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Dear NAIS Parents,

For the past week, during the revised Spring Break, North American International School has been busily preparing for the next phase of the four-week break. In an effort to communicate to all members of our community, I wanted to send out some quick updates as to our preparedness, and the excellent work that has continued to happen while the school has been closed.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The staff at NAIS have been working nonstop to ensure that there will be no interruption in your child's learning. On Sunday, 22 March, NAIS will begin the first day of distance learning using the Schoology and Zoom platforms. At this point in time, all students and parents have distance learning accounts set up and we have trained students, and many parents, as to the use of Schoology.

For a refresher on the previously published training, please follow the below video links.

Student Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2s4niCCjDvk>

Parent Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88b0Zcy-Mjw>

NAIS will make sure that your child has access to a full day of coursework and activities, including access to teachers online. Key Subject Areas, or classes that meet five times a week, will upload assignments by 10am every day.

Beginning MONDAY, 23 MARCH, teachers will be available online at scheduled times to help support students and parents with questions. However, please log into the Schoology account on Sunday, 22 March to begin working on assignments. Teachers will post their website address, for online communication, by NOON on Sunday, 22 March.

The follow are the online teacher access times per content area:

9am	Electives & LSA student check-in
10am	ELA
11am	Social Studies
12pm	Math
1pm	Science
2pm	Arabic
3pm	Islamic

Electives will have lessons for the week uploaded by Monday at 12pm. These lessons will be due by Thursday, however can be submitted earlier.

Summative exams will be done on Thursdays. The content area will announce the exams to student via the calendar.

- Thursday, March 26th students will have an ELA and Islamic exam
- Thursday, April 2nd students will have a Math and Arabic exam.

Teachers will provide revisions during the week.

To assist with questions, NAIS has set up a dedicated email address for students and parents. Please send any questions to: questions@naischool.ae and include your mobile number and your preferred language of communication (Arabic or English). If you don't have your parent information or your child has not set up an account, please email; questions@naischool.ae and our Schoology support person will get back to you as soon as they are able.

NAIS realizes that there will be support needed during the first few days of implementation. However, the Distance Learning Platform, Schoology, was specifically chosen as the most user-friendly option for both students and parents. Adding the ZOOM platform, to offer live interactions with teachers, ensures that your student should have the ability to access their teachers throughout the school day, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

As we have done all year, I am confident that the NAIS Community will get through this together, supporting each other along the way. As with all of the changes and improvements made to the school, I am confident that the services offered to your student will set the standard for schools across the Emirate.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education,

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