

*Invitations and links for virtual parent events included.
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April 29, 2020

Dear AACCS Eagle Families,

By God's good grace, we are all adjusting to a new normal, and while soon our state will begin to reopen, we are keenly aware that masks and distancing in public areas will remain part of daily life for the foreseeable future. I want to thank you for your support and active involvement as our community adjusts to the remote and virtual learning environment. You, the teachers, and the students do not labor in vain; our God has promised to hold our feet firm so we may remain steadfast.

Enrollment & Budget

Much of the regular school business is continuing all around us. Leadership--board, cabinet, and school--is meeting and planning for year-end events and the coming months. This past August, we began the academic calendar with 930 total students enrolled. Presently, we have just over 800 students enrolled for the coming school year. While there are more than 100 potential students in various stages of the application process, enrollment projections are lower for 2020-2021 due to public health and economic uncertainties. So as not to put any undue burden on the budget for the next school year, we are planning accordingly and pursuing funding made available to nonprofits through the federal and state government's CARES ACT. We will be prepared for the start of school in August, praying for teachers and students to return to our four campuses while planning for all possibilities.

COVID-19 Financial Relief

Three weeks ago, I shared information about our COVID-19 financial relief response. The deadline to request tuition deferment is **TOMORROW, April 30, 2020**. Please navigate to our [COVID-19 Financial Relief](#) webpage for details and contact information.

Spring Calendar

As for the spring calendar of events, I have some updates to share. The MIAA and the IAAM officially canceled the athletic seasons at the Upper School. All spring sports at the Middle School are canceled, too. Senior Practicum presentations, the candlelight service, and graduation--as well as K-12 award ceremonies, yearend chapels, and class celebrations--are being reimagined virtually with the flexibility to adapt once public health experts and government officials announce how and when it is safe to congregate. To that end, our [website calendar](#) already has some "save the date" yearend events from each campus posted. Look for more yearend events information coming from your campus leaders in May. Please keep all students, especially our seniors, in your prayers as they grieve the loss of traditional rites of passage and daily in-person interactions with teachers, mentors, coaches, and friends.

Encouragement & Invitations

Being disappointed these days seems to be all too normal. I want to encourage us to break that trend. **Hebrews 10:35-36** says this:

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

We can, indeed, have confidence in the faithfulness of our good God even during trials. May we have faith and rest at His feet, knowing that He walks with us always. The foundation of this perseverance is through the Holy Spirit and is emboldened as we pray together. Although we can't gather in the same room, **I hope you'll join me for the following virtual events to care for one another, learn, and pray as one body in Christ Jesus.**

*Click on the images below for more details on **ACSI's parenting webinar streaming LIVE tomorrow at 2 p.m. on the AACS Facebook newsfeed** and register for the **AACS Together 2020 online auction to benefit our families.***

Kingdom Parenting Meets COVID-19



The Importance of Routines & Rituals

Presented by the Association of Christian Schools International



ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), is our accrediting and educational resources organization whose more than 23,000 member schools span the globe. Set your phone alarm for 2 p.m. Thursday and join the AACS Facebook Watch Party for this parenting webinar on our newsfeed.

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BEGINS MAY 7 @ 9 A.M.
ENDS MAY 10 @ 9 P.M.
COLOSSIANS 1:17



Our Spring Spectacular reimagined! Join us between May 7 and 10 for our first-ever online auction. More than 100 packages are up for bid and ALL proceeds will go to the AACS Galatians 6:10 fund, which provides tuition relief for our families in need.

These are trying times, indeed, but our mission is clear and our visible faith in Jesus Christ's love for us is on full display. Stand firm on the promises of our Lord and Savior. We will once again gather together in the same space and praise His holy name.

In His Service and Yours,



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