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Dear North American International School Parents,

Thank you for all of your flexibility and patience as we have taken our first step into the digital age. Creating a Digital Learning platform that works for all families, in such a short amount of time, has been a challenge. However, as has been my experience with the NAIS Community, we are able to overcome any challenge by working together. This is a very special school, with a unique community where everyone has a voice. Our online community is no different. We are still one school that is constantly improving.

Our only priority is to assist all of our families during this time, while providing an uninterrupted educational experience. As with any new initiative, adjustments must be made after the initial trial, to ensure that the new initiative works for everyone. With that in mind, on Sunday, 29 March, there will be several changes to the online schedule and requirements.

ASSIGNMENTS

In our enthusiasm to provide as many meaningful activities for our students as possible, the amount of activities assigned may have exceeded the ability of families to complete the assigned tasks. **NAIS is working with teachers to adjust the workload being assigned to represent more realistic expectations for a home learning environment.**

ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES

The originally published requirements mandated that students submit their completed activity within 24 hours from the original assigned time and date. This rule was created to allow for accurate daily attendance recording. As we will be implementing a different attendance tracking system on Sunday, the rule that assignments must be turned in within 24 hours will be changed. Starting Sunday, **STUDENTS WILL HAVE 48 HOURS** to submit an assignment. Students and families who need additional time will be able to

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communicate directly with their children's teacher. As all family situations are different, flexibility will always be available.

SCHOOL DAY AND CLASSROOM TIMINGS

In an attempt to simplify the Distance Learning platform for both students and parents, **NAIS will be changing the Zoom Classroom Schedule on Sunday, March 29.** This change will allow students to access their teacher's virtual classroom to receive direct instruction, clarification on assignments, and to preview future classroom or school activities.

On Sunday, students will follow a modified timetable virtually moving from class to class as if they were at school. Students will start the day with a general homeroom meeting, then transition to Zoom Classrooms to receive their instruction. Assignments and instructional videos will be posted on Schoology to allow for student access beyond the scheduled timings.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 24 March, the Modified Zoom Classroom schedule will be emailed to you, uploaded to The Portal, and uploaded to the NAIS Website.

Please feel free to contact me if you are in need of any additional information.

Regards,

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