



Parkway Christian School

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Dear MS/HS Students and Parents,

Phew! If your first day of online learning at home was anything like my house, we all have some charts to make! Since I have the advantage of being a school administrator, as well as a mother to boys in grades 2, 4, 6, and 9, I ran an experiment today to see what information my MS and HS sons could gather. To be honest, they did ok. One schedule had *mostly* correct information and one was, well, less than accurate. I'll let you imagine which was which. :)

So, let's all start with this: GRACE. Grace for your children, grace for our teachers and grace for yourself - even grace for technology! Hebrews 4:16 states, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Together, we will conquer each challenge that arises as we draw near to the throne of grace!

As a tool to support you as parents during our online learning experience, I have included two schedules each for 6th grade, 7th/8th grade and High School. One schedule is all about content. You may have read or heard a staff member or your student referring to a "content drop." This indicates that new content will be posted/dropped on that day.

The other schedule is strictly for Zoom times. Zoom video conference calls have been set up to allow students the opportunity to connect with their teacher and each other. Zoom calls are optional, but highly encouraged. In a previous communication, I thought that students needed an account to participate, but that is incorrect. Students only need to download the app or open the website on a computer in order to join a call with the meeting ID and password provided from their teacher. **Please note that this is up-to-date right now, but changes may occur and would be communicated by individual teachers.**

At this point, Seniors and 8th graders have been informed that their trips have been canceled/postponed. This is both heartbreaking and prudent given the situation we find ourselves in. The question of "will I have online work when I was supposed to be on a trip" may be running through their minds. The answer, yes. Online learning will continue for seniors and 8th grade during their previously scheduled trip times. Here is why:

- Seniors - we hope to reschedule and if that opportunity arises during a later portion of the school year, we want to be able to allow that week to be free of coursework.
- 8th grade - the Washington D.C. trip was a school trip and therefore, not a break, so we will continue learning.

Attendance during our online learning time will be monitored via Bible classes. All students in grades 6-12 will have a daily connection with their Bible content that will be used as a way for us to track

attendance. If your student is ill, please notify the office by emailing attendance@parkwaychristian.org and they will mark their attendance appropriately.

We also have steps in place for progress monitoring. If a student does not complete the expected coursework, their teacher will reach out. If the teacher is unable to make contact and/or the student continues not to progress, Mrs. Korth will pursue contact with the parents.

If at any point your student is having technical difficulties, please reach out to techsupport@parkwaychristian.org. The staff members who monitor that email box will attempt to address issues in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are in this together!

In Christ,

Mrs. Brady