

Dear Overlake Community,

Like you, I have come to embrace the new normal, which involves online meetings, family dinners, creative exercise routines, and connecting with friends online. Of course, I do long for aspects of my life before, but I am now appreciating all of the new opportunities. Some aspects of my life have not changed – I still do the dishes, frequently walk the beautiful Overlake campus, and work on solving puzzles.

As many of you know when we moved in March to *Overlake Online*, we had a major construction project happening: the new Math & Sciences Center. As with other construction projects in the area, the work on the new building slowed for several weeks but did not entirely stop. With clearance from the state we were able to continue with a smaller construction team. Fortunately, in the last two weeks the construction project is now back working at full capacity. As a result, the opening of the Math & Sciences Center is now slated for early October. This does mean that the start of the school year will include the use of portables for the first few weeks of school. When we open the new Center, we will be sure to celebrate this milestone with you and I hope this gives all our community something to look forward to!

I know that when we are able to return to campus the Math & Sciences Center will provide amazing transformational opportunities for our students and faculty for years to come. All organizations have histories. The history of this space will be that it was completed during the pandemic of 2020, which will make it all the more remarkable.

This coming Monday, please join me and Overlake's Business Manager, Warren Gilles, for a Town Hall meeting where we will discuss the construction of the new Math & Sciences Center, as well as what this new facility will mean for teaching and learning. The meeting begins at 11:30 am. Here is the link to the virtual meeting: <https://bit.ly/3eqMay18>

Have a good rest of your week and take care of yourselves, your families, and friends. I look forward to connecting with you soon – maybe wearing a mask!

Be well,

Matt