



COVENANT
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Greetings Covenant Community,

This afternoon, Governor Baker made the difficult decision to keep all schools closed for the remainder of the year. While we are deeply disappointed, and quite frankly heartbroken, Covenant will comply with the Governor's directive and continue our learning remotely, through Covenant@Home, for the remainder of the school year. We held out hope for as long as we could, but accept this decision knowing that the health and safety of our beloved community will always come first. We are committed to finishing the year well and making the very most of this difficult time.

One of the reasons this decision is so difficult to swallow is that our community has so many cherished springtime events. We are all grieving the loss of these annual traditions, as well as the inability to gather and celebrate together, in person. We are, however, unwilling to just give them all up due to these unforeseen circumstances! My team and I have been hard at work these past weeks, re-envisioning how we can retain the essence and spirit of these important celebratory events, while remaining in this social-distancing state.

Here are our revised plans for end of year events, by grade level. Further details regarding events will be forthcoming as necessary.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

- The **Pre-Kindergarten Graduation** ceremony will be held as scheduled on Wednesday, June 3rd through a Zoom Meeting.
- The **Kindergarten Celebration** will be held as scheduled on Thursday, June 4th, through a Zoom Meeting.
- The **Grammar School Awards Ceremony** will be a virtual event held on Friday, June 5th at the revised time of 4:00pm.
- All remaining highlights will take place through individual class Zoom Sessions to be scheduled by teachers.

UPPER SCHOOL OF LOGIC AND RHETORIC

- **Senior Thesis Presentations & Defenses** will be live events, held virtually through Zoom, spread over three days, from May 20th - 22nd.
- **8th Grade Threshold Speeches** will be live events, held virtually through Zoom, spread over four days - May 14th, 15th, 18th and 19th.

- For the production of **Les Miserables**, we are working towards a pre-recorded version that would be ready to view in August. While there are still many details to work out, we are encouraged thus far. We will be refunding all tickets and program ads in the next few weeks.
- **AP Exams** will all be administered at home electronically between May 12th - 18th, per the College Board.
- **The Sophomore, Junior, Senior Prom** venue for May 8th has been cancelled. If we are able to reschedule sometime in June, while adhering to all state guidelines, we will attempt to do so.
- **Prefect Applications** have been distributed to Juniors and are due April 27th.
- The **Course Selection Process for 2020-2021** will be done electronically this year, in early to mid May. Informational Zoom meetings for parents and students will be held by grade level April 28th - May 1st.
- **"The Last Lecture" by the Distinguished Faculty of the Year** (voted on by the Senior Class) will be given virtually during USLR Chapel on May 27th.
- **No second semester cumulative exams** will be administered this year. The only exception is both Algebra I (Gr.8) and Latin I (Gr. 8) will each have an exam for promotion purposes.
- The **Awards & Moving Up Ceremony** will be a virtual event, as scheduled on June 4th, with a revised time of 4:00pm
- Prayerful consideration will be given to decisions regarding how to proceed with **Baccalaureate & Graduation**. All decisions will adhere to state guidelines while also recognizing the importance of these events. Details will be communicated soon.

This new reality we find ourselves in is not one any of us could have foreseen, nor one that any of us would have wished for. I am so grateful for your continued partnership as we weather these uncharted seas together. We remain committed to excellence amidst the uncertainty, and will move forward planning diligently for the future, keeping you well informed along the way. We will continue to find strength in each other, and in our Lord, and we WILL gather and celebrate together again, when this season has finally passed.

I hope and pray the remainder of your Spring Break is restful.

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