



April 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another week full of speculation on possible options for more lockdowns or some re-openings as we continue to connect and navigate together as best we can along the way. Thank you for your partnership and collaboration. We will get through this together!

We expect to know the status of what the remainder of the school year will look like sometime soon. Once we have an official answer regarding our scheduled return date of May 1<sup>st</sup> or an extension of distance learning through May, we will let you know. Some items to be aware of for now:

- SAS is asking for any photos or videos of your child doing school activities, experiments, etc. that you would like to share with us and others. We want to highlight the “good news” you are seeing at home. Please consider sending your pics and video clips to Emily at [ebartow@sasmaui.org](mailto:ebartow@sasmaui.org). If you have **any** questions or restrictions on how these will be shared, then ask Emily. Mahalo.
- I am working with Catapult Learning on a summer school program for our K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualified for Title 1 services this year. This would be at no charge to families and would involve direct and online instruction and support. Once we have a finalized plan and approval to allow students and staff on campus, we will let those families know. Looking at June/July for this.
- We also are planning to provide our traditional summer care program for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. In addition, we are looking at expanding summer school options for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades too. More information to come on these opportunities. They will be contingent on the amount of enrollment of students for these programs and if we can have students and staff on campus this June/July. These will be fee-based programs. Stay tuned for more information.
- The SAS Board of Directors and SAS of Maui Foundation Board are working toward finding additional resources to support our families and staff. We have renewed our Annual Appeal request with a focus on generating funds to support tuition assistance for current families in need and for those who have been impacted by COVID-19 and now need assistance for the first time. We cannot guarantee what will come in, but we can guarantee we are making every effort to find support during this unbelievable time in our lives. Prayers for generosity and blessings to those who are able to give.

May God’s grace and hope fill your heart, mind, body and soul. We are called to trust in His plan; even when it is unclear and difficult to know which way to go. I truly believe that a reset button has been hit in our world and that SAS has an opportunity to make it through all of this with faith, family, friends and focus. Mahalo and God Bless!

  
Tim Cullen  
Head of School & Principal