

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF



HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Monday, April 27, 2020

HCS Family and Friends,

As we move into the last week of April and the beginning of May, our focus has been two-fold; celebrating God's faithfulness in the midst of great challenges, and continuing to prayerfully seek His will, wisdom and timing for the many decisions that we are making on behalf of HCS that impact so many families, students, faculty and staff.

God's blessing is apparent on our schools. He has blessed us with remarkable leadership on the campuses, teachers and support staff. They have risen to every challenge and surpassed our expectations. Our families have been hugely supportive and have also gone above and beyond in partnering with us for the benefit of the children. Despite the separation imposed by the health crisis, in many ways, we are more connected and united than ever before! We see this in our nation, in our communities and among those in our HCS Family. Praise God!

In our last update, we extended campus closures, excluding Emergency Childcare services, through May 1. In light of the extended stay at home orders, and the ongoing recommendations of the CDC and other local and state health officials, **we have made the difficult decision for the elementary and Jr. High campuses to remain closed through the end of the school year (May 29)**. We will complete the remainder of 4th quarter with distance learning. As we write this, we are busily planning alternative end of the year celebrations including PK and Kindergarten graduations, 4th Grade Send-Off (Brea and La Mirada), 6th Grade Graduation (Chino Hills) and 8th Grade Graduation. These are unique circumstances, and although we are disappointed that our cherished traditions must be carried out differently this year, we will be sure to find a way to celebrate our students and their many accomplishments, all for God's glory!

The **Emergency Childcare locations currently serving families will remain open** for those who are providing essential services in our communities and need childcare.

Once the stay at home restrictions are lifted, we will reopen. In the unlikely event that restrictions are lifted prior to May 29, HCS will maintain the distance learning model, but will reevaluate the on-campus structure to accommodate students that may need care during the day when their parents return to work.

Currently, **registration for our summer programs** (Preschool and Summer Fun for K-7th graders) **is underway!** More information is available on our website. Also, we are in the process of planning for the 2020/21 school year. Applications for financial assistance are being accepted and will be reviewed the second week in May. Teacher assignments and work agreements for

next year are being prepared. If you plan to return in September and have not already reenrolled for next year, please do so as soon as possible. It helps to secure your spot and greatly helps us in planning and staffing. If you have financial concerns, need support, or if we can assist you in any other way, please contact your site administrator. It continues to be our privilege to partner with you; we are here to serve you in any way that we can.

It is our prayer that we would continue to work together to ***Finish Strong!*** In a relatively short period of time, we have come so far and done so well, as we have trusted the Lord and worked together. With five weeks left in the school year, hang in there! Know that your efforts are not in vain. Whether you are a preschool parent using the packets we are providing to keep your little one(s) occupied and engaged throughout the day, or you are the parent of an elementary or junior high student and you are facilitating a great learning space at home, you are not alone! God promises to be with us and for us, as we seek Him! Every prayer we pray, every gift we give, every sacrifice we make, and every step of faith we take is an inheritance left to the next generation. If you are feeling alone or need additional help or support, please let us know!

In the next update, we will provide information about end of the year activities and procedures, as well as more details on summer programs offerings. Until then, find shelter in the God of the universe who made you, loves you and promises never to fail or forsake you. No moment, event, or detail falls outside of God's supervision. God is the One who "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45). He isn't making up this plan as He goes along. During uncertain times with changing and often conflicting headlines, it can be difficult to know what to think and who to believe. At HCS, we are so thankful these are *His* schools, and that we are *His* people. As we focus each day on *His* will and calling for our lives, we are thankful for the ongoing opportunity to partner with you. We continue to pray that God will guide and direct our steps, and together, we will see Him more clearly and inspire those around us to see Him, too.

"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).