

# Foothills Community Christian School

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Dear FCCS community:

This is a follow-up to Sunday's letter. Shortly after I sent Sunday's letter Governor Bullock announced closing of all public schools in Montana. As you know, our standing policy is to follow the GFPS decisions related to school closure. Again, our desire and intent is to keep your child's health and safety in the forefront of our plans. The Board is in communication daily and will meet Tuesday evening to review our status and plans moving forward. **As a reminder, as long as Covid-19 virus is a health concern based on CDC, Cascade County Health and GFPS, student absences are waived and absences do not need to be made up. Students are responsible for the work.**

School leadership and faculty met today in preparation for the FCCS implementation of remote learning. The following is the information that will assist in helping your student succeed in this change of delivery:

- Your student's teacher will be in contact with you no later than Wednesday.
- We know this is a new experience for you and your student – it is also a new experience for the teachers. **DO NOT FEAR** (this is the most frequent command of God that is found in scriptures)
- The teachers will begin simply in order for all to get used to this new format.
- Grace will be given and accepted as we begin this new venture.
- Contact the teacher if you do not understand the assignment or if you are having technical difficulties. The school has an IT service that will troubleshoot all technical issues.
- We will start on this Wednesday, March 18, 2020.
- The PK students will be contacted by the teacher through email and phone.
- The students in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades will use **DOJO** for communication and lesson delivery, as well as email and phone opportunities.
- The students in 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will use **Google Classroom**, including the complete Google suite of applications for communication and lesson delivery.
- Parents will NOT need to access Planbook. The **Google Classroom** will allow you to see all subjects on one document as opposed to opening up Planbook for each subject.
- Teachers will set aside time each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (some will be daily) to be available by phone (There is an attachment that identifies each teacher's schedule.)
- The teacher will make the passwords (sign-in information) available to you electronically.
- All work will be done electronically – There will be no hardcopies to turn in.
- **Some digital/electronic remote lessons, quizzes, and tests are timed and once begun may have a specified time in which to complete – Make sure that your student does not start an assignment, quiz, or test without having time to complete it within the**



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## **allotted time.**

- Equipment needed is a smart device, laptop or desk top with internet conductivity – if you do not have access to one of these please call the office. (Webcam and microphone are optional)
- We are officially ending the third quarter this past Friday. The new quarter begins on Wednesday. Any work assigned last week but not completed will need to be submitted electronically by this Friday to be included in the third quarter grade report.

We highly recommend that you establish a routine at home that is conducive to learning. Identifying a specific location and time on a daily basis will position the student to be more successful. The daily routine should also include some physical activity.

Please give the teachers feedback on how long the assignments are taking and any other concerns you may see develop.

As we have any new information related to students doing school from home (remotely) we will notify you. Please go to the [www.foothillschristian.org](http://www.foothillschristian.org) website for other information on cancellations and information related to remote learning.

## Other important information:

- During the COVID-19 crisis the school building will be open Monday – Thursday from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Thank you for all your encouragement, patience and prayer in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Working for the Master teacher,

David Culpepper,  
Head of School



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