

# CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Back to School Plan 2020

Dear CCA Family,

We are excited to welcome our students back to school and into the hallways and classrooms of CCA. Thank you for your patience and prayers as we finalized our reopening plans. Our goal is to open on time and remain in the building for in-person instruction, Monday through Friday, five days a week, as is our typical schedule. Our mission is to raise up disciples for Christ by promoting academic, social, and spiritual excellence. Classroom instruction is paramount to the success of our mission.

The American Association of Pediatrics recently issued a statement in favor of bringing students back to the classroom. "The AAP strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school," and that, "schools are fundamental to child and adolescent development." The AAP also cites "mounting evidence" that transmission of the Coronavirus by young children is uncommon as they are less likely to contract the disease. AAP further recommends that, "school policies must be flexible and adaptable to the ebb and flow of transmission rates and should be practical, feasible, and appropriate for the child and adolescent's developmental stage."

Beyond that of The American Association of Pediatrics, we have also sought guidance from countless resources, including from within our own school community to other schools (private and public) to outside departments of health and education. We have even sought legal counsel to determine our rights and allowances as a private church school. After much research and discussion, it has been determined that CCA must abide by the governor's universal face covering mandate (masks, face shields, neck gaiter masks) and ask our students to wear face coverings when they cannot social distance at 6 feet. (Please see the details for special accommodations for our 3 year old - 1st grade students.)

Please know that we will do the most we can to provide face covering breaks through the school day - such as lunch, recess, and in classrooms where class size affords the opportunity to distance the students. We also will continue to pray that as we learn more and more about this virus, that mandates, protocols, and regulations will lessen and become obsolete, along with the Coronavirus. When the governor lifts the face covering mandate, CCA will do the same, while continuing to practice proper health and cleaning practices.

While it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we are trying to put in place policies and procedures that will help keep interaction between students limited, but also allow for some "normalcy" within the building. Please know that the policies that are listed in this letter may change depending on our state government's requirements and new information as it's discovered and determined. Your support and cooperation are essential in navigating the nuances of this school year and in doing the most we can to keep students returning to the building each day. While we desperately pray for the eradication of this virus and for a return to normal actions and interactions, we also wholeheartedly want to teach and instruct our students within the classroom, face to face. We will do all we can to make that happen and ask that you join together with us in that

prayer. Please know that we are praying for you as you make educational decisions for your children. It is difficult to do in such uncertain times with such conflicting messages.

As you consider your options, please know that we love and care for your children. We care for them as our own. As in years past, we are preparing to the best of our ability to partner with you in your child's education. Your commitment to join us in the reopening of CCA is invaluable. We understand and carry the burden of trying to offer our students as normal a school experience as possible. We will do the most we can. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide you and give you peace within the path He has set before you.

In Him,  
CCA Administration

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## School Opening

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### CALENDAR

School will open as planned in our [current school calendar](#).



### START OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Orientations, parent nights, and other events through the end of 2020 are being redesigned to avoid large gatherings. Plans will be communicated by each specific school area.



### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

[Jr./Sr. High School Athletics](#), clubs and other extracurricular activities will occur when practical and feasible. Jr./Sr. High School Drama and Elementary After School Clubs have been suspended.



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[READ MORE](#)



### VISITOR & VOLUNTEER POLICY

Visitor and volunteer programs and activities are suspended or revised. Only pre-approved persons necessary to the academic or functional need of school operations will be admitted to school during school hours. Parents may access the school offices after meeting screening criteria and must wear a face covering.



### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Will continue with modifications while in the building.



### PLANS DEVELOPED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL OR QUARANTINED

Plans are being developed to allow students to stay on track should a lengthy time away from the classroom be required.



### SUPPORT SERVICES

Will continue with one-on-one and small group services. Physical distancing and/or face coverings and shields will be utilized.

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## Physical Distancing

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### COHORTS IN PRE-SCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

Each individual classroom will be a cohort. Cohorts limit contact with other students and adults.



### REDUCED CLASS SIZES

Number of students per classroom is reduced by scheduling changes and hiring additional teachers.



### CLASSROOM LAYOUT REDESIGNED

Furniture arranged for physical distancing. Students face the same direction, as feasible in each classroom.



### ASSIGNED SEATING

Students will have assigned seats in each classroom.



### LUNCH

Students will rotate eating in classrooms and lunchrooms to allow social distancing in the lunchroom. Lunches will be individually served through the lunch line.



### ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Parents may not walk their children into the school building. Additional building entrances and exits will be utilized. Dismissal times will be staggered to allow for more social distancing in the hallways.



### MASKS & FACIAL COVERINGS

Required for faculty, staff, and students when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

[CCA Face Covering Policy](#)



### DAILY TRANSPORTATION

Busing protocols will be developed by each school district's transportation department. Please contact your school district's transportation department for more information on these protocols. CCA has no control over the individual transportation companies.

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## Health & Hygiene Protocols

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### TEACHING & ENCOURAGING HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES

[READ MORE](#)

Including frequent hand washing, physical distancing, wearing face coverings, and cough etiquette.



### INCREASED SANITATION OF BUILDING

Intensified cleaning protocols with EPA certified cleaners effective against COVID-19. Use of electrostatic spray machine to counter aerosol spread of COVID-19. Automate HVAC system for consistent air exchanges to filter clean air into the building. Drinking fountains will be utilized as water bottle refill stations only.



### NURSE'S OFFICE

Our Nurse's Office will continue to be overseen by a registered nurse. Sick students will be isolated.



### DAILY SCREENING

**Daily Home Checklist for students, faculty, and staff:**

Parents are the first line of defense. By sending their student to school, they are confirming that - each day - they have screened their student using the [CCA COVID-19 Daily Checklist](#).



### MONITORING ILL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

Please see [CCA COVID-19 Illness Protocol](#) for students who become ill at school and for return to school after illness policy. Parents are asked to report any positive COVID-19 result from August 19 on to our school nurse, Karen Bramble.



### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

CCA is committed to providing an environment which considers the social and emotional well-being of your child. If your child experiences feelings of anxiousness or uncertainty, please contact your school counselor or school principal.

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## Program Changes

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### PE

Games will be modified to lower contact/touching of equipment.



### DRAMA

The Jr./Sr. High After School Drama has been cancelled.



### BAND

Elementary instrument lessons will continue.  
Elementary & Jr./Sr. High Bands will focus on music theory.



### FIELD TRIPS

All field trips are suspended until further notice.



### CHOIR

Elementary 4th - 6th Grade Choir is suspended. Jr./Sr. High Choir will focus on music history.



### CHAPEL

All chapels will be held in the sanctuary with appropriate social distancing.



### CULINARY

Jr./Sr. High Culinary will require face coverings and gloves for all food prep.



### HALLWAYS

Traffic flow patterns will be established.