

Carmel Christian school

Dear CCS Parents,

I pray your family is off to a good start with distance learning this week. We are seeing lots of great posts and hearing good feedback from our teachers, indicating that our families have done an outstanding job securing technology, establishing schedules, setting up “classrooms” and communicating expectations for success. But, most importantly, you are leading your children through prayer, encouragement and support and we are so grateful!

As the week continues, please share what’s going on in your “classrooms” by tagging us on social media and using **#CougarsCan413** in your posts. Be encouraged ~ *(We) CAN do all things through Him who strengthens (us)*.
Philippians 4:13

Your CCS team continues to closely monitor all guidance and directives provided by the [Centers for Disease Control](#) as well as [state](#) and [local](#) health departments. Most recently:

- The state of NC communicated closure of all public K-12 schools until May 15. (March 23)
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management Office announced a *Stay-at-Home* order for County residents for the next 21 days. (March 24)

Our desire is to provide you with the most current updates for Carmel Christian School in light of this information. As with the previous public school closure announcement, though Carmel Christian School is not regulated by these mandates, our desire is to do all we can to be an active part of the solution to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are also deeply committed to preserving the health and well-being of our Carmel Christian community.

After prayerful consideration, we have made the decision to continue CCS Distance Learning through May 15. Our hope and prayer is that this timeframe will be shortened by God’s grace and perfect sovereignty. If there is a change and we are able to return to campus, we will be prepared to adjust our plans accordingly.

Though the *Stay-at-Home* order has no immediate impact on our continued delivery of *CCS Distance Learning*, it does have a significant impact on our families, faculty and staff. We want you to know that we will be praying for homes full of grace, peace and protection throughout the coming weeks.

You keep Him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because He trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3

Our CCS team is prepared to continue down this road of distance learning thanks to the preparedness of our faculty, the commitment of your student(s), the faithfulness of our families and the enabling strength of our Heavenly Father. Our commitment is to continue to enhance the *CCS Distance Learning* program, both in content and delivery, over the coming weeks and we welcome your feedback along the way. Please reach out to your classroom teacher as your first point of contact. Principals are also available for your feedback and questions. We are blessed to continue our partnership in disciple-making education to ensure the continued success of your student(s). We will ALL get better at this over time, so please remember to give grace to yourself and others as we grow in this new endeavor together.

As a reminder, all CCS events and activities are suspended until further notice. Given these most recent announcements, we are prayerfully evaluating all remaining 2019-20 CCS events to determine the best solutions. Please pray with us for God’s creativity and provision as we aim to honor our Seniors well, celebrate ALL the Lord has done through the hearts and lives of our students this year and preserve the beloved CCS traditions that are near and dear to our hearts. As

decisions are made, we will share these plans with you. At this time, CCS Spring Break remains scheduled for April 10-17.

Your CCS team is praying for you and your family as you continue to navigate this challenging situation. We are grateful for your partnership and prayerful support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay Hancock
Head of School