March 23, 2020

Dear WCA Parents, and Friends,

As I write to you this evening, we all are living in a world that has changed drastically in just a few short weeks. Our school community is adjusting to social distancing, working from home, distance learning, and uncertainty in the economy as we journey together through the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to honor your importance to Warner Christian Academy by providing information on Warner Christian Academy’s response to COVID-19 and to share some of God’s blessings even amid challenging times.

**COVID-19 Response and Distance Learning**

School communications and updates related to our response to the COVID-19 virus have been posted on WCA’s website and Facebook page.

WCA closed school after dismissal on Friday, March 13, 2020, in order to protect the members of our school community. Our **Distance Learning Plan** will be activated on Monday, March 30 following the extension of our spring break March 16-29, in accordance with Volusia County Public Schools. During this time a thorough disinfection of all classrooms and areas on campus was completed. To comply with Florida state mandates issued on March 17, our physical campuses are closed through April 15, 2020. Please check the school website and Facebook for any updated changes on a regular basis.

Our faculty and staff have under the leadership of Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Braun, and Mrs. Marable have demonstrated amazing effort as we prepare to launch our Distance Learning Plan within a very short time. All rose to this significant challenge with excellence including several faculty members who went above and beyond as teacher coaches to help equip their colleagues to utilize technology for Distance Learning. I am also grateful for our parents and students who continue to exercise patience and flexibility.

I pray our school community may continue to look to the Lord for guidance, peace, and provision during these times. We know nothing surprises our Heavenly Father. My prayer is that we can be a shining light for Him as we choose faith over fear. We will continue to stay alert, monitor the latest facts and information, and act accordingly to protect the health and well-being of others.

Scripture tells us the men of Issachar were "men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (I Chronicles 12:32). Following the death of Saul and his sons at the hands of the Philistines, the men of Issachar were among the mighty men who joined David with
his coronation as King of Israel. These notable men were mighty in valor, with the men of Issachar specifically commended for understanding the times and knowing what ought to be done. WCA's mission matters: to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through Biblical thought and action. Now more than ever, we need students grounded in Christ who can provide innovative and exemplary leadership to navigate the times and provide hope and truth in a landscape dominated by fear and uncertainty.

**Standing Firm, Moving Ahead**

Even as we navigate the immediate challenge of today, we rejoice in the great work God has accomplished in WCA this school year. The **WCA Promise: Developing Students to impact the world for Christ.**

My prayers are with WCA families, alumni, and friends. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you for your prayers. By God’s grace, we will get through this together.

In His Grace,

Michael Hemme Chivalette, Ph.D.

Head of School

P.S. - While we are practicing social distancing, I am grateful technology allows us to stay connected. I would love to hear from you! Feel free to email me at drchivalette@wcaeagles.org if you would like to schedule a virtual meeting or phone call.