



June 19, 2020

Dear Christ the Redeemer Catholic School Community,

First, a quick look back. We continue to give thanks to God for the community effort that went into our successful remote learning experience this past spring. We offer our sincere gratitude to the students, parents, and teachers who persevered to make it happen daily, even through the toughest times, and to all who lifted us up in prayer.

Looking ahead, we all are wondering what school will look like come August. We want to take this opportunity to update you on our plan for reopening our campus in the fall.

As you may know, the guidelines on reopening from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) have been delayed one week to next Tuesday, June 23. With that said, based on the latest press conference from Governor Abbott this week, along with the information we are receiving from our own accrediting agency, the Texas Conference of Catholic Bishops Education Department (TCCB-ED), our plan is to open our campus to learning, [per our original calendar](#), to all our students on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

We are committed to providing an exceptional educational experience that reflects our mission and our duty to inspire students to become leaders who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in words and actions. The health and safety of our community is our focus during this planning process. We are reminded each day that we are not alone in this struggle, but rather we are one of the millions of schools throughout the world who are either planning for or currently managing, the return of students on campus. We will be following best practices in terms of safety precautions, cleanliness of the campus, and the guidelines on personal protective equipment for both students and faculty, and will communicate our campus safety plan to families after reviewing the forthcoming documents from both TEA and TCCB-ED.

During these uncertain times, we know that directives from national, state, and local governments, not to mention our own Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, can change rapidly. We want to assure you that we continue to work on contingency plans for a strong and seamless learning environment, should circumstances require them. (Please see possible scenarios, as outlined in an earlier communication, [here](#).) Please know that any contingency plan that may have to be put in place would be implemented temporarily until it is safe to return to full, on-campus learning.

We are grateful that we were able to move the start of the payment schedule to July 1 for those families in need, as well as the contractual requirements to this coming Monday, June 22. Should you have any concerns about either of these current dates, please contact Fr. Sean or me.



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We are blessed with parents who desire an exceptional Catholic education for their children and staff and faculty that are dedicated to delivering it every day for the students entrusted to our care. In addition, we are blessed by a supportive community and generous benefactors who enabled us just this past week to award a record \$80,000 in tuition assistance to our families.

While the details of our plans may evolve as conditions in our local community change, our commitment to our CtRCS families is unwavering. Thank you for partnering with CtRCS to educate your children in mind, heart, and spirit. We look forward to a great 2020-21 school year of Inspired Learning at Christ the Redeemer!

In Christ and His Kingdom,

Daniel J. Courtney
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