

May 4, 2020

Blessings Hephatha Families,

"I pray that out of His glorious riches, He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being"
- Ephesians 3:16

Paul's words in Ephesians reign true for us today. As we enter our 8th week in our current collaborative learning model, I have the utmost gratitude for all of you. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we have collectively navigated this learning experience.

At this time, Hephatha will continue its current learning model through the end of the academic year. In greater detail, the conclusion of our academic studies will be Friday, May 22nd. The following week will provide students the opportunities to celebrate the year in a manner that sticks to Hephatha Lutheran end of year traditions, while also adhering to health officials recommendations.

During the week of May 26th-29th students will be given the opportunity to come onto campus and collect their belongings. Hephatha will strictly follow health official recommendations regarding social distancing. Teachers and staff will also continue with remote extracurricular banquets, blessings chapel, and class parties that are all staples of the end of the year tradition.

Hephatha Lutheran is an assessment driven campus. All of our students from ages 2 through 14 go through periodic assessments that help us individualize a learning plan for each of our students. Additionally, the assessment information is documented throughout your child's time at Hephatha. This allows for every teacher to understand every strength and area of growth for each of their students. We will continue with our plans of 3rd trimester assessment opportunities. Scheduling for these assessment opportunities will be shared in the upcoming weeks through your classroom teachers. A video providing greater detail to this matter, and answer any possible questions, will be posted on the school website later today.

Additional Updates:

- Kindergarten and 8th grade graduation ceremony plans continue to be monitored, as more information becomes available a definitive plan will be shared with Kindergarten and 8th grade families.
- Hephatha Lutheran will operate it's Early Childhood and Day School summer camps as planned. The camps will begin on our already scheduled date. We will adhere to all health official recommendations. Potential modification to our camps will be shared as this situation evolves. Information regarding paper day for summer camp will be shared over the upcoming days.
- As we move into the summer, Hephatha Lutheran's Dayschool will be offering summer school opportunities for those that are interested in additional academic support. Core classes will be the primary focus of these courses. These courses will not begin at the start of summer, students will be given the opportunity to decompress from Collaborative Learning prior to the start of these courses.
- Parent Volunteer Hours: All remaining parent volunteer hours have been waived for the remainder of the year. The difficulty in completing the remaining hours through social distancing is cited as the rationale for waiving the hours.
- March Pizza Lunch Orders: For all families that had paid in full for Friday pizza lunch, those orders will be credited to the next academic year. If you have further questions regarding pizza lunch or previous orders, please contact Mrs. Angelina Smith at asmith@hephatha.net
- PTF GALA: An informational email for the annual PTF fundraising gala, and the plans moving forward, will be shared in the upcoming days.

In Christ,



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