the week of March 23 or beyond, Paul Cuffee School will be offering breakfast, lunch and snack service for all students eligible for free or reduced price meals. We will also be providing "distance learning plans" for all students, the details of which will be made available to you next week.

The best source of information will be using the Remind app. If you do not currently receive text messages from the school through the Remind app, you can text the following to the number: 81010

For Lower School, type the following: @paulcuffls

For Middle School, type the following: @paulcuffms

For Upper School, type the following: @paulcuffhs

As the Governor has said, a major reason for closing schools is to prevent large gatherings. Therefore, please have your children stay home next week. Let's use next week to relax, catch up on our pleasure reading, complete home projects, or whatever you can do to pass the time at home. Our teachers and administrative staff will be working from home in order to provide you and your children "distance learning plans," in case school continues to remain closed the following weeks.

Sincerely,

Christopher Haskins
Head of School