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Dear Parents,

I am excited to inform you that Cornerstone Christian School will be reopening for in-person instruction on September 9, 2020. In order to ensure the safety of our students and staff, we will be following all of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. The CCS Reopening Guidelines were posted on our website and were emailed to all parents on July 17, 2020. Our reopening guidelines were approved by the New York State Education Department and the Department of Health.

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I would like to share the following information posted by the CDC regarding the importance of children returning to school.

COVID-19's impact on children:

"The United States reported that children and adolescents under 18 years old account for under 7 percent of COVID-19 cases and less than 0.1 percent of COVID-19-related deaths. So far in this pandemic, deaths of children are less than in each of the last five flu seasons." The CDC also states that "children are unlikely to be major drivers of the spread of the virus."

Negative effects of extended school closures:

"Following the wave of school closures in March 2020 due to COVID-19, academic learning slowed for most children and stopped for some," also adding that "school closure disrupts the delivery of in-person instruction and critical services to children and families, which has negative individual and societal ramifications."

Importance of in-person school environment:

"Schools provide critical services that help meet the needs of children and families . . . through supporting the development of social and emotional skills, creating a safe environment for learning . . . and facilitating physical activity."

We are looking forward to having our students back for in-person instruction. However, in order to better service you and your child's needs, we will be offering the continuation of remote learning for those parents who are apprehensive about sending their child to school in September. Remote learning would be available for as long as you may need it. Teachers will live-stream their daily lessons; your child will be able to actively participate along with their teacher and classmates. For kindergarten students, the class lessons will be recorded and a link will be sent to the parents so that they may view it with the student at their convenience.

Remote Learning:

Students receiving their lessons remotely will have to pick up all necessary books at the school. They will also be responsible for all homework assignments and any assigned classroom projects. All of the four core subjects; Mathematics, History, English Language Arts, and Science will be available as well as Bible class, Music, and Gym for all grades. Spanish classes will only be taught for grades 4th - 8th. The classroom teacher will inform the parent on how to forward test and projects to the school for grading.

Tuition will remain as specified on our website, and it will be paid via FACTS. Please keep in mind that whether your child is in the school building or receiving instruction remotely, the curriculum is the same, and the amount of work is the same for the teacher.

Our goal at CCS is to continue to work with the staff members and parents to ensure that every student meets with academic success. When you are ready to have your child return to the classroom environment, I can assure you that your child will be up to date with their academics and will be able to continue to flourish with the rest of their classmates.

Reregistration:

For those parents who have not reregistered and your intent is for your son/daughter to return to CCS in the fall, you need to bring in your re-registration form to the office as soon as possible.

Once a grade has met the *legal and safe capacity*, it will be closed for any new enrollment. There will be no exceptions.

Busing:

As many of us have heard, some public schools in our area will not be opening in September. Once they open, they will only be offering hybrid instruction; which is two days in school and the rest of the week remotely. With that said, I would recommend that you contact your local school bus transportation department and inform them that your child will need the school bus transportation to CCS. We have already contacted them with the information regarding our school opening date and the need for transportation for our families.

Lunch:

We are still waiting on information from the East Ramapo Central School District Food Department regarding the lunch program. You may have to supply your child with a bagged lunch until further notice.

Gym class and Music lessons:

In order to comply with the CDC guidelines, both gym and music classes are on hold until further notice. In place of physical interaction gym classes, the students will go on nature walks within the church property if the weather permits. Students can also do stretching exercises with their teacher during recess and gym class.

Aftercare and Before-Care:

We will continue with our Aftercare program and we are planning on introducing a Before-Care program. Please email the office at office@ccsny.org if you are interested in either or both of these programs.

Temperature Check:

For the safety of all, we will be conducting temperature checks every morning of all students, faculty, and staff. Any parent/guardian or visitor seeking entry to the building must have their temperature checked and they must complete a Health Questionnaire and Waiver form.

HVAC System – Air Purification:

We are pleased to announce that Gracepoint Gospel Fellowship has installed the iWave-C Self Cleaning Bi-Polar Air Purifier in the church and school building. This will help in the reduction of many pathogens. For more information on this enhancement to our building, please call the school office.

****Please be aware that there will be a thirty-five dollar charge for the Sneeze Guard and Clorox wipes that every student will be receiving for their desk.**

Again, for further information regarding the reopening of CCS, please refer to the “CCS Reopening Guidelines” emailed to you on July 17, 2020 or visit www.ccsny.org.

Please continue to enjoy your summer, and remember we are all in this together. Our goal as educators in a Christian school, is to put God first above all and our students next. I know that God will honor our efforts when He sees our hearts are totally dedicated to the betterment of our students, both spiritually and educationally. Working together, we can make this a successful, safe, and healthy year for all, but primarily for our students.

In His Service,

Mrs. Jeannette Rosa-Sanchez, MS, LMSW
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Children... showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the King's palace.” Daniel 1:4 NIV