

March 21, 2020

Dear PHCS Parents,

Our Spring Breaks were nothing like we had envisioned them back in January when we had fresh calendars and grand ideas for vacations, travel, and playdates with friends. My heart is with you; I know you and your families have had to give up many things in the past weeks. As we look forward to a different delivery of education, I want to let you know that we are keeping track of all the daily changes and projections of our state and county officials, however, we are choosing to focus on one-two weeks at a time as we launch this Distance Learning program. We want your feedback so we can make it more and more effective as we go along.

\*\*Details about our DL program: students can do their work at any time during the day. They DO NOT need to be online at a specific time. Any video content will be recorded for convenience of access. Our teachers will be announcing their **Availability Hours** each day so students/parents can contact them with questions or concerns in real time.

Here is a timeline for how we will launch our DL program:

<u>Monday, March 23</u>: Teachers meet and finalize details of DL program and put together Student Materials bags to be distributed on Tuesday's Drive Through Pick-up.

<u>Tuesday, March 24</u>: Parents pick up Student(s) Materials for their child(ren) at the scheduled pick-up time in the school driveway. If you have not signed up for a time slot, here is the <u>form</u>. Access codes will be in the bags of materials and then students can access their Google Classroom to receive the welcome message from their teachers and be prepared for Wednesday.

<u>Wednesday, March 25</u> Starting @ 8:00AM, students are able to access their Google Classroom to get their assignments for core academic areas. To ensure understanding, parents will be asked to complete a simple online form that indicates student understanding for each subject area. Here is a <u>sample</u>. Teachers will be looking for these completed forms so they can assist your student with trouble areas as soon as possible.

In keeping with our mission of whole-hearted community, we have launched a community Facebook page for Moms in Prayer. We have had quite a few moms join the private group as it is meant as a

place for encouragement during this challenging time. You can submit a prayer request, pray for others, or share with one another about how it's going in general. Please join and stay connected!

Consistent with our school mission, our prayer for your student(s) while we are all apart is that they continue to grow in the important academics that they need but also to *develop character* through this trial of being apart. I'd like to invite you to talk to your child and come up with some character goals during their Distance Learning (ie. Punctual on chores? Kindness to siblings? Quick to obey parents? Diligence to do work before play? Thoughtfulness to pray for others?) We'd love to hear about progress you see in your child(ren). Mrs. See might even announce your student's success during her weekly recorded videos to start each school week. These videos will be posted in your child's Google Classroom page at the beginning of the school weeks.

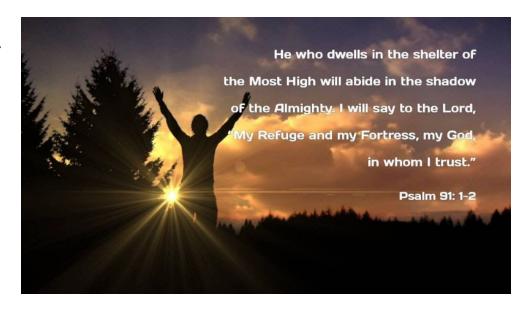
Be on the lookout for fun Enrichment links for Art, Music, Computers, Spanish and PE! These are not required but we'd love to know if your child participates! Snap a picture of them doing some music, art, and exercise and send it to your teacher. Students might even be able to upload pictures to their Google Classroom to share and encourage others!

We are praying for your family and want to stay connected in a variety of ways. So reach out to me via email or text me on my cell phone (707) 321-6202. Our teachers and I are committed to serving you with whole-hearted education even in this wild new season of Distance Learning.

I leave you with this beautiful reminder that I read in Pastor Rick Hahn's (from Occidental Community Church) daily email. To read more, see the OCC FB page.

With gratitude for you, Beth

Mrs. See, M. Ed.
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"Whole-hearted, Timeless Excellence in Christian Education" Luke 10:27