

[All SAS Employees] [SAS Community News] Your Friday News from Campus!

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are well. I write to share news of our approach to Parents Weekend this fall and to our second semester calendar.

With our first quarter ending on October 31, I have moved our virtual Parents Weekend to November 14 and 15. Our virtual format will feature meetings with faculty advisors and parents.

The advisors will summarize the work of the fall and review teacher comments with parents. We will not have individual teacher meetings with parents during this time. Of course, you and your child's advisor can set up a conversation with one of their teachers at any other time during the semester. This Parents Weekend, however, will focus on in-depth advisor discussions only.

On Sunday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m., we will have our Parents Weekend Virtual Chapel, with guest preacher Chip Edens, P'21, Rector of Christ Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. We will share a Zoom link for this Chapel service with you prior to the event.

I also wanted to share our school calendar for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. Please click [here](#) to view the second semester calendar.

As you all know, our planning for the early part of the second semester depends on the public health conditions during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Doctors continue to express concern about potential dangers during January and February caused by the confluence of continued COVID-19 transmission and the influenza season.

I will assess St. Andrew's approach to the winter months with our medical team and make a decision in December on our approach to the January 6 through February 26 section of the

year. By that time, I will have much more information and perspective. Whether we are in-person or virtual, these winter months will be dedicated to teaching and learning and building the community of the school.

We anticipate conditions improving significantly after the end of the flu season in March and perhaps with the arrival of COVID-19 vaccine options. We therefore plan to have a strong and sustained in-person residential session in the spring, without interruption of a Long Weekend and with classes six days a week.

We will hold Awards Night and Commencement as scheduled on Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28. The school year will end for underformers on Saturday, June 5.

As we stage student arrivals for either or both January and March, I will shorten the separation of time between returns of the Classes, recognizing of course the need for both testing and time for return of testing results.

Those students (IV and V Formers) who waited to arrive on campus this fall will be in our first arrival waves later in the year.

Thank you,  
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## News & Notes

### Parent Visits to Campus This Fall

Parents, you may make brief visits to campus to visit your children this fall. While you are on campus you must follow all SAS health and safety protocols (including masking and distancing) and you cannot enter any buildings. If you would like to stop by campus for an hour or two to see your child, we ask that you fill out [this form](#) at least 24 hours in advance of coming to campus (bookmark that link!). If you'd like to simply drop off food or packages for your child at the main gate, without visiting your child in person, you do not need to fill out this form.

### Join Us for Saturdays with St. Andrew's!

Parents, if you have children in 7th or 8th grade who are considering applying to St. Andrew's, **we encourage you to attend one or more of our [upcoming virtual Admissions events this fall!](#)** Or, if you have friends, neighbors, or colleagues with **children who are considering boarding school, please forward this link on to them.** We'll be gathering via Zoom on Saturday mornings in October and November to discuss and explore all aspects of St. Andrew's with prospective students and families. Learn more and register [here!](#)

### Flu Shots for IV Form Students

**Flu shots will be available for IV Form students during their move-in days this weekend.** If you can't decide whether or not to get a flu shot, which we encourage, [here are some reasons](#) to do so.

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## Testing Updates

### Recent Testing Results

- All V Form student arrival tests returned negative.
- The second round of on-campus testing for III Form students was completed on October 1. All tests returned negative.

### Ongoing/Upcoming Campus Testing

- V Form students will undergo their second round of on-campus testing this weekend (Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11).
- All IV Form students will be tested upon arrival this weekend. We expect results to come in 48-72 hours after testing is completed.

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***In Case You Missed It...***

Wednesday, October 7 - [School Meeting](#)

Wednesday, October 7 - [Chapel with Bishop Kevin Brown](#)

Friday, October 2 - [Friday Chapel Service - Blessing of the Animals with Bill Perkins](#)

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***Helpful Links***

2020-2021 School Year Info & FAQs

Upcoming Lyceum Events

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***It All Begins in the Classroom***

**Mathematical Economics with Mr. Finch**



**Calculus with Mr. Olana**

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**U.S. History with Mr. Robinson**



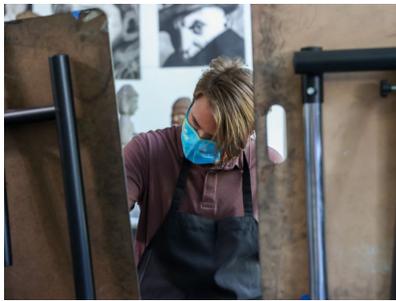


### *Life In O'Brien*

The Andean Ensemble rehearse at a distance in Engelhard Hall.



Drawing 1 students explore charcoal techniques...



... while Painting 1 students work on still-life pieces.





Instrumental Music Methods students take advantage of the Arts Center terrace and beautiful fall weather.



Musical theatre students work on expanding their range. "Students reviewed monologues on their laptops," explains teacher Ms. Taylor. "Each monologue was broken into beats and each beat assigned a physical energy. Students rehearsed privately, speaking the monologue while following the assigned energies, and then returned to the group to share monologues. We discussed the benefits of breaking up a text and using different intentions and attitudes instead of fixating on one voice."



Film Studies 1 students are beginning to edit their first project—"a 1:30 video set to a piece of music written by Danny Elfman," explains teacher Mr. Hoopes.



*Meanwhile, Back on the Front Lawn...*







III Formers helped out with a bit of trail maintenance during their first week on campus...



... while the Forestry Team surveyed the black walnut grove planted from 1990 through 1992 by Dr. McLean and students, and planted some new black walnuts in the Organic Garden.

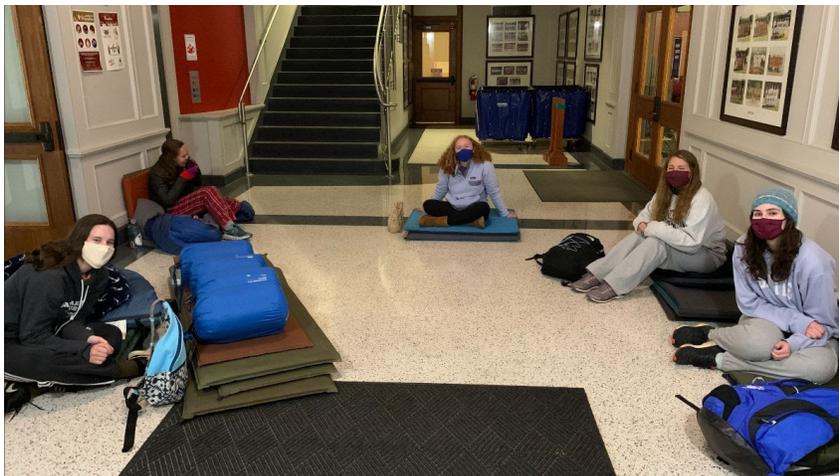




VI Form students enjoyed some time out on the pond on paddleboards and in canoes (although Jill Tora '21 seems a bit skeptical)...



... and spent a night camping under the stars out in the SAS cornfields...



... and watched the Presidential debate on Moss.



V Form students spent Tuesday afternoon planting daffodil bulbs in the circle in front of Trapnell House. The idea came from Micayla Kates '22, who collected 1,200 daffodil bulbs for planting and conceived of the project as a way to honor Trustee Michael Evans '98, who passed away earlier this year. "In the spring, the circle will bloom a sea of yellow," noted Dean of Student Life Will Robinson.



V Form girls enjoyed some pumpkin-carving fun on the grass across from M Dorm...





... and a physically distanced hangout on the lawn behind K & L Dorms.



When you can't visit your friends' dorm rooms... you find a way!



***We can't wait to see you, Class of 2023!***

