

YGNACIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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August 11, 2020

Dear YVCS Parents and Families,

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body, you were called to peace. And be thankful"
Colossians 3:15

The CoVid-19 Pandemic has imposed so many changes to our lives, including how we hold school. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of changes. Change may disrupt our spirits, but I pray you will let Christ's peace rule in our hearts and may this find you enjoying His peace.

While the Board and I have been working on plans to safely start this new school year with in-person instruction, the most recent directive from Governor Newsom on July 17, 2020 put a halt to them. We spent the last few weeks preparing to apply for a waiver to grant us exemption from the ruling, however, the end result would still not allow **any** school to open with in-person instruction until Contra Costa County is off the watchlist for at least 14 days. It has become imperative to develop a hybrid plan that will allow school to begin with distance learning and transition to in-person instruction as soon as it becomes possible. Our teachers will be available for in-person support during this transitional time; **however, these directives have made it necessary to delay the first day of school so that we can more adequately prepare to launch our plan successfully.**

1. Visiting Days - August 19 & 20

Each family will be given a 20 minute appointment to personally meet with each student's teacher. We recognize the importance of establishing a positive relationship between the parents, student and teacher from the beginning and intend for this time to assist in it. Parents may share insight about the student that would be helpful to the teacher, offer support, and hopefully, be able to gain a sense of community with your child's teacher. Teachers will share their goals and hand you materials for the initial week of distance learning. We hope that a visit on campus could also generate excitement for the start of this new school year.

Ari, our Office Coordinator, will suggest an appointment time for you. If this time can not work for you, please call the office to see what other times can be arranged.

2. Online Instruction - First Day of School on August 31, 2020

Our teachers are committed to provide as much support as needed for both parents and students to cope. Lesson plans will be made available online the Friday before so parents have ample time to organize the daily lessons that the student needs to accomplish. Teachers will be giving direct



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instruction and connection with students via scheduled Zoom meetings. Teachers will also be available to do one-on-one Zoom meetings, as needed, and will be available for consultation during school hours.

3. Learning Center

The Learning Center will be open for students to be dropped off anytime from 8:30 am -3:00 pm starting August 31, 2020. Students may bring their devices and schoolwork from home to accomplish during their time at the Learning Center with tutors available to assist them. Teachers will be providing tutoring support from 8:30am until lunchtime for that grade. The Learning Center will be available to all full-time enrolled students without extra charge until 3:00 pm. Extended Childcare rates apply after. Extended Childcare hours are still to be determined.*

4. Fall Assessment - August 31- September 4, 2020 (Mornings only)

It is our desire to use the data from the assessment to inform the teacher's curriculum strategy for the school year. Assessments are valuable tools to enable the teachers to address specific and general needs to meet the grade-level standards.

Enrolled students will be tested in their previous grade level. Teachers will administer the testing in the current grade classroom. We strongly encourage parents to bring the students on campus to participate in this assessment.

5. Childcare/ Extended Childcare

We are very pleased to inform you that we were able to provide childcare and summer school for children of essential workers from May 18 - August 7, 2020. Children were able to learn and socialize safely. We are thankful that each one of them remained healthy throughout the 12 weeks.

Childcare will resume on August 24 through August 28, 2020 from 8:30 -4:30. Prior registration is required for this week and students will be accommodated until availability runs out. Rates: \$ 20.00/ (AM 8:30- 12:30), (PM 12:30- 4:30) or \$ 36 for the whole day.*

***Childcare Registration/ Survey** - August 24-28 Childcare Registration and survey for extended childcare hours will be available on jotform on August 17, 2020.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for this update. Let us pray earnestly for the health of those affected and do our part to help prevent the spread of the virus, in hopes that in-person instruction can resume. Please do not hesitate to call the office or send us an email if you have other questions. We are here for you.

Sincerely,



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