

Southside Christian School

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread and concerns have increased, we are seeking to proactively communicate with you about how we are responding at Southside Christian School.

SCS continues to make decisions about how to best respond to the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation. These actions are taken with the intent of protecting the health and well-being of our students, staff, and families.

We are prepared to provide remote learning options for all grades should parents opt to keep their children home, or in the event SCS cannot offer classes on campus.

Our pandemic preparedness plan addresses prevention, care, communication, and safety measures in addition to covering academic and student implications that could arise. Below are the most urgent and applicable action steps from our pandemic preparedness plan.

As we reflect on the current situation, we remember that scripture tells us over and over again not to be afraid or discouraged because God is in control and is ever present with us (Isaiah 41:10). We can trust Him to protect us, to provide for us, and to give us His peace (Philippians 4:6-7). Let us be faithful to encourage others who may be affected in some way by this crisis. We can provide them with prayer support, encouragement, and the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What SCS is doing to prepare:

- Our leadership team meets daily to update our responses and action plans and will continue to communicate regularly with you via this format, as the COVID-19 virus situation is evolving day-by-day.
- We have been training our staff in how to offer engaging online lessons to allow students to continue learning remotely, should the need arise.
- We are reviewing our online learning options with students. In the event of remote learning, students will be prepared to use programs familiar to them.
- Many of our textbooks are available online. For those that are not, our teachers are preparing to provide necessary segments of texts digitally, in addition to finding resources already available online.
- We have platforms for taking tests and quizzes online, and students will continue to utilize these tools in remote learning.
- We have created a schedule of "office hours," allowing our teachers to be available during certain times of the day.
- Should remote learning become necessary, we may cancel all learning options for a day to

allow our staff to transition to remote learning exclusively.

- We are evaluating each event and trip, and we will take precautions as appropriate in each case.
- At this time, all summer learning options will continue as planned, while we work to closely monitor the situation in the days and weeks to come.
- **As of today, out of an abundance of caution we are cancelling Grandparents' Day scheduled for April 9.**

What parents need to do to prepare:

- In the event of remote learning, all assignments for all grade levels will be posted in RenWeb.
- Please check your RenWeb login and ensure you have access to your student's assignments. You can login here: <https://scs-sc.client.renweb.com/pwr/>. If you have problems logging in, please contact Stephanie Hopkins (shopkins@southsidechristian.org) for Early Education, Tammy Davis (tdavis@southsidechristian.org) for Elementary School, and Melissa Theodore (mtheodore@southsidechristian.org) for Middle and High School.

Student expectations in the event of remote learning:

- To complete the assignment within the given time frame by the teacher.
- Ask clarifying questions within the given time period that the teacher is available as needed.
- Submit assignments when they are completed, and look for assignments that your teacher has reviewed, graded, or commented on and returned to you.

Thank you.

We will be continuing to update our families on new decisions as we continue to monitor the situation. Thank you for your willingness to work with us as we seek to educate your child(ren) and take every step necessary to ensure the health of our Southside Christian School community.