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Dear St. Andrew's Community,

As we come towards the end of our first week of school at St. Andrew's, I am inspired by the moments that collectively begin to define the new year.

I had the opportunity to feel the brilliance and inspiration of math teacher Deriba Olana as he [spoke at Convocation](#) about the power of proximity, mentorship, service, and faith in our lives. The talk reminded us that courage and love can change our hearts and change the world. You need to read and study Deriba's talk, which you can read [here](#) or watch [here](#).

I was honored to speak at [School Meeting](#) on Sunday to announce that St. Andrew's school year would be dedicated to three principles of the life of the great Civil Rights leader and Congressman John Lewis. We will strive to respond to Lewis' call "to lay down the burdens of division and demand respect for human dignity." We aspire to do our part to build the "Beloved Community." And we seek to prepare the generation that releases "the heavy burdens of hate at last... and lets the spirit of peace and everlasting love be their guide."

I joined the faculty in teaching our first classes of the year, an experience that reminds me of the energy, intelligence, and creativity of our amazing students.

In a time of external chaos, confusion, and distortion, I celebrate the early proclamations of an education for a public good, education to prepare one for life, education that renews, reforms, recreates a spirit of grace in the world.

Best,
Tad Roach
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News & Notes

Missing Class on Move-In Days

Our teachers are planning around upcoming move-in days and understand that students may not be in class during travel or move-in days. (Students are also welcome to remind their teachers that they will not be in class as the time nears.)

On move-in days, teachers will:

- Hold class with whomever is able to attend.
- Adjust syllabi accordingly—teachers will use the class period for review, for small group or individual meetings, or for asynchronous work.
- Either not assign homework, or the homework assignment will be to complete the class work for that day.

Underformer Arrival Dates

Just a reminder of our upcoming underformer move-in days:

- **Wednesday, September 23** - III Form girls arrive
- **Thursday, September 24** - III Form boys arrive
- **Saturday, October 3** - V Form (junior) girls arrive
- **Sunday, October 4** - V Form (junior) boys arrive
- **Saturday, October 10** - IV Form (sophomore) girls arrive
- **Sunday, October 11** - IV Form (sophomore) boys arrive

The full Opening of School and first semester calendars can be viewed [here](#).

Flu Shots

Flu shots will be available for III Form students during their move-in days next week. (If you can't decide whether or not to get a flu shot, which we encourage, [here are some reasons](#) to do so.) We are working to be able to offer flu shots to IV and V Form students during their move-in days in October, and will keep you updated on this topic in the coming weeks.

SAS Camp Chairs for Everyone!

Since we'll all be learning, teaching, meeting, and generally living outdoors this fall, we've ordered St. Andrew's-branded camp chairs for all students, faculty, and staff, color-coordinated by Form. The chairs will be arriving over the next two weeks and we'll distribute them to everyone at that time (or on your move-in day).

Student & Parent Handbooks

Student and Parent Handbooks for the 2020-21 school year are now available. Both handbooks contain an extensive addendum of COVID-19 related health and safety protocols. You can read the Student Handbook [here](#) and the Parent Handbook [here](#). Both handbooks are also available on our website [here](#) and [here](#).

Admissions Office News

It's only September, but the Admission Office is looking ahead to Fall 2021! If you have a child who may be interested in enrolling at St. Andrew's in the fall of 2021, the Admission Team is excited to speak with you! Please fill out a [request information form](#) to join the mailing list and receive information about special admissions visit opportunities for siblings and alumni children this fall. Likewise, if you have friends, neighbors, or colleagues with students who are considering boarding school, please feel free to put them in touch with Director of Admission & Financial Aid Matt Wolinski at mwolinski@standrews-de.org.

Testing Updates

Clarification on Arrival COVID-19 Testing

All students will be tested for COVID-19 as part of the move-in day check-in process. As noted in [last week's Monday News](#), all students and parents will be screened for temperature and symptoms upon arrival at the Welcome Center on the Main Drive. Students who do not display a fever will be tested for COVID-19 at the check-in testing station in the

Field House. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees F will be tested for COVID-19 at the Health Center (NOT at the check-in testing station). We expect to receive results of all arrival tests within 72 hours of testing.

Recent Testing Results

- All VI Form arrival tests returned negative.
- All faculty and staff pre-arrival tests returned negative.
- A non-St. Andrew's employee who works with our dining services contractor tested positive for COVID-19. The employee is asymptomatic and will be home until approved for return to his place of employment in accordance with public health protocols. You can read more in this [September 15 email](#) to the community.

Ongoing/Upcoming Campus Testing

- The second round of on-campus testing for VI Form students took place this week, on Wednesday, September 16 and Thursday, September 17. All girls results have returned negative. We are still awaiting boys' results.
- III Form students will be tested upon arrival on Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 24.
- All faculty and staff will undergo regular (weekly, biweekly, or monthly) COVID-19 testing this fall. You can read more details in [this letter](#) to faculty and staff.

Next Week at SAS

Saturday, September 19

11:00 AM - IV Form Leadership Meeting - **IV Form students only**

- Zoom link [here](#)

11:00 AM - V Form Leadership Meeting - **V Form students only**

- Zoom link [here](#) (passcode: 688861)

Sunday, September 20

11:00 AM - Old St. Anne's Chapel Service (**virtual**)

- Zoom link [here](#) (passcode: 564670)

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 pm - Welcome to SAS with Mr. Roach - **III Form Students Only**

- Zoom link [here](#)
- Mr. Roach will welcome the Class of 2024, and students will have the opportunity to ask any last-minute questions about their arrival to campus.

Wednesday, September 23

III Form Girls Arrive!

SAT Testing for VI Form students

Thursday, September 24

III Form Boys Arrive!

7:00 PM - School Meeting

- Zoom link [here](#) (password: 703006)

Friday, September 25

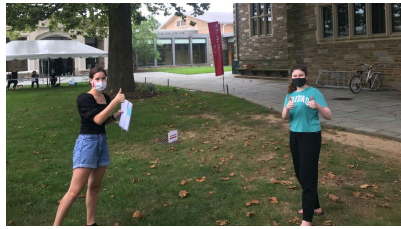
2:00 - 4:00 - Meet with Faculty Support Systems – **III Form Students Only**

- Zoom link [here](#)
- This is an opportunity for new III Form students to meet a number of faculty and staff and the support systems they provide (tech, wellness, honor, etc.) to help you become the best version of yourself!

Scenes of SAS

VI Form Move-In Days!





... and just of the few of the people who make it all possible.





It All Begins in the Classroom...

Ms. Pressman and her AS History: American Social Reform Movements students gather for class under one of our new outdoor classroom tents. Ms. Pressman (along with most other teachers pictured below) is simultaneously teaching the students here *and* remote students over Zoom.



Ms. Ferguson's Advanced Tutorial: Greek & Latin students gathered in one of our new outdoor classrooms to read and discuss *Ab Urbe Condita* ("From the Founding of the City") by Livy; the text canvasses all of Roman history from before the founding of Rome to the time of Livy's authorship in the late first century BCE.



French 4 students spent their first class of the year discussing their goals for the course. "Then we moved into a great discussion of our first class text, *Le Casque mystérieux*," says teacher Mr. Westman.



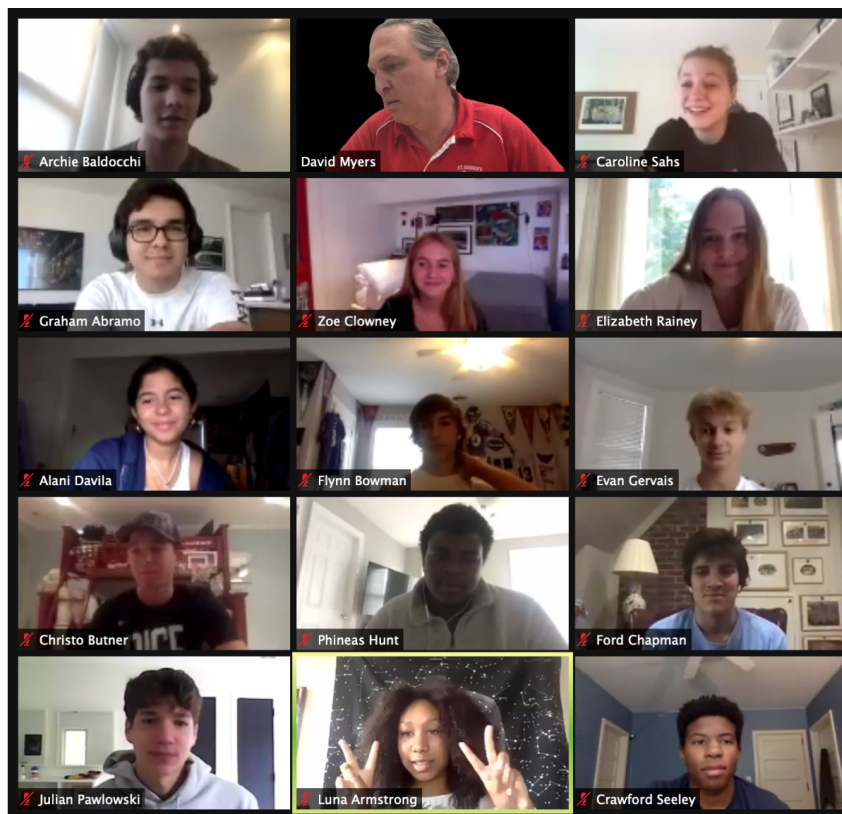
English 4 students in Mr. Porter's class discuss "The Dirty Kid," the first story in Mariana Enriquez's collection *Things We Lost in the Fire*. "It is a story about social responsibility," Mr. Porter says. "The narrator, a well-to-do woman in a poor neighborhood of Buenos Aires, encounters a horror that is 'unthinkable and plausible at the same time.'"



Multivariable Calculus students work on a static force equilibrium problem with Mr. Kemer. "The problem is, 'For a body of given weight and two upward support tension forces of given magnitudes, in what directions must these tensions be applied to support weight?' It's a problem that is seldom addressed in introductory college physics textbooks because while it is easy to model using simultaneous equations, it is very difficult to solve analytically," explains Mr. Kemer.



V Form students in Mr. Myers' Precalculus class were happy to spend a class period discussing the terminology used to define functions.



Chemistry teacher Mr. Daly has made a tradition out of blowing up eggs on the first day of class in order to demonstrate various safety precautions as well as basic principles of chemistry. "With my students remote right now, I had to blow up the egg on video," Mr. Daly said. **Click the photo below to watch!**



Other (On and Off) Campus Happenings

In the interest of health and safety, dining at St. Andrew's has been transformed. Students eat with their cohorts, two to a table in the Dining Hall or distanced on the Front Lawn. We're missing our family-style meals, but as usual, Saints are finding new ways to connect and have fun!





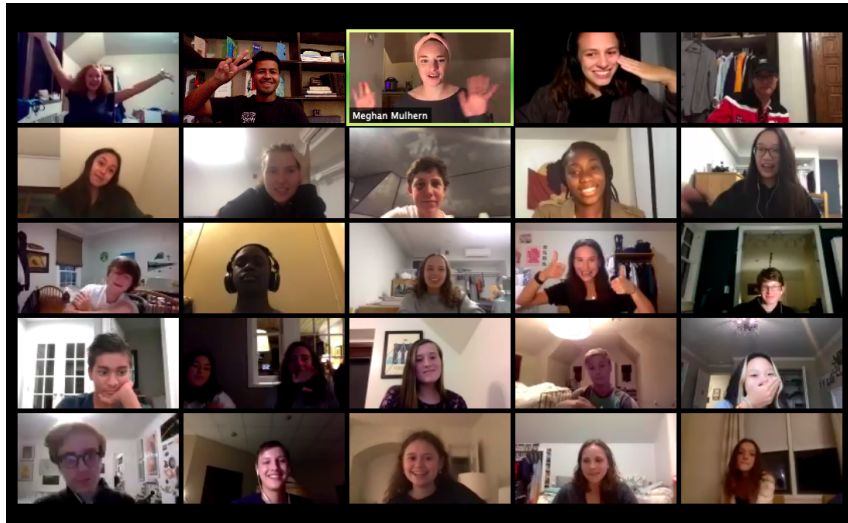
Thank goodness for the Front Lawn—St. Andrew's living room.





VI Formers (seniors) and III Formers (freshpeople) got together for a Zoom hangout on Tuesday night. "This gathering was so much fun, and a great reminder of why we are all working so hard to bring students back to campus!" noted III Form Dean Mr. Sanchez.





See you soon, Class of 2024!

2020-2021 School Year Info & FAQs

Upcoming Lyceum Events

Questions or concerns about Opening of School or the 2020-2021 school year?

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