



**Phoenix Christian**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

March 16, 2020

Phoenix Christian Family,

Please join me in prayer:

*Father,*

*We worship and honor you in all circumstances. Teach us walk as on water with our eyes fixed on you in all circumstances.*

*Guide our families as they care for their children. Guide Phoenix Christian as we serve our families.*

*Guide our government and health care professionals by the moving of Your Spirit.*

*Please remove this sickness from our planet.*

*Use this moment to move our hearts closer to Yours.*

*Guide our transition in teaching and learning to places of success.*

*We love you and seek to worship you in all circumstances.*

*Amen*

Here is a review of our current plans and considerations:

There was no further direction from Governor Ducey in today's press conference impacting Arizona schools.

Expect a detailed communication on Monday, March 23 by 5:00 PM.

**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.**

The ACT March 24, 2020 Exam has been postponed.

Our new virtual learning environment will include work packets, online access to assignments, and daily connection with students and families through learning platforms we are finalizing.

Our strategy is to prepare (for distance learning) beginning March 26, 2020. Teachers will engage in training March 23-25 in anticipation of our online instructional platforms and packet/unit learning.

We will be checking out over 130 Chromebooks and NOW Surface Pros to families who may need access to a computer.

Our initial timeline:

**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 by 5:00 PM.

**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.). Select modules may be delivered online. Chromebooks and limited Surface Pros available to families in need (limited availability).

**March 26:** Parent or student pick up of learning modules (7A.M.-1P.M.) Chromebooks and Surface Pros available to families in need (limited availability).

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

Faculty return (8 A.M to 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.**

### **Can you help?**

**As families work through the challenge of COVID-19, some within the Phoenix Christian community may be impacted financially. If that is not your situation, please prayerfully consider lending some support to others. We also have until April 15th to support tax credit scholarships. [ACSTO](#) or [STO4Kidz.org](#) are available right now to help you! When you do, be sure to indicate "Phoenix Christian Preparatory School" families.**

### **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](mailto:lmiller@phoenixchristian.org) or (602.265.7728) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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".

Jeff Blake,

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Superintendent

Phoenix Christian Preparatory School