



DEAR HILLCREST FAMILY,

June 2, 2020

It brings me great joy to share that on **Tuesday, August 25th**, I will join with the Hillcrest staff in welcoming our much-loved students back to our classrooms for the commencement of the 2020-2021 school year, with book distribution to be held on Monday, August 24th. With great delight, we will be opening the doors of our new Wilbur campus, with its expanded educational facilities, park-like spacious grounds, increased high tech security, and the latest in health and safety measures. These facilities provide us with a unique opportunity and set us apart from other schools in the community. In addition to the added safety provided by the expansive campus, our leadership team and planning committees have made the health and safety of our students and the outlying Hillcrest community our top priority. Therefore, we will continue to monitor the updated federal and state guidelines carefully in order to prepare a safe and secure plan for the fall semester.

Our Goals and Plan To Date

At our first open house of the new Wilbur campus this last Saturday, May 30th, we were able to share with several new and returning Hillcrest families the incredible new facilities in person, and describe some of the high tech measures we are planning to enhance the safe and healthy environment for our kids. While working on the process of reopening, we took into account that the impact of this COVID-19 pandemic spans each facet of our lives and interactions. We will continue to place great value on the importance of protecting each student's academic experience, with a return to as much "normalcy" that is deemed safe and secure for our students and faculty.

The two committees we formed, as a result, consist of our Board, HCS staff, faculty, HCS parents, and local industry leaders with crucial relevant expertise in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first committee is convening to focus on researching and troubleshooting cutting edge technological advances in safety systems, the imperative campus protocols needed, and other ways to enhance the protection of the health, safety, and security of the campus and our HCS family. The expansive size of the indoor and outdoor facilities will also allow for more students to attend and maintain safe distances between peers and staff and to accommodate our athletic programs, performing arts, and other extracurricular activities, as there is more available space to safely meet social-distancing recommendations. One measure included in our plan is to implement daily temperature screening of all staff and students upon arrival. In addition, each air conditioning unit will be fitted with an advanced UV light system that will cleanse the air as it is recirculated, eradicating bacteria, mold spores, and virus particles, including any potential COVID-19 virus particles. In support of these physical upgrades, our entire staff will engage in ongoing current, comprehensive training on sanitation, disinfection, and overall health and safety protocols and procedures by specialists in the field. We will continue to partner with local specialized agencies for continued and up-to-date support on all safety and health procedures.

Our other planning committee focused on the educational instruction aspect is looking at exploring formats to meet the needs of all students concerned. Hillcrest is devoted to achieving the best and most successful learning environment, personalized for each student. Our focus remains on being partners with you in helping to develop your child's God-given gifts and talents.

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Colossians 3:17



Putting our trust in God when this pandemic began in March, we didn't hesitate in executing a distance learning program that provided our students with the same education, focused on individualized attention, academic excellence, and dedication to the spiritual development of faith in Christ Jesus. As we close out the 2019-2020 school year, we are so proud of all of our Graduating Classes of 2020 and the great accomplishments of all Hillcrest students, who maintained exceptional grades, academic honors, and received acceptance into top-quality colleges and universities, pursuing excellence for the glory of God.

We are thankful for God's blessing on our school for these 43 years. And after numerous years of prayer and the steadfast pursuit of God's will, God continues to have his hand of blessing on our school, especially evident now as we prepare to move to our new campus for this exciting opportunity that will improve our academic, spiritual and extra-curricular learning environment. In this pandemic and for the bright future ahead, the Hillcrest mission remains focused on what we began those many years ago: the service of the Christian community through the provision of high-quality academic excellence, and training to develop well-rounded students, who will impact this world for the Lord Jesus Christ, in Biblical thought and action.

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