

# WALSINGHAM ACADEMY

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Walsingham Family,

I trust you are enjoying the beginning of summer. I have been taking advantage of the mostly pleasant weather we've been experiencing as much as possible. I miss baseball, and my summer plans have certainly changed, but I am grateful to God for the health of me and my loved ones. I pray you are all doing well, too.

I am delighted to share with you that we are once again offering in-person tours to interested families. If you know of anyone who may want to schedule a tour, please let them know they can reach out to Admissions Director Ashleigh O'Rourke at [admissions@walsingham.org](mailto:admissions@walsingham.org) or 757-259-1430. When doing so, don't forget about our \$500 referral program.

The renovation of McAuley Hall thanks to your generous auction donations has begun and is on schedule. The lighting and painting aspects of this project have been completed and the flooring work has been scheduled. We will share photos of its progress on social media soon.

On Tuesday, we heard from Gov. Ralph Northam regarding the Commonwealth's plan for reopening schools. Virginia is taking a tiered approach to schools. We've met as a team several times since Tuesday to submit our plan to enter Phase 2. As of this afternoon, we are officially in Phase 2 which will allow us to proceed with athletic practices and Summer Daze summer camps beginning Monday.

We will continue to follow the guidance from our governor, the Center for Disease Control, and the Virginia Council for Private Education with the intent of reaching Phase 3 in time for the Academy to open as scheduled. Phase 3 will allow for Walsingham to welcome students in all grades for full-time, in-person learning with social distancing measures in place. We will certainly keep you informed on our progress.

Furthermore, we have been hard at work preparing both buildings for the 2020-2021 academic year. Our maintenance staff's summertime sanitation is in progress and coming along nicely. We have also purchased several fogging machines, which will be used to sanitize classrooms, restrooms, and other shared spaces. As we continue to receive guidelines from the CDC, we will implement them where applicable.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns—or if you just want to catch up. I'd love to hear from you.

My continued love and prayers,



Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle

