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LION PRIDE

SCHOOLWIDE RETURN-TO-CAMPUS PLAN | DATE OF PUBLICATION: JULY 24, 2020

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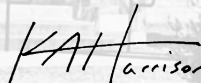
WELCOME BACK, LIONS!

The Christian Heritage School campus has always been a place where students can learn and grow in each of our four pillars: *Academics that Challenge, Athletics that Build, Arts that Inspire, and Active Faith that Endures*. It is with great confidence and PRIDE that we share a glimpse into our strategies for welcoming students back to an on-campus experience that aims to impact every child. The 2020-2021 school year will be what we make it, and CHS plans to make it our best year yet. We believe that God will use this year to work within the life of each student and as a time to strengthen CHS as we expand our capabilities. We are thrilled to welcome our Lion Pride back to campus on August 17 for our originally scheduled start to the school year.

CHS remains flexible and proactive as we engage in local, state, and national discussions. We have an abundance of informational resources and open communication channels with like-minded schools so that we can share and sharpen our intentions with a best practices approach. Since March, teams of teachers and administrators have sought practical strategies that will work best for our community. The framework of our plan is established, and we will continue to consider every detail that each family will need in the weeks leading up to the first day of school. This document will provide insight into our plan and give your family peace of mind and clarity for the extra measures that will be in place to keep our students healthy and safe while pursuing the CHS experience we all value dearly.

Our faculty demonstrated their ability to adjust and create meaningful academic engagement for our students this spring during onLION Learning. Our intent to open and make decisions based on our community's needs does not exclude us from a government mandate or a public outbreak. If campus shutdowns or quarantines impact attendance for our teachers or students, our 2020-2021 plan will protect teacher-to-student instruction. We are boosting our technological capabilities and are ultimately striving to be able to instruct children in a variety of ways.

The CHS mission is alive and well. We are eager and able to engage our students in new ways while leaning on the meaningful relationships we have built and will continue to build. Children need education. Your child(ren)'s health and safety is at the forefront of our discussions and decisions. Please join me in praying for our community and that our plans, efforts, and relationships are honoring to God while impacting every CHS family. I cannot wait to see each of you back on campus this fall. **Welcome back, Lions!**


Kent A. Harrison
Head of School



HEALTH + SAFETY

CHS is committed to ensuring campus is as safe as possible while minimizing the risk our students face on a daily basis. While we do not expect to completely eliminate the threat of COVID-19, the size of our student body, in conjunction with our campus plan, provides the opportunity to limit the risk as much as possible.



DAILY TEMPERATURE AND SYMPTOM SCREENINGS FOR FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND CAMPUS GUESTS



PRACTICING AND PROMOTING PROPER HAND WASHING AND HYGIENE HABITS



CONTINUAL DISINFECTING OF SPACES AND SURFACES



PHYSICAL DISTANCING WHEN FEASIBLE



PROFESSIONAL THIRD-PARTY SANITATION STAFF TO THOROUGHLY DISINFECT CAMPUS

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CHS continues to identify areas of attention along with practical solutions to keep our students and faculty healthy with limited disruption to instruction. Our return-to-campus plan follows State of Georgia mandates by Governor Brian Kemp and Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines. Please be aware that revised campus protocols relating to the action steps listed below will be released prior to the onset of school. CHS will be:

- 🐾 Providing flexible learning options, as outlined in this document, to families with health concerns or prefer an at-home learning option.
- 🐾 Reducing risks to our CHS community through daily temperature checks and screenings of all faculty, students, and campus guests.
- 🐾 Educating students on the importance of reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 through simple and consistent hand washing, practicing and promoting proper personal hygiene habits, distancing when feasible, and wearing a mask, when appropriate.
- 🐾 Installing and providing additional hand sanitation stations throughout campus.
- 🐾 Providing personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks and gloves, for faculty use, when necessary.
- 🐾 Altering existing protocols that allow campus access for families, outside guests, and visitors.
- 🐾 Eliminating large student gatherings, including group chapel time and divisional lunch opportunities, to promote healthy physical distancing.
- 🐾 Creating updated designated student drop-off and pick-up entries and exits to avoid huddles and bottlenecks.

COVID-19 ON CAMPUS

The harsh reality of COVID-19 is that it is easily spread and ultimately impacts people in a variety of ways. Recognizing the symptoms and following Governor Kemp's guidelines will help us limit the spread when we are aware of cases that are active within our CHS community.

CHS will require households **WHO HAVE A MEMBER WHO HAS TESTED FOR COVID-19** to refrain from on-campus activities until 14 days have passed since the onset of the infected member's symptoms.

Students **WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO AND ARE SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS** will be required to wait until 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms, along with 72 hours of being symptom free (per DPH recommendations), before returning to campus.

CHS plans to notify families of potential exposures within a classroom if/when a positive test is brought to our attention while protecting the identity of the student.



PROTECTING OUR EXPERIENCE

One of the greatest factors in student achievement is the relationship between a teacher and the student. This relationship is the conduit for inspiration, motivation, and perseverance. God created us to be in community with one another and to learn from each other. Discipline and structure are key components of any healthy learning environment. **We are fortunate to have the flexibility of allowing families to make daily decisions for what is best for their children.** Every class, each day, has the ability to and will be streamed and/or recorded for students that are not physically in attendance.

A growing concern for all schools is managing absences and missed class time due to other illnesses with similar symptoms of COVID-19. CHS will be prepared for and will protect instruction time as well as critical relationship-building opportunities for our students and faculty.

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OUR PLAN

- 🐾 All families will be welcomed back to campus with a normal start, **INCLUDING FIVE-DAY INSTRUCTION IN THE CLASSROOM ON CAMPUS FOR ALL K-12 STUDENTS**, as originally scheduled on August 17.
- 🐾 Parents will have the ability to make day-by-day decisions as to if they want their child(ren) to learn on campus or virtually.
- 🐾 Teachers will be equipped and fully prepared with cameras and the most up-to-date distance-learning technology to simulcast live instruction to students that choose to participate virtually. **Our digital goal is to engage students with their curriculum, their teacher, and their peers in real time.**
- 🐾 Outlined safety plans have been created, continuous practice of personal hygiene will be enforced, and professional cleaning crews have been contracted.
- 🐾 Our distinctive of small class sizes will remain the same, and because of this, students will have the ability to maintain a proper physical distance within classrooms, when feasible.
- 🐾 Masks will be encouraged in areas of close contact when they do not inhibit the academic process.



PROTECTING OUR HERITAGE

CHS has a longstanding commitment to being a fiscally responsible, non-profit organization that strives to be a good steward of resources while maximizing our program offerings and opportunities for our students. Like our community, COVID-19 has impacted our financial landscape and has cultivated an even greater need for creativity as we seek to enhance the CHS experience. Our financial team is proactively finding solutions to fund additional expenses. These expenses include:

- 🐾 Increased cost of sanitation supplies, additional cleanings, and contracting a third-party cleaning service.
- 🐾 Furnishing additional outdoor spaces to increase our ability to physically distance.
- 🐾 Classroom-based technology, including cameras and large screens, to create an ideal distance-learning environment.
- 🐾 Professional development and technology-focused training for faculty and staff.
- 🐾 Additional personnel to ensure health and safety protocols are monitored and closely followed.
- 🐾 Anticipated extended absences for faculty that will impact our budget for substitute teachers.
- 🐾 Impacted arts and athletic budgets due to limited spectators.

YOUR INVESTMENT MATTERS

Tuition is developed by CHS administration and approved by the Board of Trustees each January. Keeping our tuition affordable is a top priority to ensure the future of CHS. **We remain committed to serving our community while offering over one million dollars in annual financial aid awards.** Many families have been impacted by furloughs, job losses, and a dip in the economy, and we are working tirelessly to prevent any academic disruption for the students of these families.

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HOW CAN YOU PROTECT CHS?

As you consider your family's plans for returning to school in the fall, we ask that you will prayerfully consider the opportunity that awaits your child(ren) at CHS. Multiple grade levels currently have wait lists, and we are continuing to share our CHS story throughout the community and beyond as we pursue like-minded families who seek a Christian education in Northwest Georgia. We are growing, and we are thankful.

Protect CHS by not coming to campus when showing COVID-19 symptoms in an effort to keep our entire community as healthy and safe as possible. Communicate symptoms and illnesses with CHS administration. Together, we can shed a positive light amidst these difficult circumstances and pursue our mission of *Educating Children to Serve Christ* in all aspects of the CHS experience.

SUPPORT THE LION FUND

Without the support of our local community, the CHS experience would look very different. Our tuition covers roughly 66% of our operating expenses. *The Lion Fund*, our annual giving initiative, is a higher priority now than ever before as we seek to invest in the school's greatest areas of need. Please plan to continue supporting CHS through *The Lion Fund*.


PARTICIPATE IN THE GOAL PROGRAM

One of the easiest ways to protect the CHS experience is by redirecting your tax dollars to our school through the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program. It only takes a few minutes to make an eternal impact and ensure CHS has the ability to further our mission.

PRAY FOR CHS

We appreciate and value the prayers of our CHS community. Seek opportunities to plug in and get involved as we embark upon a season of great need. Serve as a substitute teacher, volunteer in the lunchroom, and provide support in the classroom. We are who we are because of YOU.





NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Our Admission Office remains open and is actively accepting new applications. To schedule a campus visit or for more information, contact Elizabeth Hardaway, Director of Admission, via email at ehardaway@chslions.com.

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