

Dear Parents and Friends of Trinity Academy,

After many discussions with the Trinity Academy staff, as well as the staff of Trinity Episcopal Church, Covenant Preparatory School, and Grace Academy, we have determined that our school year will begin remotely on Monday, August 31 due to concerns regarding Covid-19, and plan to re-open Monday, October 5th, for in-person classes.

*Please keep in mind that our October 5th reopen date is tentative. We will need to reassess the status of our state and country as we approach that date. This was not an easy decision; we understand so much is at stake. We feel that for the well-being of all members in the building and our families, this is our safest option. Please take the time to read the following specifics:*

- 1) Remote school days will be Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm. Teachers will be holding live classes so it is important for students to be present for as much of that time as possible. Teachers will be sending home a specific class schedule as we get closer to the start date. We will also be offering gym, art, yoga, and gardening classes remotely.
- 2) During the week of September 7th, we will be asking students to come in, by grade, to complete standardized testing, and receive a package to take home including classroom materials. Here is the breakdown:
  - Tuesday, September 8th: 1st and 2nd graders will come in from 9am-12pm
  - Wednesday, September 9th, Thursday, September 10th, and Friday, September 11th: 3rd and 4th graders will come in from 9am-12pm

Students will be provided with snacks, outdoor play time, and classroom activities, all following the social distancing guidelines. PLEASE SEND YOUR STUDENT(S) TO SCHOOL WITH A MASK ON THESE DAYS. Testing for the 1st and 2nd graders include DRA testing. Testing for the 3rd and 4th graders include the math, language, and reading MAP Test.

3) We have secured bussing for when school resumes in-person. However, our in-person school day will be from 8am-2:40pm. This is the only time slot we were able to secure with the bus company, and we know how important bussing is for so many of you. If you would like your child(ren) to be signed up for bussing, please contact Melissa Morin at [admin@trinityday.org](mailto:admin@trinityday.org). We will ensure that your child(ren) have bus spots come October 5th.

4) I will be sending out an Academic Calendar as we get closer to our start date of August 31st. Additionally, your activity fee of \$150 is due NO LATER THAN Monday, August 24th. Please either mail this in or arrange a time with me to drop it off at the school.

5) Before students and staff return to the building on October 5th, a Covid-19 Waiver will be mailed home for you to sign. This must be either mailed in before October 5th, or accompany your child on October 5th before entering the building.

6) As we get closer October 5th, I will be sending out our guidelines regarding how we plan to keep safety standards in accordance with the CDC, regarding Covid-19. We have purchased all the PPE we need, but I will outline exactly what a school day in the actual classroom will look like.

Once again, this was not at all an easy decision to make, and I appreciate your patience and support throughout this process. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns. We are in this together and we will get through it together!

Respectfully,

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