

Dear Central students, parents, faculty and staff,

May God be with you and with your spirits. We are all stepping out of the boat and into the unknown. I know that our best choice, individually and as a school community, is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

As a school community, we live out our faith by looking out for the good of others. As we strain under many losses, being stuck at home, and needing to do school in a way we never wanted to do, I want us to remember that our sacrifices have a clear purpose- to save lives by reducing the spread of the virus.

Central's goal during this extended closure will be to support families by providing a sense of routine, connection, curriculum, and faith formation for students. Teachers have had work days all of this week, using video conferencing to collaborate, learn new systems, and plan as they organize a new way of having school for all Central students from PreSchool through Grade 12.

As a school centered around Jesus and deeply rooted in community, we need to stay connected socially, emotionally, and spiritually even while we are apart. Plans are underway for Heart of Central times for Middle School and High School students. PreSchool and Elementary students will have chapels on Mondays and Wednesdays. Middle School and High School will have chapels on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Thursdays, we will have an All School chapel. More information will follow on how to access these events.

Central will make sure that the Seniors will graduate and all students will be able to advance to the next grade level. We will follow the guidelines of the Ohio Department of Education, which will make allowances in recognition of the disrupted school year.

We will take our previously scheduled Spring Break from March 23-27. You will begin hearing from your teachers again on March 30.

Central will look to the CDC guidelines along with orders from the Governor to guide us in further decisions about events and activities towards the end of the year. Things are not looking promising for this, but we will delay decisions a bit longer. *Central is committed to a senior trip and a commencement ceremony even if it needs to be postponed and happen at a later date after May.*

We take these losses and disruptions in your lives very seriously. We know that students and families will need support. I look to our community. I urge you to seek support within your class, with your teachers, and with parents and mentors. Please remember that Stacie Tschiegg <StacieT@centralchristianschool.org> is also available to talk with you.

May God's presence embrace you and give you peace.

Sincerely,

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