

Collegedale Academy

Student update

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Dear Students,

Tomorrow begins a new adventure in your educational career. Students across the nation are doing exactly the same. Our country is going through an unprecedented time in history. While we are all trying to stay healthy at home, it's time to refocus on school:) and look towards your future. In the Bible there is a story of Jesus in Mark. The story is when Jesus is on a boat and He awakes in the midst of the storm. He stands up, says to the storm ". . . quiet, be still," then turns to the disciples to check on their faith. We are all in the midst of a storm right now. "Social distancing" is a thing. Never forget that Jesus can calm the storms in our lives!

This week our faculty has been working feverishly to prepare for classes (we just did an hour and a half Zoom meeting). They are committed to educating, equipping, and inspiring you to grow spiritually, academically, and socially. It has been a hoot watching faculty members learn how to use technology, as well as deal with all the mistakes that come from trying something new:). They are learning as much as you will be!

I know this situation is not optimal and will be a learning experience for us all! In this letter I have added an **online protocol and etiquette expectations** and **tips for online academic success** list. Please read through these as it will help you be prepared for next week (yes, we are asking you to wear a CA shirt, any shirt/sweatshirt, while online – there are many schools requiring a full uniform while online:). We simply don't want inappropriate dress to be an issue online. Thanks for your understanding.

Tomorrow and Thursday, March 25 & 26, we will be doing a test run for our teachers. They need to practice hosting a Zoom classroom meeting, as well as test their Google classroom functions. You all need to learn how to get on a Zoom meeting! Your iPad has a Zoom app on it that makes it very easy to connect.

1. Open the app and **SIGN IN (NOT SIGN UP)** for an account
2. Choose google at the bottom and click continue.
3. Choose your CA account. Then you are signed in.

You **MUST USE YOUR CA EMAIL**. If you do not use your CA email you will have issues down the road. These trial classes are not mandatory but we implore as many of you to be there as possible so faculty can not only check on you (THEY MISS YOU:), but learn how to run a classroom in preparation for next week. Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, March 25:
10:00-10:20....1st period
10:30-10:50....2nd period
11:00-11:20....3rd period
11:30-11:50....4th period

Thursday, March 26

10:00-10:20....5th period

10:30-10:50....6th period

11:00-11:20....7th period

11:30-11:50....8th period

Now, looking at our weekly class schedule, we do not expect you to be online all day long in front of a screen. We have decided to go with a modified approach to live classroom instruction, but teachers will be available in the afternoon for Zoom conferences and/or email questions. We have decided to keep our chapel time, as we believe this is imperative in our sense of community as well as spending time worshipping our God collectively. Here is the schedule for our first “regular” school week **(PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER THE FIRST WEEK WE MAY TWEAK THE SCHEDULE IF WE FIND A BETTER WAY):**

Monday/Wednesday

1	9:00-9:50am
2	9:55-10:45am
Chapel	10:50-11:05am
3	11:10-12:00n
4	12:05-12:55pm

Tuesday/Thursday

5	9:00-9:50am
6	9:55-10:45am
Chapel	10:50-11:05am
7	11:10-12:00n
8	12:05-12:55pm

Monday-Thursday 2-3:30pm: Faculty will be available for questions via email and/or Zoom tutoring.

Our Student Association will be meeting to discuss ways we can still continue with our sense of community. I’m sure there will be many creative ways we can bond as a student body. Please remember that Mr. Djernes and Pastor Chris are always available if you need time to process life’s concerns. Mr. Crawford is always willing to give you a “YO” to keep your courage up!

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY and crucial. If you miss your scheduled class you will be contacted by Mr. Crawford. Even in the midst of a crisis, he can still find you! For those that need help in a new learning environment, our faculty stand ready to help. I will keep all of you in my prayers!