



Dear CCBC Family & Friends,

4/29/2020

A significant daily ministry of CCBC is our Academy, and we would like you to be aware of how this ministry has been transitioned, advanced, and developing needs during the current Covid-19 circumstances. So here are some highlights you might like to know about the Academy at this time.

Please note that all of our faculty and staff have continued to plan, work, and be available to provide the best possible teaching, instruction, and resources to our CCA family as is possible.

TRANSITIONED

1. CCA Spring Break was the week for March 9th-13th. You will remember that is the week the President held two significant press briefings concerning the Covid pandemic that has changed nearly everything. On Friday, March 13th, at 11:49 pm, we sent out a message that we would still hold classes on campus for the week of March 16th. By Saturday, March 14th, it was increasingly apparent that it would not be wise for classes to meet on campus because of the travel that took place during Spring Break.
2. On March 16th and 17th, CCA began transitioning to "distance learning" model. We were required by the Tennessee Association of Christians Schools (TACS) to report on the following.
 - Platform(s) of distance learning.
 - Description of teacher training for distance learning (alternative learning).
 - Criteria guiding lesson planning and time of instruction.
 - Method of tracking student attendance.
3. CCA is accountable to TACS directly and not the Department of Education. Therefore we have been striving to deliver learning and educational content and instruction as best we can in these current circumstances. Our faculty and staff had to work extra hard to make the transition to "distance learning."

ADVANCED

1. The first 2-3 weeks were challenging for faculty, staff, and families. Everyone made the most of a difficult situation.
2. For weeks 4-5, most faculty, students, and families began to find a balance and a rhythm with this new learning style.

3. During the weekend of April 18th, families were sent a survey in part to assess; if there was a willingness to return to campus, to provide an honest assessment of CCA's transition and instruction, and if there were any additional concerns or encouragements.
 - 82% of respondents said CCA had met their expectations in our shift to distance learning.
 - 84% of respondents indicated their student's teacher had done an excellent or very good job of shifting to distance learning.
 - 75% of respondents indicated their students were experiencing a good amount of learning versus, a great, very little, or no amount of learning. Only one respondent indicated there was no learning taking place.
4. The survey's feedback aided the board to vote that the remainder of the school year would be completed from home with a distance learning model on April 21st.
5. We would still be required to follow the following standards according to TACS for the 2019-2020 school year:
 - 26 credit requirements for the class of 2020
 - 180 days of instruction
 - Formative and summative assessments
6. The school board recommended we continue as scheduled with Kindergarten graduation (5 students) on Sunday, May 17th at 2 pm and Senior graduation (4 students) on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. These ceremonies will be limited to immediate families and close friends, along with social distancing.

DEVELOPING NEEDS

This brings us to our final area of needs. At this time, it is hard to estimate the total impact the Covid crisis will have on our precious Academy. Below are some things we know for certain.

- We were unable to have our Open House on March 29th to meet new and prospective students.
- We were unable to have our annual school auction on April 3rd, which is a major fundraising event for the Academy.
- We were unable to have our planned Donor Dinner, which was going to be an additional fundraising event.
- The loss of job or income has directly impacted families because of Covid.
- Enrollment for next fall is low as families are uncertain about their jobs and finances.

1. We need your PRAYERS
2. We need WISDOM as we finish this academic year and continue to plan for the next.

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3. We need your ADVERTISING. Word of mouth is a great way to advertise, so please consider introducing families and friends about CCA's daily ministry and our Christ-centered, Classical educational model.
4. We need FINANCES, which will aid CCBC in continuing our ministry and mission to partner with parents to equip, model, and mobilize students to be effective disciples through Christ-centered education with academic excellence.

In regards to the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) mentioned by Pastor Stan in his recent emails, it would potentially benefit only the school faculty and staff payroll. If you have financial resources, unneeded stimulus funds, or would like to sacrificially give to the Academy for us to avoid using or offset the PPP, we would be incredibly grateful. Therefore we want to offer the opportunity to give to the Arise and Tell fund. All gifts received to this fund after April 29th, 2020, will help overcome the financial difficulties facing the Academy now, and in the months to come.

Ways you can give:

1. Mail checks to Candies Creek Academy with Arise and Tell on the Memo.
2. Set up Bill Pay to Candies Creek Academy through your local bank.
3. Call ahead and bring cash gifts to the CCA or CCBC office.

Brethren remember, the LORD is your Keeper (Psalm 121:5), Helper (Hebrews 13:6), and Portion (Lamentations 3:24).

At His Throne Seeking His Ways,

Pastor Dave