



April 22, 2020

Aloha Trinity 'Ohana,

Yesterday, Mayor Caldwell of Honolulu, extended the stay-at-home order through May 31. Given this information, and in conjunction with our primary concern for the health and well-being of our students, families, and employees, we regretfully report that **Trinity Christian School, both Mauka and Makai campus, will remain closed for the remainder of the school year.**

It is our desire to remain true to our mission: [“Trinity Christian School is a Christ-centered classical school committed to partnering with parents to engage the minds and transform the lives of students for the glory of God.”](#)

Our values directed our decisions in each of our actions to support the Trinity 'Ohana. For example, we took early steps in late February to discuss the possibility of a school closure. We established our Home Learning plan by implementing initial Microsoft Teams training for our teachers and began immediately to teach your keiki online. We have surveyed families through a third party, Independent School Management (ISM), on how well we are doing with our response to the COVID-19 crisis and implementing our Home Learning plan. In each case, our values connected us to you, our Trinity families.

We remain committed to maintaining quality educational programming throughout the remainder of our extended closure. Thank you to the parents who completed the ISM survey last week, sent out Saturday in an email from me. When ISM releases the results of the survey to the TCS Administration, we will analyze the data to see how we can modify our program to suit as many of our families as we can.

#### **Events and Ceremonies:**

Although we are unable to hold all of our events and ceremonies, we do feel that we can responsibly recognize and celebrate our students' outstanding accomplishments, including our hallmark Thesis presentations, Awards, Baccalaureate, and Graduation for the Class of 2020. Unfortunately, Beach Day will not be held this year. Details about our re-envisioned events and ceremonies are forthcoming and will be released as soon as possible.

#### **Personal Belongings:**

Details regarding retrieving your student's personal items from their classrooms and lockers will be forthcoming.

#### **Summer Advantage 2020:**

Taking recommendations from the State of Hawaii and HAIS, we will be letting families know at least 1 month in advance if there will be any cancellation of classes.

Each decision was challenging, and considered with much prayer; we grieve with you, especially our Class of 2020 seniors, trusting in our God and His plans for each one of us. In speaking with many parents and students

over the last few weeks, I was consistently encouraged through emails and phone calls by the patience and perseverance of our Trinity 'Ohana.

Grace and Peace,

David Rowe

Head of School