

March 30, 2020

Faith Family,

Faith Christian School has been working hard to make arrangements for the ongoing coronavirus situation. Please take note of the following announcements.

- 1) Faith Christian School will be closed for the week of April 6 - 10 for all students and staff. However, 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 the delay carries over into the next school year.
- 3) No decision has been made for any school days beyond April 10. 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 email. Any time a new update is available, parents will be made aware through a Schoolcast message.
- 5) Starting with today Monday, March 30, Faith is transitioning to DAILY online instruction. You should have received emails with instructions to start that process. If you have not followed those instructions, you must do it immediately. If you have problems, reach out to the school hotline to help with any issues. **School technology hotline is 336-360-7010.** A school staff member is answering the phone from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm each day of the week starting today. If you do not get someone, they are helping someone else. 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 3, from 8-10 am or 4-6 pm. These would be any materials that have been completed through Wednesday, April 1. 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.

- 7) Once we get going well on the Online School, teachers will be available from 8:00 to 3:30. 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) In yesterday's announcement, the Amazon Fire was mentioned as a possible use for TEAMS, but certain parents have made us aware that Amazon Fire is not working out.
- 9) 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.
- 10) 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.
- 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 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. ("Grab-&-Go" only)
- Lunch will be provided from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ("Grab-&-Go" only).
- School site to pick up meals is Ramseur Elementary for Faith students needing help.

Monday, April 6 will be a Day of Prayer for Randolph County. At the request of a couple preachers associated with Faith Christian School, the Randolph County Commissioners set aside this Day of Prayer. One of the greatest privileges that we have as a believer is the ability to call on the name of our God. We do not have to call up Raleigh or Washington DC! Praise God for that. We can simply, with the cries of our hearts, reach out to God. If there is anyone that can deal with the problems that we face quicker and better, it is our God! I am asking that any pastors associated with the school promote and encourage this Day of Prayer with their congregations. I am asking families to set aside special time that day to pray over the current difficulty that we are facing as a county, state and nation. Students, I am asking you to pray. God hears the cries of the young as well as the cries of the adults. Hebrews 4:16 – "Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

I am making a simple request. If you are a social media person, go on Facebook or any other social media platform:

- 1) Announce the day of prayer – Monday, April 6 for all of Randolph county to pray.
- 2) Thank our commissioners for having the courage to call on people to pray.
- 3) Tell people what prayer has done for you in your life.
- 4) Then PRAY!

I would love to see in just our Faith Christian School family, 300 or more take a stand and say we have to pray. The FCS family is a HUGE family who reaches over three generations of people. Would you help us pray by encouraging others to pray? On my personal Facebook page, there is an announcement that is being put out that you may share with others. PRAY!

Todd Daniel
FCS Administrator