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Good morning,

I would like to thank everyone in the school community for your flexibility and responsiveness as we embrace a new undertaking. I am incredibly proud of the staff here at WAMS as they have rallied over the last several days to embrace this unique circumstance. While this is new for all of us, I do know that the staff is prepared to engage their students to the best of their ability in an effort to provide a meaningful learning experience, albeit remotely.

As with any new initiative, I am sure that there will be bumps in the road and unforeseen challenges. I want to encourage everyone to handle this experience with enthusiasm, patience, and versatility. We are all in this together. And while the times we face as a society are filled with uncertainty, this is an opportunity for our school community to demonstrate its strength.

So to all WAMS families from the entire WAMS staff, we want you to know that we are ready for this challenge and want to do all that we can to make this a valuable experience. Please communicate early and often. If you are unsure of a procedure or have an issue please reach out to the appropriate teacher or staff member. If you are not sure of who that is, there are some common contacts listed below (page 2). Additionally, district communication will specify directions for attendance and class access.

I want to encourage parents and students to reach out to their teachers. Communication will energize this experience. Additionally, I would like to encourage students and parents to work together to establish daily routines and work areas in the home. Do not wait to "feel out" what this experience will be like. Embrace the challenge, make a daily plan, and stick to it. If anyone is having trouble with these issues feel free to reach out to myself or your child's counselor.

I wish you and your family all the very best during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any concerns.

Best regards,

Adam Torrisi
Acting Principal

*Please see important contacts at WAMS on the next page

WAMS Important contacts:

GRADE 6

Grade 6 Administrator, Tom Sharples (tsharples@bernardsboe.com)

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