



## We Interrupt Your Regularly Scheduled Programming....

Since COVID-19 has eliminated our access to certain goods and services, limited our activities, and created new necessities, people all over the world have learned new skills and adopted new roles. ER patients with viral illness are being seen by dermatologists. Textile artists and businesses are pivoting to providing masks. United Airlines employees are staffing "Social Bridging Project," checking in on older Californians at risk of isolation by phone.

At The San Francisco School, cross training has always been part of our work culture. Our Head of the Lower School (and former PE teacher) Maggie Weis has been an afterschool carpool fixture in her orange vest. Solveig Dimon curates our library collection and tends the garden. And Jackie Ennis, who manages the accounting and database, also manages students at recess! And, no shame here, countless staff members have cleaned up their share of vomit!

So many of the SFS staff have multiple roles on campus during normal times. But these days, we have taken on even more cross training than before, and much of it behind the scenes.

Take the Extended Day crew. Last week, they were absolutely crucial to the launch of PSK LIVE TV. Under the direction of "Executive Producer" Carly Reiter, the Extended Day crew has been serving as technical director, stage manager, gallery team, camera crew, key grip, video engineer, and production assistant so that the talent can perform for our North and South class viewers. They make live broadcasts of James Harding's music show or Lili Dheer's Spanish class happen -- on ten different channels for ten different audiences simultaneously!

Truthfully, some days cross training is really hard. I'm pretty sure parents or guardians who have been newly thrust into the role of *SOTG* teaching assistant would all agree.

The bright side of all of this is that our versatility as a staff has led to new collaborations, camaraderie, and efficiency. We are increasingly nimble. We are able to sustain our workforce, be productive, and be inclusive of all staff in contribution to *SOTG*. And maybe, within the SFS community and beyond, assuming these different roles and responsibilities have challenged us all to be more grateful and empathetic. Please do what you can to have a well-deserved good weekend, all!

Together,

Steve