



Update - March 20, 2020

Dear StoneBridge families,

You have all been greatly missed but held in our thoughts and prayers. Psalm 27:13-14 “I remain confident in this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” We are uncertain how this virus situation fits into God’s good plans; yet, we are trusting in that very thing.

As such, we have already begun to see God’s glory in our midst as our staff worked diligently this week putting plans in place to ensure that students are able to continue receiving their StoneBridge education and finish the year well during the last quarter in the event we will become dependent on technology. Thank you for your patience and understanding while our teachers were gaining new skills, participating in professional development to equip them with the skills and tools necessary to continue delivering excellent education on a virtual platform. First and foremost, our teachers desire to continue connecting with their students in meaningful ways. This desire has been the primary motivation for them to learn and anticipate new ways of making these connections. Teachers have been setting up Google classrooms, creating many video lessons, designing take home packets and other print resources, and in general rethinking how to continue being “the living textbook” and tutorial for their students from a distance. We are so pleased with their accomplishments and sustained focus on excellence.

On Monday, March 30, please check RenWeb and your email to receive your child’s assignments. Google classrooms are set up for all K through high school classes. If this is new for your student, access codes will be sent at 9:00 via email. For lower school students, directions for parents will also be provided for signing into Google Classroom. The learning goals for this week will be: testing and trouble-shooting utilization of virtual learning platforms and adjustment to those environments while completing quarter three material and assessments previously scheduled during the required shut down. Teachers will be working during their normal hours of 7:45 - 3:45. Students may complete assignments each day at a time that works best for each individual family situation, unless directed otherwise by the teacher (Upper school only).

Because the mandated closure occurred during our final week of quarter three and spring break, the decision was made to implement virtual learning for the week of March 30 - April 3 in order for teachers, parents and students to have clear direction for what will happen on our first day back together. As you are aware, this situation is ever-changing; if the governor decides to

extend the closure, his announcement will be made while we are on break. Either way, having this week of virtual learning with familiar content and lessons that had been planned for this week will equip us all for the future and reap rewards in our last quarter and beyond. Additional information regarding instruction will also be shared if the school closure is extended. If virtual learning is launched into quarter four, please know that it may require some trial and error to find the right balance in each class. Please communicate frequently with your teacher and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we make any necessary adjustments. We are confident that there will be wonderful discoveries of how our practices can improve even in the most challenging times. Above all, this event is a God-ordained opportunity to develop and display Christ-like character, increase in the knowledge of His Word and proclaim Him as King on his throne to our children and a watching world.

Sincerely,

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