

Dear Community,

As we monitor the situation with COVID-19, our intention is to keep you informed as much as we can along this uncharted path. To this end we have put up a page on our website that connects you to all of our communications, and articles on how to talk to your children about this issue.

Presently we are aware of over 75 schools that have closed in NYS- most of them are in the city or south of here. We have been in conversation both with other Waldorf schools and with schools in the area. **Some schools are closing for a day so that their teachers can more fully plan for remote learning to take place. This Thursday the Collegium will decide if our teachers will need a day for preparation. We will inform you as soon as we can if we decide it is necessary.** We would want to put together all the materials the students will need to have at home and we want teachers to have time to think through how they will actually put ZOOM and Google Classroom lessons together. We have been in collaboration with other Waldorf Schools about how they are approaching this work and we have been sharing our best ideas. We will need to be able to reassess how things are going and to adjust accordingly and we are committed to staying in touch with you.

We are hoping to stay open, but we are also realistic and realize that we may close for a while. If a district in our area closes, we will most likely close. If someone in our community becomes ill with the COVID-19, we will definitely close. Other schools seems to be preparing for 2 weeks minimum closure and a possible two months closure. Given that picture, you can see how important it is to be prepared. I also mention this timeline because you will have to think of childcare, if you have not done so already.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with questions, ideas, concerns. We are doing our best and your support will make that all the better.

Many thanks,
Abigail