



DATE: March 13, 2020

TO: All NHCA Families - ELC-12th Grade

RE: Closure Information

ALL NHCA Families,

As you can imagine the last 48 hours have been a whirlwind following Governor DeWine's announcement yesterday afternoon regarding the closure of all Ohio schools for a period of 3 weeks. What we can be confident about, in the midst of whirlwinds, is that our God is still sovereign, He is still on the Throne, and He is by no means surprised or scrambling because of the coronavirus. Because of that, we have no reason to fear anything! Perfect peace, unshakable hope, and love are those things the world looks at and notices as a testimony for Jesus Christ.

In the midst of whirlwinds, we also know there are decisions that have to be made, some very difficult and others much simpler. Through intentional prayer, orders from the governor's office and recommendations from The Ohio and Pickaway County Health Departments, The Ohio Department of Education, and The Pickaway County Emergency Management Agency, our school board, administration, and senior leadership from Heritage Nazarene Church have made the following decisions regarding New Hope Christian Academy and Early Learning Center.

Closure

- All NHCA Departments will be closed from **Monday, March 16th through April 3rd**, including our ELC and Adventure Club. This also includes all scheduled events, activities, and athletics.
- Because of this unexpected closure, our normally scheduled spring break will be cancelled. **All departments are scheduled to reopen beginning April 6th.** Our school board and administration will continue reevaluating the current recommendations from the state each week to determine the operation of the ELC and Adventure Club during these 3 weeks.
- The school office will be open on Monday, March 16th from 8:30-2:00 if any families need to pick up medications for their child.
- Any families who are applying for EdChoice for next school year, still need to complete the necessary paperwork by the established deadlines. It is imperative that all paperwork for new applications and renewals are turned in before April 1st. Please contact Kim Shepherd at kshepherd@nhchristianacademy.org for any questions.



Instruction for K-12

- There will be no instruction provided to students from **March 16th-March 27th**, as we will be utilizing our remaining allowable calamity days for this school year.
- Instruction will resume in an online format beginning **March 30th through April 3rd**. Our staff will be working diligently to prepare meaningful instruction in order to limit the amount of disruption to the learning process. Many more details will be coming soon.

At this point, there are more questions than answers when decisions like this are made. We will continue to provide updates and additional information as we go. We absolutely understand the burden this decision from the state will impose on so many families at New Hope and across Ohio. In the spirit of the law and orders from the governor, all the ministries of Heritage Nazarene, which includes our ELC-12th grade school, are trying to make the best decisions to be a part of the solution based on the most current information available to us.

After Monday, March 16th, the main office will not be open for calls. Please stay connected with the school for updates by checking our Facebook page, our website, and emails being sent on a regular basis.

In Christ,

Jamie King
Head of School