



## Tamarack Waldorf School

Dear Tamarack Waldorf Community,

Today marks the beginning of our spring break, which will run through next Sunday, April 12. The hope is that students will take the time during the break to rest, get outside, enjoy family time, and come back refreshed and ready to continue with the third week of distance learning on Monday, April 13th. This time off will also give teachers a bit of rest and time to restore themselves to continue working with the students.

During this week teachers will be preparing materials for another 3-week distance learning package that is set to begin the week of April 20th. The packets will be distributed on Tuesday, April 14 from 8am to 2pm, in Tamarack's parking lot. Parents/guardians will drive into the lot and be given the distance learning packet for their student. It will also be possible to put the packet in the trunk of your car if desired. Instructions regarding the pickup will be communicated next Sunday.

As I mentioned in last week's communication, Governor Evers extended the closure of all Wisconsin public and private school indefinitely. This order will last through the end of the public health emergency declared by the Governor on March 12th, or until a superseding order is issued. Tamarack must follow this order to keep the school building closed until further notice. However, this order does not eliminate our delivering of Waldorf curriculum to our students through distance learning during the closure.

Another important item to be aware of is that the waiver issued by the Governor and DPI for hours of instruction is only provided to the public schools. At this time private and choice schools are still required to fulfill all their hours of instruction for the school year. There is a bill currently being drafted to change the legislation for choice schools, and the hope is that it will pass quickly. Until then Tamarack will continue to provide distance learning along with the tracking of attendance and progress of our students. Parent/guardian cooperation in reporting their student's attendance and progress to their class teacher when asked is imperative in order to keep accurate records for auditing purposes.

I encourage you to stay connected through Parent Square for important school announcements, as not every message will be reiterated with a phone call.

Wishing you all good health and comfort of family.

Blessings to you and your family.

Lora Poulos

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