



COVENANT ACADEMY

A Classical Christian School

OUR MISSION

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Covenant Community,

Over the last weeks, our kitchen tables and living rooms have transformed into our classrooms. Our school has grown into over 70 campuses across our area. At the West Jersey Village campus, our family has had good days and not so good days. We have thrived on many days and we have wondered if we will make it to lunch on other days.

I don't want to add to the voices that are telling us "what to do" during this time. Instead, I want to remind us who we are. Our school's mission is "to serve Christ and His Kingdom by sharing the gospel and partnering with parents to train students by way of Scripture and the classical liberal arts." This pandemic situation has put a strain on both sides of our school's partnership. It has had significant and unpredictable effects on our family's finances, jobs, and health. Amidst all of these significant changes, you all have really come through. We are so grateful to all of our exceptional co-teachers. You have been supportive, constructive with ideas, and patient as we have rolled out new technology to serve you better.

This pandemic has also stretched our teachers and staff. They have spent countless hours preparing and connecting with our children. They have been flexible, learned new technology, and continue to implement new ways to reach our kids. Please let these teachers know how much you appreciate their efforts— to make sure our school has offered our families inspiration, value for their tuition dollars, and a bit of normalcy in the midst of uncertainty.

You may be wondering about whether prorated tuition refunds will be offered for the extended online school environment. Nothing about this situation is ideal, and, believe me, our teachers and staff would much rather be at school with our beloved students! To put it bluntly, there's no way to offer refunds without laying off teachers. Without exception, our teachers are working many more hours, not fewer, to deliver quality instruction to you in these unprecedented circumstances. Because the vast majority of our expenses are salaries, we do not have any cost savings to pass along to our families currently. Leslie and the board have worked together to cut expenses that are not necessary during our time physically away from school. However, these cuts have been offset by the loss of students who have not been able to continue for the rest of this school year. All of this being said, some of you may be facing unexpected, significant financial hardship. We want to figure out a creative solution that can keep our community together. If you are facing this type of hardship, please contact Leslie directly.

In closing, there is no argument that our school's physical address has been temporarily changed by this situation, but our mission is the same. God continues to use our teachers to train the minds and work miracles in the hearts of our children on a daily basis. We will make it to lunch, we will make it through missing assignments, we will make it through 10 people using the Wi-Fi at the same time, Furthermore, I believe that God will continue to train our children's hearts and minds during this time.

We are thankful for your partnership and we are praying for your families. I hope to see you back on campus soon!

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