



March 14, 2020

Dear Trinity Families,

Due to the evolving situation with the coronavirus, the Executive Committee and I met to pray and review information provided by the CDC, local resources, and the recent directive of Governor Pritzker.

Although all of these entities were factors in decisions that were made, ultimately, TA leadership made the decision we felt God intended, allowing us the opportunity to be a beacon of hope in the midst of darkness.

As believers, we have confidence in a Sovereign God who reigns and is in control of all things. We continue to trust Him with the details of each day. We also acknowledge this opportunity to love our neighbors as ourselves and serve our communities in a time when many need to see the Hope we have in Christ. We pray this assurance grants each of you peace in a time when others are overwhelmed by fear.

After much prayer and discussion it has been determined that Trinity Academy will suspend regular on-campus learning activities through March 27, in hopes of resuming a normal schedule on Monday, March 30. Our leadership believes that our vision, as noted below*, of education at Trinity Academy uniquely equips our school to flourish and sets an example of classical, collaborative learning for others in our community as we embrace our partnership with parents.

Trinity teachers will be meeting on Monday to prepare and adjust lesson plans that will allow for flexible learning at home, solidify efficient modes of communicating lessons and assignments, and pray over our families and communities. We are finding joy in these opportunities to embrace a classical education and challenge our teachers and families to creatively pursue joy and wonder in seeking truth.

Here is what you can expect:

- Tuesday, March 17: All Trinity families are asked to stop at school between 9:00am-noon to drop off any completed work from last week and to pick up textbooks and materials for the coming weeks. We welcome families, Board members, and TA staff to join us from 9:00-9:15 in the cafeteria for a collective time of prayer to cover our communities during these times of uncertainty.
- Lesson plans will be more detailed to support instruction at home and modified to promote a more relaxed classical learning experience at home.
- Parents will be equipped with answer keys, assessments, and potential digital turn-in options and will be encouraged with a weekly check-in at Trinity.
- Further instruction for modes of utilizing online platforms will be communicated by email. Communication both to and from parents will be critical. Please check your personal email daily.
- Some optional on-campus activities and learning opportunities will still be scheduled, with details to be determined.



- Other changes to school calendar can be expected in regards to Concentrated Study, Grandparents' Day, and potentially the extended Easter Break as we evaluate the circumstances. The Trap Shoot (April 4) and the Spring Open House (April 7) will be held as planned. Keep selling tickets!
- The School Office will remain open.
- Details about the Wax Museum and School play, including potential rehearsals will be communicated.

Further confidence:

- We do not believe that social distancing demands isolation. The devil seeks to isolate and speak lies, in order to kill and destroy, yet Christ calls us to live in community, in faith, and in hope.
- If you and your families are healthy and abiding by CDC's recommendations for preventing spread, we encourage you to live in community, to swap kids for learning activities, ask one another for help and advice, take time to enjoy coffee together while the kids play or read their novels together.

We look forward to seeing your families on Tuesday morning as we utilize the systems we already have in place and explore new possibilities for learning. May God grant you opportunities to serve and be a beacon of hope to those who feel overwhelmed.

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

**Vision Statement: Trinity Academy will be a beacon of hope in the community as we strive to nurture joyful children whose hearts are inspired to love God and mankind; whose minds can discern what is true, good, and beautiful; and who speak with eloquence to boldly proclaim and defend Truth. Our legacy will be their devoted lives marked by compassion, integrity, and a continued longing for knowledge and God's wisdom as they bear Christ's image in the world.*

In Christ,

David J. Murray