

May 29, 2020

Blessings all,

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! As we have navigated an unprecedented time in our nation's history, your trust and partnership has been nothing short of remarkable. Through trying times of stress and anxiety it is our prayer that we could collectively stay centered on Christ.

Hopefully, the opportunity to be on campus this week to see one and other, paging through the yearbook, or connecting through end of year celebrations, have provided that reminder of the community we have here at Hephatha. The relationships we have formed over the years has been the bedrock in pushing through challenges posed over these past 12 weeks. Our relationships and partnerships were paramount in pivoting from onsite to collaborative learning over a three day period back in the middle of March.

The closure of this academic year brings to mind the arrival of the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year. As our state and country transitions through the reopening process, we eagerly look forward to welcoming our Hephatha family back to campus in a return to our traditional learning model. Our first day, August 19, is marked on the calendar as a day of celebration in our first step in returning to normalcy.

With a campus learning model that does not exceed 25 students per grade level, we are blessed as a Lutheran school to provide a regular schedule for on-site classes. An additional blessing are Hephatha's large classrooms, 900 square feet, that will be beneficial in operating in our regular learning model while adhering to local public health guidelines.

We do not yet know what the specific local public health guidelines will be in August. We are committed to providing families with a meaningful academic experience, while working to minimize risks to everyone. We are confident that we will be able to achieve these goals on the Hephatha Lutheran campus.

Extra measures will be implemented for enhanced sanitation on campus, including new outdoor hand-washing and hand sanitation stations, increased campus deep cleaning, and an alteration to the drop off and pick up process (that will not impact any changes to our traditional daily schedule). These are just a few of the enhancements that will be utilized for the upcoming academic year. Further measures and details will be shared as more information is shared by local health officials.

Paper Day for the upcoming school year for Early Childhood through 8th grade is still scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st from 8am to 3pm! The links for required paperwork will be emailed to you by the end of next week. You will also be receiving an email from FACTS to set up your account, and choose your payment plan for the year. Please call the Administration Office between 8am and 3pm if you have any questions regarding this process!

We have missed having everyone together, and look forward to taking the steps to return to the Hephatha experience we know and love!

In Christ,



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