

TCS Update from Head of School, David Rowe
March 15, 2020

Dear Trinity 'Ohana,

At Trinity Christian School, we are committed to partnering with parents in the education of our precious children, each one made in the image of God. Our first priority is now, and always will be, the safety and well-being of our children and our 'Ohana in general.

To that end, TCS has consulted throughout the COVID-19 crisis with guidelines from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), ISM (Independent School Management) consultants, with other HAIS Schools (Hawai'i Association of Independent Schools), and with parents in our community. Recent communication from the Governor of Hawai'i has also influenced our deliberations.

At this point we are planning the following:

1. Both TCS campuses will be open Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17.
2. Both campuses will close from March 18 to March 27 in order to provide time to assess conditions for safely reopening our campus. We want to serve our parents and the community faithfully, understanding that school might be the best place for students to safely practice social distancing, while also wanting to be sure that adequate safeguards and protocols are in place.
3. Home Learning will commence on Wednesday, March 18, so that we can continue to partner with parents in the education of our keiki. We have spent quite a bit of time preparing best practices in this area and will communicate details more fully in the days to come. We would ask for your patience and understanding as we work through details during an unprecedented crisis.
4. We have established a COVID-19 Group Focus Committee, including a board member (Bo Gardner), staff members, and parents, in order to study the best ways of serving the community as we move forward through this academic year.
5. Administration and teachers will continue to report for duty on campus but practice social distancing.
6. All sports (including all practices) and other co-curricular activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with recommendations of the Hawai'i Department of Health and the Interscholastic League of Honolulu.

As I write to you, I can hear my wife singing hymns in the kitchen as she washes dishes. I am reminded that God is sovereign over all things and that we can safely trust in Him. I will close with the words of the hymn and an assurance of our continued love and prayers.

Grace and Peace,
David Rowe

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,

Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures lead us,
For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
(Dorothy Ann Thrupp, 1836)