

Faith Christian School



“Quality Education with Christian Principles”

March 13, 2020

Dear Faith family,

We are all facing a new difficulty that none of us have ever experienced during our lifetime. Before we discuss any measures that we will be taking, a simple reminder that we serve an all-knowing, all-powerful and loving God. We are trusting a sovereign God that is in control. The Scriptures remind us that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). Let us pray for this virus will soon pass and for we will have the endurance to live through these times.

No doubt, in a school family our size, there are a variety of opinions on the coronavirus crisis that is before us. At this point, Faith Christian School is moving forward to do what is best for the student, staff and families of our school. Faith Christian School administration has met for several hours working out logistics. We are in regular contact with the Randolph County Health Department. We are thankful for the relationship with them on a normal basis, but especially during this time. FCS will be acting on Randolph County Health Department recommendations for any actions that become necessary. So, to be clear, any health recommendations/decisions have been discussed with the health department. Below, you will find information that will help you understand our decisions.

- 1) Information will be given to parents through Schoolcast announcements which could be texts, emails or phone messages. FCS will also be creating a link on our website with information from the school and the health department.
- 2) FCS will not have school on Monday, March 16 to allow for staff training on the coronavirus. We will also be conducting additional cleaning of the school campus. We are also having meetings in case the school was forced to close temporarily.
- 3) Classes at this point will resume on Tuesday, March 17.
- 4) Activities for March that have been cancelled are NCCSA Fine Arts competition on the 19th, Servant Leadership day on the 30th, all ball games and practices. The NCHSAA and NCCSA have mandated the cancelling of ball games. Allowing of practices will be reassessed each Friday for the next week. No games can resume until April 6.

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- 5) FCS will not cancel any activities in April at this point. This would include field trips, plays, games, Jr/Sr and any other event. FCS will reassess these events towards the end of March or as conditions dictate.
- 6) Students and staff returning from the Dominican Republic have been cleared to return to school. The Randolph County Health Department was consulted in this matter, and there are no restrictions that would not allow these students and staff to return. The Health Department is following the CDC guidelines laid out to address matters such as this.
- 7) Students/staff/family members who are showing any flu-like symptoms will not be allowed to attend/visit school. Symptoms include any fever, cough/respiratory issues, frequent sneezing, accompanying headache, shortness of breath, vomiting or diarrhea. Students or staff must not have any fever without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours when they return to school. FCS will reserve the right to send any student/staff/family member who is exhibiting any symptoms home and will not allow return to school until proof of symptoms have ended.
- 8) FCS will be encouraging and requiring frequent handwashing during the day. FCS will also be providing extra hand sanitizer stations around the campus. Please take time to review handouts from the Health Department about common sense things to help with the virus.
- 9) FCS will also be increasing efforts of additional cleaning of our facilities with products approved by the CDC.
- 10) In the event that school has to be closed for an extended period of time, FCS will be working on means by which some education can still take place while students are out of school.
- 11) FCS is asking that visitors to the campus be limited to immediate family until further notice.

As you are aware, the situation around the virus is continually changing. FCS will immediately make families aware of ongoing changes. Please read any correspondence from the school to keep up to date on these matters. I admonish you to pray that the Lord will cause this situation to resolve quickly. If you have questions, please feel free to call the school office.

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