March 10 update:

Tomorrow marks the start of Overlake’s new learning experience – Overlake Online. With the start of zero period at 8 am classes begin again for our students in a new, yet we hope familiar one. The same faculty that students know well we begin working “virtually.” Now, what had occurred in a classroom on campus will now happen in a classroom online.

These past two days faculty have been in intensive training, all remotely, to ensure they can provide the best experience possible under these unusual circumstances. Their level of work and engagement has been inspiring to be a part of.

Thanks to our Teaching and Learning team for guiding these training sessions. They have provided an in-depth, 13-minute video tutorial of our “why” and “how” Overlake Online teaching and learning will happen. You can learn vital information about the schedule as well as expectations for our students and families during our campus closure. (https://youtu.be/DBBaiEBMN7k)

Speaking of our campus closure, we have learned that some students have left behind materials on campus that they need to retrieve while we are closed. **Tomorrow and Thursday from 3:00-6:00pm** school will be open to allow students, parents, and guardians to pick up items left behind. If you do intend to come to campus, we ask that you arrive to the lower level of the Art Barn where a member of our maintenance team will assist you in retrieving your items. As the campus is locked down you will not have access to buildings without a member of maintenance. Please call Lance DeLay at 206-730-9348 or Michael Atherton at 206-735-0349 when you arrive on campus.

We have recently learned from our various athletic leagues and districts that athletic games are cancelled today through March 20. As we learn more about the status of games, we will update you as well as the FAQ’s on our coronavirus webpage at overlake.org/coronavirus. As of today, some of our varsity teams continue to practice. This involves driving independently to campus, playing outside, and returning home, minimizing their amount of close contact in a confined space.

Now is the time for our community to practice our public health official’s recommendations for social distancing. Limiting the number of people, we come into contact with outside of our immediate family will help the overall community slow the spread of this virus and live Overlake’s mission of teaching responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support of our community. The strength of who we are and how we support each other will help us all through these challenging and disruptive times.