

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF



HEIGHTS

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

May 18, 2020

HCS Family and Friends,

*"Miracles are the retelling in small letters of the very same story
which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see."*

– C.S. Lewis

Have you ever looked at one of those pictures that offers multiple interpretations? Two viewers look at the same picture and see completely different things. Sometimes, even as the other viewer attempts to help us to see what they see, it can be challenging. The C.S. Lewis quote above reminds us that no matter what our individual interpretations may be of the COVID-19 pandemic and all the ramifications of unexpected change, God is in control, and He is using all the circumstances of life for our ultimate good and His glory as we take the time to see Him! As challenging as it may be, we are also called to point others to Him... to help them to see the story of God's love, sacrifice and salvation for a lost and dying world. One silver lining of this pandemic may be that God uses it to soften and change peoples' hearts! For those of us who are Christ-followers, we are admonished to view all the disappointments, unsolicited changes, and obstacles in our path as divine, God-ordained opportunities for ministry... miracles in the making!

Over the past two months, **we stood with hundreds of families** that faced concerns over the virus as well as the economic impact of current restrictions and shelter in place orders, maintaining continued enrollment for every family regardless of their inability to keep up with tuition. We have **worked tirelessly to provide needed emergency childcare** in our communities for first responders, healthcare professionals and other essential workers. We have also **explored, applied for and obtained emergency funds from stimulus programs** designed to help small businesses and non-profit organizations. As we worked to find the balance between godly stewardship and financial generosity, God went before us. We were blessed by financial donations, generous HCS families, and stimulus monies to help us finish the year and gear up for robust ministry into the future. We would not have been able to accomplish any of this without your ongoing partnership and support, so thank you!

Details for **End-of-the-Year Celebrations and check-out procedures** have already been sent out from the individual campuses or they will be coming soon. We are proud of each of the campus administrators and their remarkable teams, as we have dreamed together about how to pivot, refocus, and finish strong! Their plans and ideas strongly reflect their deep care and concern for our students and their families, and our ongoing attention to health and safety for everyone in the HCS communities.

Registration for our Summer Fun Program is open! This year's program will look different than previous years with increased safety guidelines and practices on campus and no scheduled off-campus trips. Nonetheless, we have challenged ourselves to think outside of the box and explore activities on campus throughout the summer that will be fun and engaging for students while executed with health and safety protocols at the forefront of our thinking so that parents can have peace of mind. We are confident that we can create an environment on each of the campuses that allows the children entrusted to us to build lasting friendships and great memories in a safe, familiar and fun setting. Current and future guidelines and practices are informed by local government and public health officials.

Also open now is Enrollment for the 2020/2021 school year! We are prayerfully anticipating a traditional start of the school year. However, we are also busily planning for a variety of contingencies should they be needed to ensure a swift response to the evolving data surrounding the progression of COVID-19 and to most effectively offer options that will successfully meet the learning needs of all students. In an effort to help our families, and honestly to help our families help us as we look to planning, staffing and securing supplies for the upcoming school year, we want to offer the following enrollment incentives:

- The **early registration fee (\$100 savings in K-8; \$50 savings in PS-TK) will be extended through June 15, 2020** for all families that have not yet reenrolled for the 2020/2021 school year.
- Also, **families that re-enroll for the 2020/2021 school year by June 15, 2020 will be eligible for a full refund of the non-refundable registration fees.** Should your plans change, and you are not able to attend HCS in the Fall, just let us know before August 1 and we will issue a full refund of your registration fee.
- The first round of tuition assistance applications was reviewed last week, and award letters were mailed to families. If your family will need help financially in order to continue with HCS, **please visit MyTads.com and apply for tuition assistance.** Families must be reenrolled for the upcoming school year in order to be considered for tuition assistance. However, if HCS is not able to meet your families' financial need to continue enrollment, HCS will refund 100% of your non-refundable registration fees.
- If you have **additional questions, concerns or need assistance** in any way, please feel free to contact your School Office. When we say it is our pleasure to serve you, we mean it!

Knowing the plans of our families for the upcoming school year helps us to plan, place orders and most importantly, secure work agreements with the amazing faculty and staff that are Heights Christian Schools. We understand that plans change, but for these purposes, this information is very important.

We are continuing to stand with you, looking to the Lord, trusting in His leading, and confident for the future. We will not fear tomorrow... God is already there!

*"Be courageous for I am with you and I will never fail you."
Deuteronomy 31:6*