March 10, 2020

Dear Prep families,

As you may have heard, many US colleges and universities have been announcing short-term closures and/or shifts to online instruction, due to concerns about the new coronavirus. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for our students, families and employees, CIM is following suit, and will be moving most in-person classes to virtual learning. As such, all gatherings of 25 people or more are suspended until at least April 6, effective immediately. Activities between April 7 and April 20 will be evaluated in the coming weeks and may also be suspended.

Here’s what this means for you:

- As of right now, main campus and all branches are scheduled to remain open during this time. If conditions change, we will update you with as much notice as possible. All access to main campus will be through Pogue Lobby (the East Blvd entrance).

- If your child, any adults who may enter the building, and the teacher are all healthy and willing to meet in person, private lessons will continue on a voluntary basis at both main campus and our branch locations. Virtual lessons (using a live video-conferencing solution similar to Skype) are encouraged for those who are unable to meet in person.

- Children’s Choirs, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, String Sinfonia and Prep Orchestra are suspended.

- Chamber music, Advanced Chamber Choir and Percussion Ensemble may continue on a voluntary basis due to the smaller nature of the ensembles.

- Private Suzuki lessons will continue (either in person or virtually), but group classes of all kinds and Spotlight are suspended.

- Eurhythmics classes will continue virtually; look for more information from your instructor in the coming days.

- Pre-college classes will continue virtually; applied lessons may continue as described above. Look for more detailed information in the coming days.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we appreciate your flexibility as we adapt to these circumstances. Please know a large team of senior leaders at CIM is monitoring the situation closely and developing solutions as new information is available. We will update you as we know more.

Please email preparatory@cim.edu or call 216.795.3153 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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