April 2, 2020

Dear Henry Viscardi School Families,

I want to thank you for your continued patience and cooperation during this time. It has been wonderful to see the way our Viscardi family has come together to ensure our students and families are supported, and that learning continues for our students.

A priority I want to emphasize more than any other is maintaining our health, including mental health. It is important that we all continue to do what we can for ourselves and others to stay healthy. This is critical.

A few key updates regarding the COVID-19 crisis and school functions are as follows. While school districts throughout NYS are closed per Governor Cuomo’s executive order, the New York State Education Department has also imposed a series of guidelines that schools must follow to receive all scheduled state aid. As our school continues to fight for its fair share of state funding, HVS will be extending its continuity programs for academic instruction to the week of April 13 through April 17, previously noted as Spring recess. We understand that our families and staff are still trying to find balance in each of our homes, in particular during Spring break which includes religious holidays, family celebrations, and refocusing; so please be aware our staff will be flexible and modify our instructional plans and timelines being cognizant not overwhelm anyone.

Friday, April 3 marks the ending of the third-quarter and will serve as a catch-up day for students and reporting day for staff. Third-quarter grades will be based on student performance prior to school closure on Friday, March 13, 2020. Any work completed remotely during March 13 - April 2 will be considered in deciding a student’s third-quarter grade only if that performance would increase the final grade for that student.

Please take a deep breath as we have now completed our 3rd week of remote learning.

Our intent is to provide a certain level of normalcy for our students and to continue to maintain meaningful instruction. As always, thank you for support and be well!

Sincerely,

Angelo Zegarelli
Head of School