

March 13, 2020

Dear Harrisburg Christian School Families,

Governor Wolf Gov. Tom Wolf has announced that all K-12 schools in Pennsylvania will be closed for 10 business days due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Beginning Monday, March 16th, Harrisburg Christian School will be closed for two weeks and will make the transition to “distant learning”. It is important to note that Harrisburg Christian School does NOT have any confirmed cases of COVID-19.

During this closure, in order to keep students’ academic skills sharp and to eliminate disruption of the educational process, students will have assigned schoolwork. Early next week, students will be given 3 “vacation days” (Monday – Wednesday) while faculty and staff meet to implement our distant learning plan. More information will be sent via email early next week to thoroughly explain student, teacher, and parent expectations for schoolwork during the closure.

As a result of the Governor’s “strong encouragement” that “all large gatherings, especially those of 250 or more, be either canceled or postponed,” Harrisburg Christian School will be suspending Friday’s and Saturday’s performances of *Sound of Music*. We are currently exploring whether there are options to reschedule those performances. More information will follow as plans become more established.

Because of the closure, we must also postpone all spring athletics effective immediately. We recognize that many students will process disappointment about the impact of COVID-19. As their administrators, teachers, coaches, and directors, we too are disappointed to postpone and cancel performances and activities. We love seeing our students develop their talents on the stage or playing field.

While students are off campus, we will continue to support a healthy and safe learning environment by actively taking steps to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 in our school. Cleaning crews will continue to work diligently to clean and sanitize all school spaces. The administration will continue to monitor reports from the state and official government organization while working closely with local school districts and local health officials.

Please continue to pray for those that are currently facing exposure and illness throughout the world. As we partner together to work through the next couple of challenging weeks, we are reminded of Jesus’ hopeful words in John 16:33: “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.”

It is times like these where our core value of community becomes most visible. By deciding to temporarily close school, we believe we are committing to respect and value our neighbors both inside and outside our school community. Thank you very much for your patience, understanding, and prayers.

Blessings,

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