

WCS Parents,

As per the Governor, Wayside Christian School will be closed beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, April 3, 2020. This includes ALL school activities that would have taken place during this time.

Planning around this closure has been in discussion throughout the weekend and this letter is meant to explain how we are going to proceed. Our goal is to provide on-line or instructional packet learning [dependent on the grade level] to our students beginning on Monday, March 23. We will consider March 17-March 20 to be Spring Break. Let me begin by explaining our setup for the Elementary classes:

Elementary:

Our teachers are working diligently this week to put together weekly instructional packets for your elementary students to work on during this time. The packets will be ready for pickup during regular school hours on Friday, March 20. This first packet will have material for the week of March 23-March 27. On Friday, March 27 you will come in during school hours to drop off the completed packet for the teacher to look over and will also pick up a second packet for the following week. We understand that you may have questions throughout the week about certain assignments. Teachers will be available each day during regular school hours for you to contact them through myschoolworx, phone call, or email to ask any questions that you may have. We are also looking into the possibility of parents scheduling 1-hour 1-on-1 tutoring sessions with our teachers once a week if you feel that could be helpful for your child. You are responsible for scheduling that meeting with your student's teacher. The packets we are sending home will be intended as review and enhancement of grade level material or course concepts. It will not be high stakes instruction. We would also encourage you to take advantage of some of the free online material that is being made available to help your students continue with their academics through this time period.

Jr/Sr High:

We feel we have a good structure in place to continue as best as possible with our Jr/Sr High academics. Three days a week (Tues, Thurs, and Fri.) teachers will be posting a 10-15 minute recorded lecture for students to watch and then give them assignments to complete in the Google Classroom pages. On Monday and Wednesday our teachers will do a shortened live-stream class for students to be able to ask questions and review assignments. These live-stream classes will take place during the regularly scheduled class times. All assignments will be submitted through Google Classroom. Students will be taking their Chromebooks home with them today to be able to participate in this academic setup. If your student was not able to be in attendance at school today, you may come in on Friday during regular school hours to get their books and chromebook. I will also be available to answer any questions you or your students may have about this setup.

We will continue to provide communication to you through MySchoolWorx and Facebook. Our teachers are committed to working as hard as they possibly can to get us through this unusual time and to help make sure your students get the best education possible in these circumstances. We want to thank you for your patience and flexibility during all of this. Our goal is to work together with our dedicated staff and parents in the best interest of our students. If you have any questions feel free to contact me or your student's teacher.

Let me finish this letter with this thought: As a "Christian School" our first priority surpasses academics and is spiritual in nature. With that in mind, and as the people of God, we have a unique opportunity to show our trust in God and love for others during this time. Instead of spreading panic and selfishness, let's demonstrate confident faith in God and concern for others. Let's use this time to devote ourselves to more prayer for each other, for the sick, and for our government leaders. Let's use the time to meditate on God's Word and make it our aim to help others during their time of crisis.

In Christ,

Pastor Donald
Principal
Wayside Christian School

"Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us."
Psalm 62:8