



Dear Breakthrough Families,

While the pandemic that is affecting the world, we remain committed to closing the achievement gap and increasing college matriculation. Your safety is our number one priority and providing you access to vigorous educational opportunities is just as vital to our mission. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we navigate through this uncharted territory.

Given Governor Wolf's most recent directive that all non-life sustaining businesses, including schools, are to remain closed in response to the coronavirus pandemic through the end of the school year, we began to make plans for multiple scenarios to ensure that students have valuable engagement with their Breakthrough community this summer. We've been diligently working with all of our partners to make swift decisions about summer while prioritizing the safety and well being of our community. With that said, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are forced to cancel our traditional summer program for 2020. However, do not count us out. As you know, we believe in our students and want nothing more than to provide the best programming available. We are 100% dedicated to ensure our students are engaged with vigorous college prep classes to neutralize summer slide and promote habits and skills needed on the road to college.

In moving forward, we are planning an exciting virtual summer for our students. We are dedicated to engaging the students with online learning that is exciting, new, challenging and full of the Breakthrough spirit and culture in which they have grown accustomed. You will continue to get information as we finalize this virtual plan. We are committed to you and we will keep you informed. Please do the same and let us know of any challenges that come your way in lieu of the new format.

As of now, here are the current changes:

- The summer program will be held virtually with a tentative student start date of July 6, 2020 and end date of July 31, 2020.
- The operating hours for the summer program will be updated as we continue to move through our planning phase. Please look out for a schedule to be shared with you within the month of June.

- ALL 9th and 10th graders are **required** to participate for the full four weeks of program. (Please contact us with any conflicts or questions)
- We are currently working to find an equitable way for all rising 8th-10 grade students to be engaged.
- As always we will communicate all changes as timely as possible. We will utilize email, text, phone and the Remind app. It is imperative that we have your most updated contact information- phone number, email address and home address.
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With BT Spirit,
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