



COVENANT CLASSICAL SCHOOL
IN ALL THINGS CHRIST PREEMINENT

ERIC COOK, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Covenant's leadership team and Board have been working hard all week to acquire reliable, accurate information to make a wise response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have consulted with the health department, the CDC, county officials, legal counsel, doctors, and a number of other private schools. Of course, our primary concern is to ensure the safety of our students and our school community.

After much prayerful deliberation, we have decided to suspend on-campus classes and all extracurricular activities for the next two weeks (until March 27). Next week, we are extending spring break to allow for our administration and faculty to prepare for the possibility of an extended closure. That means there will not be academic requirements of our students from March 16-20. We will take next week for our leadership and teachers to conduct curriculum planning, develop distance learning capabilities, and equip teachers to manage the logistics of this transition.

Suspending on-campus classes allows us to minimize exposure, practice social distancing, prepare for a potential extended period of distance learning, and evaluate the health risks and the developing nature of this situation. We expect to begin distance learning on March 23. I know there will be many questions about this. However, our administration will be communicating in the coming days about the logistics of our plans and what all of this will mean for your family. Thank you for your patience as we prepare.

While we have no knowledge of any cases of COVID-19 associated with our school community at this time, we will continue to evaluate the situation daily and communicate regularly. We are setting up a page on our website for you to access all of our past communications about COVID-19 and to acquire resources we think may be helpful during this time. That link will be live later today at www.covenantfw.org/coronavirus.

Finally, we want to encourage all of you as parents. This is a challenging and unique situation for all of us. Just before the break, our 6th grade students stood tall and recited all of Romans chapter 8. That passage teaches us that the whole creation "groans" because of sin, but it also tells us that we are "more than conquerors" through Him that loved us and "nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." We have a

firm hope! We should remind our children that God is faithful even in times of uncertainty and that Christians have spoken into times like this to serve and remind people of the gospel so beautifully articulated in Romans 8.

Thank you for understanding,

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