

Wednesday, September 01, 2010

Dear Tabor Families:

Hurricane Earl, still south of the Carolinas, is on a track to “brush” southern New England late Friday evening and early Saturday. The exact path of the storm is as yet unclear but, at this point, we are anticipating at least rain and wind here in Marion on Saturday. While no one is yet sure of the storm’s intentions, we have decided to postpone the return of Varsity Athletes, Boarding Global Partners and Early Arriving International Students until Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Students who do NOT have another place to go are welcome at Tabor. We WILL be open and we WILL pick up students on Saturday as previously scheduled if planes and trains are operating. If students can find another destination for Saturday, we recommend they do so but I want to emphasize that Tabor dorms will be open on Saturday evening. We WILL follow the Saturday registration schedule on Sunday [athletes arriving and registering from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.] If Boarding Global Partners could arrive on Sunday by 10:00 AM, that would allow some time for training. Recognizing that there will be disruption to travel, we look forward to seeing you when you can arrive.

Proctors who have already returned to school for their training and retreat may leave campus on Friday afternoon after they return from the retreat. Again, Tabor will be open for those who need to be here.

We know that delaying the Saturday schedule until Sunday will mean changes in plans for a large number of folks. We have delayed the start of school out of concern for the safety of family travel. We look forward to welcoming folks here on Sunday and, as planned, the new International Student program already scheduled for Sunday will take place according to the published schedule.

If you have any questions about your travel arrangements, please call the following:

Transportation and van pick-ups for International Students:  
Merry Conway 508-748-2408 (home) 508-273-6833 (cell)

Boarding Global Partners who arrive on campus after 1 pm must call: Mr. Downes 508 748 2405.

Other Students: Jay Houck, Dean of Students, 508 748 2297 OR the Dean's Cell Phone: 508 353 1307

Also, if you have other questions, you may call the Headmaster at any time:

508 748 2000 ext. 2210

508 353 1306 (cell)

508 748 0678 (home)

Finally: there IS a possibility that this storm may prove damaging. Should the school sustain any wind damage that affects our operation we will inform everyone as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Headmaster

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