

CALVARY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, INC.

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Dear CCS families,

The current health goal for us all is to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and limiting the number of people on the school's campuses remains a priority. For now, CCS will continue to provide childcare for those who must work, and teachers will continue to engage students through our long-distance learning program in place for the rest of the semester (unless the situation changes, allowing us to return prior to then). CCS understands that childcare is essential and that streamlining live classes benefit students intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually while they are at home during this time. Long distance learning from home, where feasible, will continue for the time being while all appropriate safety measures continue to be utilized for anyone on the school's property. Of course, all of us at CCS look forward to the day when we may all return to campus, but our trust is in God and His timing. Let all of us be encouraged to continue to pray for the President, our governor, scientists, doctors and health care workers, the ill, and each other as we live our lives in the present and thank God daily for all His continued blessings.

As you recognize that we are following our school calendar relating to school days in session and holidays, please note that we plan to continue to follow our set school dates through the end of the school year as reflected *except for any events requiring group settings*. As many minds are on our graduations, we realize that we must also postpone commencement exercises since large crowds will not be allowed to gather in May. We are exploring options, and details will follow when finalized. If families of graduates would like to make suggestions, CCS is interested in hearing them as serving these families effectively and safely is our goal. (As for the spring fundraiser, CCS knows a decision must be made soon, and we will be discussing our options with the PTF to ensure a collaborative determination.)

Thank you to everyone for your help in supporting CCS, its mission, and quality learning during this time through making our zooming lessons a success. We hope teachers continue to be a blessing to you and your family as you continue to be blessing to us. We are thankful that God has allowed us to accomplish so much even during a time like this to provide the following:

- We are providing childcare for those who cannot stay at home.
- We are assisting with zoom classroom training for those who desire it following all recommendations.
- We have reached out to all students to inquire about their needs and will continue to do so.
- We have loaned laptops and hot spots to students who have said they were unable to access an appropriate device through another means.
- We have distributed more detailed packets to those who do not feel zoom classes or childcare are appropriate to their needs so that independent work can be completed at home.

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- We have not completely closed either campus. Childcare and zoom class assistance are provided at the elementary campus and internet access through our computer center is available for students as needed. Following guidelines, the number of people present at any one time in any area is limited, and students have been asked to come to campus only as necessary. Screening and strict social distancing are also enforced.
- We also allow Wi-Fi to be accessed from students' car.
- Other services for students continue, either virtually, by appointment, or in small groups continue to be provided:
 - Advising/counseling
 - Registration for the up-coming school year
 - Tutoring
 - On campus proctoring of quizzes and tests if desired

As we at CCS make decisions to support everyone's health and safety while meeting individual needs, we want to keep you informed. You will receive an update next week as this fluid situation develops and CCS makes plans accordingly. Protecting the futures of our students and staff is always uppermost in our priorities. We love our Calvary family and want the best for all of us. When life returns to normal, we want our students to have the best life to return to and to be prepared to do so as God would have us to do. We, at Calvary, remain committed to providing a quality education along with quality daycare from a Christian perspective for the families we serve, trusting God to take care of us and His ministry through this pandemic. Let us know if we can do anything else to serve you even more effectively.

Because of Calvary,
CCS Administration

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