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NHCA At-Home Plan

Dear NHCA Families and Faculty,

With Governor Pritzker ordering all schools in Illinois to close and considering several paths forward, we enacted our NHCA At-Home plan starting on Monday, March 16 until the end of our Spring Break on April 14.

*To set an expectation, we do desire to return classes to normal when the State mandated timeframe is complete and before April 14 **IF** we can confirm the academy's role and risk in the spread of Covid-19 is minimal.*

Here is an outline of the NHCA At-Home plan:

- NHCA classes will continue during the Emergency Shutdown.
- Students will complete coursework at home with some remote instruction (online or phone) from their primary instructor.
- Some classes have been labeled **red classes**. This means they will not be offered for the remainder of the Emergency Shutdown. Some of your student's classes will be **yellow classes**. This means they will still be offered, but at a slower pace. Some of your student's classes will be **green classes**. This means they will be offered and at a more consistent and faster pace than the other classes.
- During this Emergency Shutdown, there are no courses labeled **green**. Language, Math and Reading are labeled **yellow**. All other courses are **red** (Latin, Social Studies, Health, etc).
- *Pre-K*: Your student classwork for the next two weeks (March 16 - March 29) will be prepared and packaged for you. The Pre-K student packet **does not** need to be returned and **will not** be graded. It is an educational resource for you as the parent to go through with your child during the Emergency Shutdown.
- *Kindergarten - 8th Grade*: Your student classwork for one week at a time will be prepared and packaged for you (for example, March 16 - March 20). A lesson plan with daily assignments will be included with their books and materials. The Kindergarten - 8th grade student packet **does** need to be returned and **will** be graded.
- For Kindergarten - 8th grade only, your student's primary instructor is expected to contact you two times a week to make sure classwork questions are answered and your student's learning is moving forward. Teachers may also upload material or lectures throughout the week for student and parent assistance.

- Starting on Monday, March 16, student coursework for all grades will be available for pickup at NHCA at anytime between 7:30am - 12:30pm. This is the only time we will open NHCA to the general public during the week of March 16 - 20.
- *Kindergarten - 8th Grade*: On Monday, March 23, we will re-open from 7:30am - 12:30pm for student coursework to be turned in and the next week's coursework to be picked up. Your student will need to organize their school books and materials in a neat place to ensure they have the books and materials they need for class. It will be expected that all books, materials, and coursework be returned to NHCA at the end of the Emergency Shutdown.

We will communicate closer to March 29 on the continuance of the NHCA At-Home Plan. Here is an important and initial schedule for the NHCA At-Home Plan:

Saturday, March 14: NHCA At-Home Plan and Schedule sent to parents and faculty.

Sunday, March 15: Parent and Student Orientation 3:00PM - 3:30PM (online - see Zoom meeting link on the next page). This is not required, but will be provided so parents have a forum to discuss the NHCA At-Home Plan and Schedule.

Monday, March 16: All parents pick up their student's coursework at NHCA between 7:30am - 12:30pm. "At-Home" classes begin.

Monday, March 23: Kindergarten - 8th grade students turn in the prior week's packet and pick up the next week's coursework.

A modified fourth quarter academic calendar will be sent out soon to list events canceled, events moved to a later time, and events under monitoring of public health for possible changes.

Before closing, I want to share a powerful quote with you from C.S. Lewis. In this quote substitute the phrase "atomic bomb" with "Covid-19" to make it more relevant:

"In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. How are we to live in an atomic age? I am tempted to reply: Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when the raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents ... This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things - praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts - not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies but they need not dominate our minds."

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with our academy, even as we get creative under these unprecedented circumstances.

With Gratitude,

Greg Hoffman

New Hope Christian Academy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NHCA At-Home Plan Orientation

Time: Mar 15, 2020 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/4330015062?pwd=ZnEwWjdocnNveUxmZzhIRVpJVmZtQT09>

Meeting ID: 433 001 5062

Password: 03152020