



March 25, 2020

Dear Trinity 'Ohana,

As we settle into the second week of TCS Home Learning in response to Hawaii COVID-19 protocols, I wanted to share a few things that we have discussed as an Administrative team. We have been very pleased with the transition over to Home Learning. We are committed to our decision to close both campuses until April 30th but as we like to say: though our campuses are closed, our schooling and learning continues.

Indeed, we are excited to continue fulfilling the mission of our school: partnering with parents to engage the minds and transform the lives of students for the glory of God, even in such challenging circumstances as these. We're grateful for the feedback we have received from teachers, parents, and students. I'm personally thankful to be part of such a committed team of educators and administrators!

1. No school Monday, March 30: As a result of this feedback, we have decided to dedicate next Monday, March 30th as a "Spring Labor Day". This will be an additional school holiday to allow our teachers, parents, and students a day of rest to attend to their families, other needs, and just plain have fun! Home Learning classes will resume in your homes on Tuesday, March 31st. Thank you for your understanding and for your support and patience.
2. Resources: You may access our dedicated Home Learning space on TCS' school website [here](#). There you will find many answers to frequently asked questions, discover resources that our faculty, staff, and teachers are sharing for supplemental learning and enjoyment, and celebrate the successes of our students as they too travel into this new means of learning.
3. Cancelled events: After much consideration and prayer, the Administrative team have also made painful decisions on many of our upcoming school events that require assembling together. The following events are unfortunately cancelled: CTP (standardized testing), May Day, Biathlon, Athletic Banquet, Fine Arts Night, Junior/Senior Banquet, and the National Honor Society Ceremony.
4. Events still to be determined: Other events are still to be determined and will be regularly revisited as this situation evolves in the coming weeks and months: Final Exams, Beach Day, and Graduation. Some events will look a little different, but will take place, including our Award Ceremonies and our Senior Thesis presentations. We are all deeply disappointed at the loss of some of our beloved school events this year, but it is our hope that we will be able to continue with as many of these events as possible. We will continue to keep you informed as additional decisions are reached.
5. Trinity Presbyterian Church resources: For those who are unable to participate in Sunday services, TPC is employing Facebook Live to broadcast its service Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 am. Pastor and School Chaplain Brandon Edmonds is preaching from Acts 18. Join in! The link can be found [here](#).
6. Another key resource: I would like to personally recommend that all of us who are affected by the COVID-19 crisis (all of us!) take advantage of the gracious offer provided by Ken Sande and his team at Relational Wisdom 360. It's available [here](#). The RW360 team is very concerned for healthcare workers, schools, churches, military, etc., and just today have graciously made their 8-hour course

available for free globally (normally costing \$49). The course is approved for 10 hours of continuing education for teachers in Montana. I know Ken and can attest to the wisdom and power of his Biblical teaching regarding emotions and relationships.

7. A final resource: Paul Tripp has spoken at our church and school in the past. His devotional today, "Five Thoughts From Quarantine," was particularly good and timely, and it can be found [here](#).

In thought #4 from that devotional Tripp writes that, "This pandemic reminds us that nothing in all of creation can separate us from God and His boundless love (Romans 8:31-39). We may be separated from each other right now, but nothing will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ. In such unsteady times, let us continue to meditate on such timeless truths. This is part and parcel of what sets us apart as a Christian classical school.

God's richest blessings,

David Rowe

Head of School