



Calvary

LUTHERAN CHURCH + SCHOOL

March 18, 2020

To: Calvary School Families

Fr: Mr. Henrickson & School Board

Re: School On-Site Learning Closure & On-Line Education Implementation

It's difficult for a family to be separated. The disciples feared what would happen when Jesus would physically leave them to complete His plan of salvation, but Jesus told them in John 14:1, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." Even as we may be separated from one another physically for a time, we have great comfort in knowing that we need not be troubled, our loving Savior is with us. He continues to guide and comfort us as we make decisions and implement plans in this uncertain time.

On-Site Education Cancellation

On Tuesday evening, our School Board, faculty, and Administrative Team met, to formalize decisions and implement previous planning in view of national and local decisions to limit the spread of COVID-19. Our greatest concern is for the safety and welfare of our students, families, and staff as well as our community. Based on this concern, and in line with our local school districts, **we are canceling on-site education through at least April 3**. No school on-site activities or extracurriculars will be held during this period. Our School Board will continue to monitor the situation and will meet and update our Calvary family on further planning prior to April 1. We will also develop a school safety plan for re-opening, as mandated by the city of Dallas, as we look ahead to when we can physically gather together again on site.

On-Line Education Implementation

In the meantime, we will begin educating our students virtually through on-line education beginning on Wednesday, March 25. Our faculty is currently training with tools for online classes, and we will begin instruction in core courses such as Word of God, reading, English, history, and science. Students will need a device at home that uses Google Chrome as a web browser as well as an internet connection, and we will assist families who do not currently have a device or internet connection.

As we continue to develop and implement online instruction, we will focus on three key priorities:

1. To encourage and build up our students and families in a time of uncertainty with the truths of God's unchanging Word
2. To provide core instruction for students to continue their academic progress
3. To provide opportunities for students to have productive, engaging, and educational activities each day

Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8 will learn through on-line teacher-recorded lessons as well as educational apps. In addition, teachers will hold a scheduled live daily meeting with each classroom using Google Meet. Parents and students will receive instructions and be able to review learning goals through a new webpage which is being developed on our website. We will continue our weekly newsletter as well as weekly online chapel services.

Assisting Families

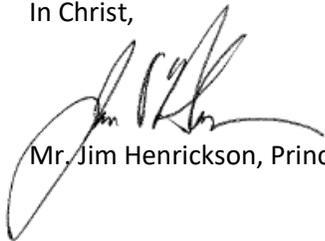
We are also concerned about assisting you with your needs. You will continue to be able to reach our office staff and teachers by phone and email, and we encourage you to share any needs you or your family may have. As a Calvary family, we will support one another.

Please direct any immediate questions or concerns you may have to our office team at 214-343-7457 or schoolsec@calvarydallas.org or principal@calvarydallas.org.

A family yearns to be together. At this moment, I think we all share in the discomfort of not knowing exactly when we will be able to physically reunite as a school family; however, we remain united in Christ, in Spirit, and in faith. Together, and with God's might, we will move forward in faith and confidence.

Look for more updates in the coming days as we plan implementation of online learning next week and know that we will be here to assist you and your children in this transition. We continue to remember you all in our prayers and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as well.

In Christ,



Mr. Jim Henrickson, Principal