



Phoenix Christian
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

March 16, 2020

Phoenix Christian Family,

The safety of our students is our first priority.

As a nation, we are in unprecedented times due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Yesterday, Governor Ducey and Superintendent of Public Instruction Hoffman directed all schools in Arizona to close through March 27, 2020.

In context, other states have closed schools through late April 2020.

This is a fluid situation of which Phoenix Christian monitors closely with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, CDC, Governor's Office and public/ private school response. We are utilizing all the information as a basis for our decisions.

Phoenix Christian is moving to a virtual distance learning environment beginning on March 26, 2020 until it is no longer needed. Students will not return to campus on March 23, 2020.

This is not an extended Spring Break. We are strongly encouraging families not to travel.

The ACT March 24, 2020 Exam has been postponed.

Our new virtual learning environment will likely include work packets, online access to assignments, and daily connection with students and families through Remind, email, Group Me as determined by Administration.

Our strategy is to prepare (for distance learning) initially for March 26-April 3, 2020. Teachers will return to school on April 3 to prepare for the following week which could either be an extension of the distance learning platform or preparing for students being back in physical class.

We will be checking out Chromebooks to families who may need access to a computer. We do have limited availability but are acquiring additional technology resources for you.

Please find the current flow of communication strategies:

March 23: Faculty and Staff Return 9:00 A.M. - 3 P.M. to McChesney Memorial Library for status briefing and engagement with Administration for next steps.

Detailed communication of plans and distance learning strategies delivered to Phoenix Christian families.

March 25: Continued Faculty In-service (11 A.M. - 6 P.M.), preparation for distance learning strategies and delivery of curriculum packets to families.

Learning modules covering March 26 - April 3 will be prepared and available for parent or student pick up (2 - 6 P.M.).

Chromebooks available to families in need (limited availability).

March 26: Parent or student pick up of learning modules (7A.M. - 1P.M.)

Chromebooks available to families in need (limited availability).

March 27- April 3: Full implementation of distance learning units.

Faculty return (8 A.M - 3 P.M.) to campus to prepare for the following week which could either be an extension of the distance learning platform or preparing for student being back in class.

As we transition into a different educational environment, we are committed to unceasing educational excellence for every student.

Students will earn daily participation credit to incentivize regular and robust engagement.

Administration and essential office staff will be maintaining regular hours.

All extra-curricular events such as athletics and field trips are on hold until further notice. We are striving to protect the unique 5th grade camp experience for a different time as well as other unique opportunities for our students.

Resources Available

Child Care

Phoenix Christian Preschool will remain open as a childcare option (Age 2- Kindergarten) aiding families who need at the encouragement of the

Governor's Office. Please contact Mrs. Lori Miller (lmiller@phoenixchristian.org or 602 - 274 - 7557) for rates and availability. Realizing Phoenix Christian Kindergarten students have paid tuition, there will be no additional costs with the exception of extended care fees.

Food Boxes

Phoenix Christian has a limited number of lunch-food boxes available. Please email Mrs. VanderNaalt at cvandernaalt@phoenixchristian.org if interested. We will maintain confidentiality.

In light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, STO4KIDZ in partnership with H10 Ministries is bringing relief to Arizona families by providing Food Boxes.

If you or your family have been affected by the virus or have a child dependent on receiving food from school, please email Julie Smith H10ministriesaz@gmail.com at H10 Ministries to arrange delivery of a food box while supplies last. H10 will need:

Your Full Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Total Household Number:

How are you or your family member affected by the Coronavirus:

Internet

During this time of uncertainty and required in-home learning, Cox is helping get families in need connected to the internet through our Connect2Compete program.

<https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete/covid-19-response.html>

We are here to help and support you!

Please know this is a season which holds a beginning, middle and end. God will guide us.

Place the Scriptures in your heart:

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:6

...fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

Take time to simply be with your children, listen to them, love them, and talk with them as guided by God's Spirit. Corporate family prayer is powerful.

We are praying for your family.

We are committed to robust communication and protection of educational excellence.

With prayer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JEFF BLAKE". The letters are stylized and connected, with a large, sweeping flourish under the "E" in "JEFF".

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Phoenix Christian Preparatory School