

# A Note from...



**John Fowler**  
TCS HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Every adult you encounter at TCS, from your child's first teacher all the way to Marilyn in the office, works out of a vocation to bring good into the lives of children. This shared commitment has made it possible for us to build the strongest virtual program going. More importantly, it has motivated us to stay cheerful and keep hope alive. We know we need to stay positive for the kids, no matter what is happening in the world.

Our overriding goal is to come together again, safely, as a community, but we cannot reopen until we are allowed to do so. As I have said before, I am asked daily when exactly I think that moment will be. I know that "not yet" is not the answer anybody is looking for. However, we continue to hold out hope for some form of in-person closure for the year, especially for our graduating eighth grade. They are devastated. It is for them that our team refuses to give up.

As we actively plan for various scenarios, I have been in continual communication with county and city health authorities, and with our own legal counsel. It appears that distancing may be the cornerstone of the public health policy in schools. If this is indeed the case, many schools will be forced to hold school in shifts and/or have students come to class on alternate days because of space constraints.

While we still don't have all the rules of the game, **there is every reason to believe that TCS will be in a very good position to continue giving our kids as normal a school experience as possible** when we are allowed to reopen. Let's count our blessings:

**Our classrooms are large enough (and we have enough of them) to accommodate all students for a normal school day under even the most stringent distancing requirements we have seen so far,**

**Our classrooms are naturally well-ventilated,**

**The TCS campus has multiple outdoor learning and play spaces,**

**Our class sizes are, and will remain, small by design.**

In tandem with creating plans for in-person school, we are also making plans to continue a virtual learning program for children who may need to stay home for periods of time.

We will have more information as we receive the guidance we await from health officials. I know that you may have questions, and I encourage you to call me with them. We are in this with you, and for you, for the long run.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Fowler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

John Fowler  
Head of School