

Dear Parents,

Friday, April 10th- Good Friday- No School
Monday, April 13th- Easter Monday- No School
Friday, April 17th- Grandparent's Day (cancelled)
Friday, April 24th- Kindergarten Screening (postponed until further notice)
Monday, May 4th- Hopeful return back to school

Notes:

- I would like to thank the students and St. Chris families for their patience, perseverance and fortitude during our transition from classroom learning to remote learning. I am extremely proud of the efforts and hard work of our faculty. They care deeply about your children and their educational growth and progress. I have met with each of our teachers and they are constantly developing lesson plans that cover our grade level course of studies. They have had to work extra hard to provide and develop lessons that are appropriate for online instruction. Thank you, teachers.
Parents, I understand the stresses that you are incurring at this time. Routines have been disturbed, you question what is the new normal, there is a sense of being overwhelmed by what is in our future, and what do I have control over; I am sure you struggle daily, as we all do. Remember the death and suffering of Christ on Good Friday becomes overshadowed by the joy and celebration of Easter. We will be celebrating again!
- TECH SUPPORT PHONE NUMBER- 937-540- 0109
- Kindergarten and Grade One will be dropping off books and worksheets on your porch this upcoming week. Please email your teacher if you do not receive these materials.
- **Friday, April 10th and Monday, April 13th are off days for our students and teachers- turn those computers off! Take time to reflect on God's goodness and the path He has directed for us in this life. "Trust in the Lord and He will provide."**
- The school calendar for 20-21 is attached. Additionally, there is a Zoom schedule attached. A concern for some families with multiple students attending St. Chris is the availability to have a personal device for Zoom conferences. This schedule should take care of this problem.
- The FACTS Tuition Management System is being set up at this time. Within the next two weeks the tuition amount owed for next school year will be sent out along with the St. Chris Christ- Bearer Scholarship. We will be sending out directions on how to connect with your FACTS account for 20-21' school year.
- Enrollment projections are looking positive. We are looking at a kindergarten class of 41 students and an overall increase of 13 students for next year. I thank our families for promoting and marketing our school. You are our strongest asset!
- **Be expecting a survey next week in regards to a summer school program. I have uncovered some Federal dollars that will allow us to provide a School Readiness and Academic Success program. The program is in the development stages, and unfortunately will not be available for all grades or students. I will use the results of the survey to help guide us in the structure of the program.**

- Families, who have qualified for EdChoice Traditional or Expansion Scholarships, please make sure you complete the renewal or new application. Please contact Kira Bradley if you have any questions or concerns. She is our point person in regards to EdChoice.
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HOPE- I want to share a personal story with you that assures me that things will be getting better. For Valentine's Day I bought for my wife an Azalea plant in full bloom. Unfortunately, when the delivery man called to say he was dropping off the plant, and indicated no one was home, I told him to leave it on the porch because I would be home in 20 minutes. Of course the temperature outside was 20 degrees. By the time my wife saw the plant the blossoms were already falling off and the leaves turning brown. In two days the plant was bear of any growth. I made the mistake of exposing the plant to cold temperatures for what in my mind would not affect the plant. I was WRONG! But you have to love Mother Nature. My wife decided to keep watering the plant and put it in a warm, sunny spot in the house. Three weeks ago I noticed in green leaves beginning to bud. Today there are multiple green leaves. In another three weeks I expect the plant to blossom with flowers. The metaphor is simple- nature will take care of things if we nurture God's creations and allow God's guiding hand to work his miracles through us. Have hope, have strength, surrender to God's will, our lives will blossom once again.