



## **UPDATE #6 – April 17, 2020**

Dear PCS community,

As I took a break and walked around campus today, I was reminded of how much I miss seeing all of our students and faculty. I am praying for you and trusting our Lord to meet your every need. As many of you may have already heard, Governor Abbott announced today that he is extending his Executive Order requiring all schools in Texas to continue with remote learning for the remainder of the year. Although we are disappointed, we expected it and appreciate our Governor's leadership, attempting to address safety and economic concerns. Our first priority is to do our part to keep our community safe.

### **UPDATES:**

- **COVID-19 Update**
  - Thankfully, we can report that the member of our school family that had tested positive for COVID-19 has recovered and been released by the doctor!
  - We have been notified that a second family has tested positive. Although they have not fully recovered, they are much improved and continue to get better each day.
  - Administration is continuing to monitor this situation and will provide additional information as needed.
  - Let's take time to thank our good God for the successful recovery of our first reported case and be in prayer for our second reported family that has contracted the virus as they continue to improve.
  
- **Operations Update**
  - In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order, the PCS campus will remain closed except for essential personnel.
  - School operations will continue as we do our best to respond to calls and emails within 24 business hours.
  - The last day of school will remain May 22.
  - We are continuing to monitor recommendations for the summer and camps. We will update you as we make this decision.
  - We are in regular communication with Independent School Management, the Association of Classical Christian School (ACCS), and other administrators from

around the state and nation. These efforts have been extremely valuable as we plan now and for the future.

- By the end of next week, you will receive an important survey that will assist us in knowing how our families are being impacted. Please be on the lookout for this survey. Your responses will help us in our efforts to serve you.

- **Other Important Updates**

- We continue to plan for our end-of-year activities and will continue to provide updates as decisions are made (e.g., today's Connection has an announcement regarding thesis presentations).
- We recognize that the current pandemic, combined with the current crisis in the oil and gas industry, has caused some within our community to experience significant financial loss. We are working hard to increase our financial aid opportunities for next year to assist those incurring a temporary financial setback.
- Communication:
  - For questions regarding individual class plans, contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s).
  - For technical questions, email [tgatlin@pcsclassical.org](mailto:tgatlin@pcsclassical.org).
  - For academic questions, email [cwatson@pcsclassical.org](mailto:cwatson@pcsclassical.org) (Upper School) or [mmartin@pcsclassical.org](mailto:mmartin@pcsclassical.org) (Grammar School).
  - For business office questions, email [bstevenson@pcsclassical.org](mailto:bstevenson@pcsclassical.org).

Thank you for your continued partnership as we look forward to the days ahead when we can gather together. I count it one of my great privileges to serve your family and to pray for all of you.

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