



# Parkway Christian School

Challenging Minds ♦ Capturing Hearts ♦ Cultivating Gifts

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## Parkway Christian School Fall 2020 Reopening Plans

Parkway: we made it! Many of us are a little battle weary, but we made it! For a lot of us, our emotions are raw, and it can be difficult to pinpoint the exact source of our negative feelings. Grief can do that. We must acknowledge our feelings of sadness over what has been lost, and our feelings of frustration over what the future might hold. Please take the time to grieve, while remembering that First Thessalonians 4:13 says we are not to grieve as those without hope. God is even now ordering our steps so that we reach the destiny he has planned for us.

So we will grieve, and then we will rise up and continue on doing what he has asked us to do at Parkway. Challenging Minds. Capturing Hearts. Cultivating Gifts. Even though everything around us has changed, God's plans for us have not changed. We are to partner with you to nurture his children and your children so they learn what they need to learn to become exactly who they were created to be. My heart resonates with III John 1:4: I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. Our reward in doing what we do at Parkway is to hear that your children are walking in truth years after they have completed their time with us. And so we labor on, providing quality education while grounding your children in God's Truth.

Think about God's response in the midst of the storm.

Matthew 8:23-27

23 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 27 The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

In the middle of the storm, Jesus was sleeping. He knew there was no need to panic or worry. HE IS THE MASTER OF THE STORMS.

He controls our destiny, and orders our steps so we can reach our destiny.

New normal is one of the current catch phrases we are hearing all the time. I don't know if this is the new normal, but I do know that to continue educating God's children, we may have to make some adjustments to how we do things until this season passes.

Some of you will think our plans are too much, some of you will think it's not enough. And some of you will think they're just right! As a Christian school, we do not always have the same requirements that our Public School counterparts do; however, we are required to follow health

department standards. It is our desire to provide our children with a biblically based education while in a physically and emotionally safe environment!

Moving into the fall, we have researched and prepared 4 different plans to address a wide variety of possibilities, taking into account current government mandates and expectations for schools and using the Michigan Safe Start Plan as a framework. Recommendations have been reviewed from the CDC, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Missouri Department of Education's plan and the Macomb County Health Department, to create 4 plans for what measures may be in place for the safety of our school children.

Our intention is to have on site learning in the fall! We do not intend to have a hybrid of part online and part face to face

### Parkway Christian School Reopening Plans for Fall 2

Plan Level 1	Plan Level 2	Plan Level 3	Plan Level 4
Correlates to Michigan's Safe Start Phase 3	Correlates to Michigan's Safe Start Phase 3-4	Correlates to Michigan's Safe Start Phase 4-5	Correlates to Michigan's Safe Start Phase 5-6
Remote Education Entirely Online	On Site Education Strict Social Distancing	On Site Education Social Distancing	On Site Education Standard Health Procedures

#### Plan Level 1, No Students Onsite:

- This is currently a low probability
- Summer planning will analyze our 4th quarter distance learning process  
New plan will be developed based on parent, teacher, student and administration input to address the learning needs of our students during any

#### Plan Level 2, On Site With Strict Social Distancing:

- On-site learning
- Building access limited
- All students and staff will have a temperature check in the morning
- All face to face learning
- 6 feet apart social distancing
- Obviously, this will require fewer students in each classroom to ensure we are 6 feet apart. Some things to note:
  - All of our available space has been measured

- We have determined we have enough space if we use all rooms as classrooms, including some on the church side of the building
- With fewer students in each classroom, we will have a need for more staff
- Room and staff needs will be determined by our enrollment
- To reduce hallway interaction, all students preschool-8, will stay in assigned classrooms
- Teachers will move from room to room as assigned
- We will continue to Cultivate Gifts by having special classes continue, although they will be reduced.
- We remain committed to Biblical training and will create plans for chapel teaching and worship to continue in a way that is safe for our community.
- If all schools are shut down for an increase in Covid cases, we will transition to online education with no break in learning. If your family needs a device for your child, we have additional ipads you are able to use.
- We plan to increase the number and availability of our social emotional support staff
- We plan to increase our resource room staff to accommodate an increase in student support needs
- CDC guidelines for sanitization of the rooms will be adopted
- Increase hand sanitizing stations in the building
- Lunch will be in the classrooms allowing for use of the cafeteria space for classrooms
- Recess will be class by class and will include the playground
  - If you prefer your child not play on the playground we will have two options for the students. One will be a movie in the auditorium with appropriate social distancing and we will also create a walking or skipping club around the ring road when possible

#### Plan Level 3, On Site With Social Distancing:

- All face to face learning
- Students preschool-8 will be in assigned classrooms
- Teachers will move to classrooms
- Increase special classes as able
- If all schools are shut down for an increase in Covid cases, we will transition to online education with no break in learning. If your family needs a device for your child, we have additional ipads you are able to use.
- We plan to increase the number and availability of our social emotional support staff
- We plan to increase our resource room staff to accommodate an increase in student support needs
- Access to the building will be by pre-arranged appointments only
- CDC guidelines for sanitization of the rooms will be adopted
- Increase hand sanitizing stations in the building

#### Plan Level 4, The "Old Normal":

- CDC guidelines for sanitization of the rooms will be adopted
- Increase hand sanitizing stations in the building
- We plan to increase the number and availability of our social emotional support staff
  - We recognize that developmentally our children have gone through a trauma event on a global scale and we will be working to support them in a variety of ways.
- We plan to increase our resource room staff to accommodate an increase in student support needs

For those of you desiring to have a homeschool continuation, we are working on being able to provide 2 options for you to consider. There will be further information as we move into summer.

After going through all that, please note our number one priority will be caring for and nurturing your children. To do that, we will do all we can to keep them safe.

We are planning a zoom meeting to address any questions and concerns at 7pm on Monday, June 8, 2020. Please complete your google form with any questions you have by 4pm on Friday, June 5, 2020.

God is still in control, and none of this is a surprise to him. This is a lot of information to digest, and many of you will likely have questions. We will be sending this information in written form as well and will include a form for your questions. Then I will host a zoom meeting to address those questions to the best of my ability. In addition, we will be sending out a survey to give you the opportunity to help us plan for next year. Please complete this survey as we want your input to best be able to serve our community. Also, we want to encourage you to apply for assistance if you are concerned about tuition payments. We will do our best to help those in need.

Please know, these plans have been thoughtfully researched and prayerfully considered. I cannot wait to see your children again face to face, to teach them in chapel, to encourage them to look to the Lord for all of their needs. I will do whatever it takes to continue to provide a balanced, Christ-centered education for all of our students, in whichever phase or level we find ourselves in.

Please remember:

Romans 8:35 & 37-39

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?"

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Luke 12:24 & 27-28

“Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!”

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!”

And finally, I want to leave you with the lyrics to this hymn:

Consider the lilies; they don't toil or spin,  
And there's not a king with more splendor than them.  
Consider the sparrows; they don't plant nor sow,  
But they're fed by the Master who watches them grow.  
We have a Heavenly Father above  
With eyes full of mercy and a heart full of love.  
He really cares when your head is bowed low;  
Consider the lilies, then you will know.  
May I introduce you to this Friend of mine  
Who hangs out the stars, tells the sun when to shine.  
And kisses the flowers each morning with dew,  
Oh, but He's not too busy to care about you!  
We have a Heavenly Father above  
With eyes full of mercy and a heart full of love.  
He really cares when your head is bowed low;  
Consider the lilies, then you will know.  
Consider the lilies, then you will know.

The Parkway Administration team continues to research, plan and pray over the 2020/2021 school year, and I cannot wait to see everyone again soon!

God Bless,

Lila Place

Head of School