

March 25, 2020

Dear Parents of PVCA Students:

Who knew?? We are thankful God knew, and His promises are still secure. Leaning upon Him will certainly help us through the current crisis.

Our administration and office staff have been working through the calendar and the required educational hours that we have determined are appropriate for us to give the biblically based, quality education that your child deserves. We strongly mirror the state requirements of time for educating students. As an organization, we have determined that if school is able to continue in some capacity on Monday, April 6, the elementary department is still within the required 900 hours of educational time. The high school is required 990 hours of educational time and will be short approximately 26.5 hours or 4 ½ days. Therefore, we are planning on a home based education instruction and learning starting on Monday, April 6.

There are several things that we have considered.

- ✓ Extending the school day for high school.
- ✓ Extending the school year into summer for high school.
- ✓ Using Saturdays for school.

There are several things that we have done.

- ✓ We have exhausted every snow day we had set aside in the calendar.
- ✓ We have exhausted every break and adjusted spring break.
- ✓ We have made a change in our schedule to make Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20, full days.
- ✓ We will begin distance learning from home on Monday, April 6-10 for all academy students.

We have determined, by faith, that if we come back to school on Monday, April 13th, we are comfortable and confident that the changes we have made and the class time

remaining will provide a quality education that will prepare your child for completion of this year and moving on to the next year. However, if you see a personal deficiency in your child's education, our faithful and dedicated teachers are ready to offer personal tutoring to students when we return to face-to-face school, between 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm, who need extra time and help to complete the year's work. Parents/students can request:

- how many and what days their child can stay after school
- which subjects are needed
- how the student will be picked up

Teachers may also make the request to parents if they see the need to tutor a particular child. We are certainly co-laborers in teaching your children.

There are some things that students, especially elementary, will be profited by working on right now:

- Reading
- Working Math facts—addition, subtraction, multiplication, division (according to their level of learning).
- Writing summaries of their reading, writing made up stories, or writing nonfiction accounts—all using proper grammar!

If you lack books (and libraries are closed), please notify me, and we will bag you some books from the elementary library. We will then designate where to pick them up.

We will be prepared to distribute school packets with a week's worth of work for your child. We ask you to come to the elementary or high school on April 6th between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm to pick up your child's packet/books/materials for the week. We will use the drive-thru delivery method; therefore, you will NOT need to get out of your car. This packet will have the material needed for the entire week of April 6-10. The packet should be returned on Monday, April 13th when a new packet should be picked up or we begin face-to-face learning in school. We will follow this pattern until we are back in our face-to-face learning in school.

As we develop "out of school" plans, we need the following information for high school students.

- Does your high school student(s) have a computer (or device) with capabilities for watching instructional videos?

- Does your high school student(s) have internet access? If so, it is sufficient to view numerous scholastic videos?

Please convey your responses as soon as possible to my email address at principal@pvbi.edu.

We will continue discussions as we go forward and are praying that God will help you and your children during this unique time in our history. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Communication is vital for all of us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs. Bernice DeStefano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'D'.

Mrs. Bernice DeStefano
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