

**TCS Update from Head of School, David Rowe**  
**March 17, 2020**

Aloha TCS Parents,

As you are probably aware, Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell issued an emergency “stay at home” mandate for Oahu to go into effect tomorrow, Monday, at 4:30 p.m. and extend through April 30th. The order is to “stay at home, work at home.” This strong action is a concerted effort to bring down the number of people potentially exposed to COVID-19 (“flatten the curve”) and avoid overwhelming Oahu’s healthcare facilities.

Please see Mayor Caldwell’s mandate [here](#).

We have been anticipating such action and have taken steps accordingly. Over the weekend our teachers prepared materials for at least the month of April and potentially for the remainder of the school year. They have demonstrated yet again their faithful love and service to the Trinity ‘Ohana.

Packets have been prepared for PS- 6th grade to be used in conjunction with our digital platform, Microsoft Teams, in order to assist in our continued Home Learning program. Please look for a separate email for packet information either from your keiki’s teacher or their campus principal.

Following this email will be a summary of our first week of Home Learning. We are saddened by the reason for these changes and new frontiers we are exploring, but we are excited for the successes many of you have shared through this.

We will continue to update our TCS ‘ohana with news of one another! Please stay in touch with us and your fellow TCS families through our social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram) as well as our school’s website. We may be physically apart, but are always together in heart and mind. As we continue to say, “Our campuses may be closed, but schooling continues!”

With much uncertainty around us, please take the time to consider the words of God to the Psalmist: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” Indeed, School Chaplain Brandon Edmonds led the staff in a stirring devotional from this very psalm, Psalm 46, just last week and I have asked him to record his message for our school community to consider, as well. I will let you know when this becomes available.

God is exalted in all times and in all places, even in the midst of tumultuous times such as these. Let us use these challenging circumstances to draw nearer to Him who directs all of our steps and who knows the end from the beginning.

Grace and peace,

David Rowe