

Dear LCA Parents

We all have become especially aware (with the events of coronavirus progression) that we live in a period of uncertainty and indecision with hard decisions ahead of us. Daily I am consulting with local officials, ACSI, TEA, Denton County CDC, and other health officials so I can make wise choices for our school. We have no knowledge of cases of COVID-19 in our school community; however, in order to be cautious and to comply with suggestions by the CDC and local districts in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, LAC will extend its Spring Break for one week (March 23-27th). We will have virtual classes the week of March 30th. Our school days will then coincide with other local school districts in our area including LISD's.

Some of my staff met today to plan and pray; you can be assured that administrators and teachers are already preparing to deliver online classes. Course delivery will be through Google Classroom, a platform that is already being used by our elementary school. Ms. Rozendaal is populating our Google Classroom website with classrooms and we are putting students into classes. Google Classroom has many options including live conferences, upload and downloads of assignments, discussion boards, video viewing capabilities, and other fantastic teaching tools.

In the event that we decide to extend the face-to-face closure dates, detailed emails will be sent to you. Administration teams will be available to assist parents and students who may have accessibility issues to our on-line resources. All faculty members will participate in on-line office hours to assist with virtual learning questions. Parents will be able to pick up their children's work and textbooks between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 26th and Friday, March 27th. Come to the preschool doors to be let into the building.

The Christian school of today must be both strategic and creative in terms of defining, delivering, documenting, and refining the learning program. Christian schools historically put a strong emphasis on a core-knowledge approach —protecting a high quality, God-honoring, knowledge-based curriculum. Therefore, LCA joins the ranks of Christian schools that are prepared to present godly, quality curriculum and instruction in a variety of venues when the need arises. Once you receive an email that the virtual classroom is ready, Carolyn Hansen will be sending information for the secondary school. I am the point of contact for the elementary school. Jennifer Gray is the contact person for pre-school. Jennifer Diaz will answer questions about electives. Of course, as Head of School I am available to parents. These contact people will answer questions about virtual learning once we as faculty and staff have met early next week.

We do not plan on extending the school year and have been ensured by TEA and ACSI that our innovative use of virtual learning will satisfy the requirements of our students. Graduation will remain on the same date, Spring Fling has already been moved to May 12th, and decisions are

being made about field trips. I am not willing to cancel events before we have a bigger picture of the every-evolving events related to COVID-19.

Let me remind you that there is no change too difficult for God. Although we do not know where we're going in this life (even though we think we do), we can always know Who will be with us every step of the way – the God who loves us. We at LCA are praying that God will grant you and your family peace of mind through this trying time. Now is the opportune time to teach your children about how to live above their circumstances and to be an example of how to press through with confidence in God. “The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8.

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