



## **COVID-19 UPDATE AT PALMS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

After consulting with our School Board and meeting with our staff, in response to our state governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey closing school campuses through April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 statewide, we have decided to **RESTRUCTURE** our school schedule for Distance Teaching and Learning.

Here is our Restructure Plan beginning Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>:

- **Online Learning:** Our teachers are gathering numerous online resources including Abeka Online, ABC Mouse, Mango Languages, etc. that can be self-paced and worked on in flexible hours by our students.
- **Online Instruction:** From 8am-12pm Monday through Friday our teachers will be available online through *Google Classroom* to post teaching segments, post work assignments, answer student questions, and facilitate learning in a digital format.
- **In-Person Small Group Tutoring:** From 12:30pm-3:30pm Monday through Friday our teachers will schedule *optional* 45-60 minute in-person meetings with 2-3 students at a time to have low-ratio tutoring that can be used to test, work through subjects that students are struggling in, etc. The goal of this time is to ensure students can keep pace in the curriculum if additional supplement is needed to a digital format, but also will be conducted within appropriate safety standards.
- **Take-Home Assignments:** Our Teachers will be reaching out to you tomorrow to schedule a time on Thursday or Friday to pick up take-home assignments as well as assist in setting up Google Classroom accounts.
- **Completing Curriculum:** In order to make up for the loss time and not meeting in-person fully, we will not be doing standardized testing, conducting specials (Art, PE, Music), or conducting Chapel during this restructure period. We believe that with this schedule we are on a path to have all curriculum finished within our current school calendar.

We want to ensure all our families that as a Private Christian Institution, we are in the full legal right to continue meeting as regularly scheduled. We are taking these restructured measures in order to help do our part in flattening the curve of the spread of the virus, but also believe we are not endangering our teachers, students, staff, or families if/when we return to a normal school schedule. In addition, we would not be in violation of federal or local laws and/or mandate as they currently stand.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to our office.

In Christ,