



Hello Columbia Families,

Our prayer is that you are surrounded by the peace that only God can provide as we navigate together through this challenging experience. Updates related to the COVID19 pandemic are constantly changing and we are dedicated to following the directives and guidelines as they are presented by the health authorities – to protect our community, school, and homes.

Many of you heard the decision from Oregon Governor Kate Brown this past Tuesday, to extend the closure of K-12 school campuses until April 28. This adjusts our original plan to resume on-site classes at the beginning of April. **At this time, and until further notice, we anticipate welcoming our students back on Wednesday, April 29.**

While we await approval for our students to return to our physical campus, we want to offer our thanks and appreciation for your support of our temporary “At-Home/Digital Learning”. It is truly a blessing to be able to seamlessly continue the education of our children and to keep them on track in their classes. We are grateful for our teachers – preparing materials, evaluating progress, and communicating frequently. We are impressed by our students – embracing new methods and adapting to big life changes. And we are pleased to partner with you as parents and guardians – you are the ones who are making this program work in amazing ways.

NEW PACKETS: ELEMENTARY AT-HOME LEARNING

Our teachers for Kindergarten through 5th grade have prepared new materials for their students in light of the extended campus closure. **These packets will be available for pick-up tomorrow: Saturday 03/21 from 9:00am to noon at the Outlaw Center office** (the side door on the elementary building with the black awning). We are offering a “drive through” experience and will ask families to stay in their vehicles when they arrive by the office. One of our staff members will bring the packet(s) directly to your car window. If you wish, you may also leave any of your child’s completed work with us, to be reviewed by his/her teacher at a later time.

AVAILABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We want to ensure that each of our students has full access to learning resources during this time apart. Our 8th-12th grade students have their own school-issued iPads that they took from school, and many families have devices at home for their children to use, but we realize that may not be the case for everyone. **If your family is not equipped with a computer, tablet, or other device for your child to utilize, we would like to offer one from Columbia that you can check out for use at home.** Simply send an email to ccs@columbiachristian.com to make those arrangements.

We want to remind you that teamwork is vital in our current circumstances. We are all in this together – prioritizing the mission of our school: to provide a Christ-centered education focused on excellence in faith, character, and academics. As always, please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

Blessings,

The Columbia Christian Administrative Team