



March 13, 2020

Dear St. George's Community:

As I mentioned Wednesday, the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic has compelled us to closely evaluate our upcoming events and field trips. After much deliberation and counsel, the right decision is to postpone both our much-anticipated March 20th *Fete for 50* celebration as well as our 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. at the end of this month. There are a multitude of reasons why it was the hard but right decision, but none more compelling than simply keeping safe those we most love and value, from students to friends, families, and supporters of St. George's.

We are also looking closely at other activities, events, and field trips on our calendar, considering them case by case, that would congregate larger crowds and prove difficult to employ the public social distancing practices recommended by the New Orleans Health Department.

The very good news here is that the *Fete* and the 8th grade trip have been *postponed*, not canceled. For the 8th grade trip, we are exploring a date in May so that should the pandemic have peaked and subsided, our wonderful, soon-to-be graduates can finish with a flourish and an excursion in their final year not soon to be forgotten. **You also can already mark your calendars for Friday, May 29th, our new date secured for the *Fete* at Popp Fountain in City Park!** We have already reserved the venue and intend to put on an event worthy of St. George's Episcopal School and you.

COVID-19 will not be invited this time, though. Let's hope it stays that way and stays away. Be well.

We'll continue to update you as appropriate.

Yours,