



# Trinitas Christian School

*A Classical and Christ-Centered Education*

## COVID-19 Response and Remote Learning Frequently Asked Questions

### **When will Trinitas Christian School re-open campus?**

The Florida Commissioner of Education has closed not only public but also private K-12 schools in Florida until at least May 1, 2020. We are closed until at least May 1.

### **Will staff remain on campus during the COVID-19 outbreak?**

A small number of essential personnel will remain on campus during the COVID-19 response period and others will come and go as necessary. Much work can be done remotely. The office is open 8am until 4pm, Monday through Friday. Please let us know if you need our assistance in any way. The school will still receive mail and packages, and we will continue to disinfect the campus through the remote-learning period.

### **Will the school still observe Easter Break?**

Our regular Easter break will begin on Good Friday, April 10, and it is well-earned! We will return to remote learning on Monday, April 20. Packet pick up will be between 7am and 11am.

### **What is “Remote Learning” and why has Trinitas chosen this method of instruction?**

The method of instruction that we are calling “Remote Learning” involves students completing teacher-prepared packets of instruction at home on a daily basis while the school campus is closed to normal activities. Some grades may also make use of online tools to support instruction.

There are several reasons to continue instruction while the Trinitas campus is closed.

- We want our students to continue learning, especially if the campus has to remain closed for several weeks.
- We want to be able demonstrate to the State of Florida that our instruction has continued relatively uninterrupted so we can avoid having to make up missed school days in June or July.
- On the other hand, if the State of Florida offers a waiver for missed school days, we don’t want our students to be short-changed by having studied for only three-quarters of a school year.

## **Instructions for Remote Learning**

Working at home at your own pace is very different than attending school. We do not expect students to spend 7-8 hours each day on school work. We do, however, want to maintain a high standard of classical and Christian education. Students will continue many of the same activities—reading good books, asking probing questions, reflecting in writing, and solving problems. Thus, our method of instruction will remain mostly book-based rather than adopting video or digital methods of learning.

### **How is attendance being recorded during the Remote Learning phase?**

Completed work turned in each week counts for a student's days of attendance that week. For students who are sick or on a trip or "absent" for any reason that would ordinarily keep them from school work, please call the office to let us know. In those cases, the regular absence policy will apply.

### **How can students connect with their teachers during this unusual time?**

Students can email a teacher at any time, but the office hours are the specific times you can expect a response. Many teachers are available to respond beyond those office hours. If you need help beyond those office hours, please make your teacher aware of that need.

### **What type of communication can I expect from the school?**

In addition to the remote learning packets, the primary modes of communication from the school to parents during this time will continue to be Sycamore and the Weekly News. We've replaced our current blog series with posts and articles related to remote learning and other topics pertinent to this season.

### **Will we still get to participate in traditional Trinitas events?**

All extra-curricular activities are suspended indefinitely—baseball games and practices, drama rehearsals, Father-Son Campout, garden club. All field trips, feast days and curricular activities are suspended indefinitely.

Other Questions? Further questions specific to remote learning and the Trinitas response to COVID-19 should be sent to [trinitas@trinitaschristian.org](mailto:trinitas@trinitaschristian.org).