You must publish your course to send email to students from Canvas.

You must also publish your course to have any notification emails sent from Canvas to your students.

If you want your students to participate before the official start of term, Monday, March 30th 8:00 AM you will need to go to Settings and scroll down about half way to the Start and End dates for the term. You can enter a new Start date by clicking the calendar icon. You will also need to check the box in front of Students can only participate during these dates.

Changing course dates may override term availability settings and placement in
confirm term dates before modifying course dates.

Starts: Mar 25, 2020 12:00 am

Ends: Mar 25, 2020 12:00 am

Students can only participate in the course between these dates

When selected, the course is in a read-only state outside these dates.