



March 11, 2020

Dear Calvary School Family,

RISD provided an update to families yesterday that is fitting for our school community as well. I have altered the message for our specific planning, and to assist in answering questions you may have.

Could Calvary be Closed for a Prolonged Period?

Possibly. Local and state health authorities are not currently recommending that school closures occur as there is not a need.

Calvary is in ongoing contact with local districts, Dallas County Health and Human Services, as well as local health care professionals and will make school closure or other social distancing decisions (such as event cancellations) based on facts and the recommendations of local health authorities. A prolonged (14 day) school closure would be an advanced social distancing measure to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

We are preparing for the possibility of prolonged school closure and determining if and how distance learning could continue online in different grade levels, using student electronic devices.

What Can Parents Do to Prepare?

If cases arise within our Calvary community, it is possible that local health authorities could eventually recommend closure for an extended period. If that would occur, we would implement plans to offer ways that students impacted could continue their learning from home. In grades 3-8, this would involve students taking home a school-issued Chromebook and utilizing Google Classroom. We would offer instructions to parents so they could assist if this effort; this would require WIFI at home. In grades K-2 we would seek to guide parents in home lessons and activities with their children using school texts and materials.

The most important thing parents can do now to prepare for the possibility of a school closure is to ensure that we have accurate email addresses and cell phone numbers at the School Office and that you are on our messaging system. Please contact our School Office to provide updates. As information and resources are developed, it's critical that we can reach all parents electronically.

School Screenings & Travel

Beginning March 23 (the Monday after spring break), any student seen at school with flu-like symptoms and assessed with a fever will be asked questions about their recent travel and contact history, along with their parent or guardian. The questions will be consistent with travel screening guidelines provided by our local health authorities. In addition, if you or your child travel internationally over Spring Break or in the weeks ahead, you need to inform us at the School Office and complete a Travel Screening Form.

Attendance

It is essential that students who become ill with a fever stay home from school to receive the rest and care that they need. Absences due to illness are excused and parents should never send a sick child to school based on concerns about attendance. Students are not to return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

We continue to trust in our gracious God and as we plan and prepare, and we thank you for your communication and support.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Henrickson".

Mr. Jim Henrickson, Principal