

April 9, 2020

Faith Family,

There will be no school, Easter Friday and Monday – April 10 and 13.

Please take note of the following announcements. From now on, unless there are special announcements, we will go back to the normal Friday letter. So, these announcements will be posted in the Friday letter.

1) Faith Christian School will be closed for the week of April 13-17 for all students and staff. As long as the stay at home order is in place, FCS will not be able to return to school.

2) Any other school-related events through April have been cancelled. Jr/Sr banquet has been postponed until a later date in May. All field trips in April have been postponed until further notice, even if that means into the fall of next school year.

3) No decision has been made for any school days beyond April 19. Faith will be cautious but also slow to commit to lengthy absences until we see how this coronavirus situation develops further. We will be making a week-to-week decision. We are working on many different scenarios to go forward with education when we are able to return. As long as the stay at home order remains in place, FCS will not be able to return to school.

4) FCS will communicate basic messages through Schoolcast. Updates will continue to be available on the school's website as well as by normal Friday letter format. Any time a new update is available, parents will be made aware through a Schoolcast message.

5) Thank you to everyone as we are now in full-blown online school. If you have problems, reach out to the school hotline to help with any issues. School technology hotline is 336-360-7010. Please leave a message and your phone call will be returned. Teaching online is a new concept for us as well as for you. Please be patient. We are so appreciative of the hard work of the staff to learn this new software and get prepared to teach online.

6) RULES FOR ONLINE SCHOOL:

a. We are still in school! We are not on vacation.

b. FCS is continuing to educate, just through a different platform until we are able to return to school.

c. Students must log into online/video classes each day and view/complete the assignments for the day.

d. Middle/High School students – when assignments are due online, the task is considered late, and it will follow the late turn-in policy of the teacher, if not completed on time.

e. We expect the work to be the student's work and not the work of others such as parents or other students. In other words, no cheating.

f. DO NOT WORK AHEAD ON THE ASSIGNMENTS THAT ARE GIVEN. Complete the tasks for the day only. If you allow your child to work ahead, that will affect what is being covered in online instruction.

g. The materials/assignments will be graded. These grades will be part of the overall yearly grades. Staff is striving to make accommodations, as necessary, since we are online and not in person.

h. Students are still earning credits to pass classes. So, very clearly put, if you do not do the work you can fail!

i. The NC State Superintendent of Public Education announced this past week that online instruction for public schools may not be graded or counted. That message does not apply to FCS. We are endeavoring to provide that highest quality education online so that your child continues to grow even during this time.

j. Try to keep your students on a normal schedule as possible.

k. FCS Elementary (K through 5) will have an assignment drop-off time for this Friday, April 17, from 8-10 am and from 4-6 pm. These would be any materials that have been completed through Wednesday, April 15. Parents, please put each student's assignments in a folder with the child's name of the folder. In front of the school will be crates labeled with the grade or name of the teacher. Please place the materials in the proper crate. Middle and High school will be turning in assignments electronically as explained in the tutorial videos. These videos can be found on the school's website, under the quick link for "Online Learning."

7) Once we get going well on the Online School, teachers will be available from 8 am-3:30 pm. If a teacher answers questions beyond that time, do not assume another teacher is doing the same thing. Teachers are answering questions as well as preparing new videos/lectures each day. Please be respectful of the teacher's time beyond their normal work time.

8) The school buildings have been locked and are not accessible to any staff, students or parents until we are able to return to school. This includes the gym which is very popular for folks to stop by. This is not a choice, it is a requirement! Approval to enter the buildings will only be given by Mr. Daniel.

9) As it is becoming necessary, Faith will be reassessing the school/preschool calendar for the rest of the year. We will make accommodations in the calendar as it becomes necessary.

10) The state of NC has made no decision on Achievement tests for non-public schools yet. We anticipate a decision by the first of May.

11) Randolph County has also opened the option to help with situations that families are unable to provide food for their families.

- All children (0-18) are eligible to receive one breakfast and lunch meal per day at no cost.
- Only one full tray may be claimed for each child at breakfast and/or lunch.
- Breakfast will be provided from 8:15-9:00 a.m. ("Grab-&-Go" only).
- Lunch will be provided from 11 am-12:30 p.m. ("Grab-&-Go" only).
- School site to pick up meals is Ramseur Elementary for Faith students needing help.

Have a blessed Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Todd Daniel
Administrator