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## Monday Headmaster Update - Classes & Conferences

Greetings,

God is on the throne! It was such a blessing to walk around and visit classrooms today. Your kids and their teachers have a truly beautiful relationship. I am so thankful that we are able to head into this season of distance learning at The Oaks with strong relationships with one another. I am grateful for a strong team that is working diligently to not just continue an education, but also to find ways to continue these relationships with a purpose—to shape the hearts and minds of the generation to come towards trust in the Lord.

Here are several updates for you as we head into this new season.

Today, students were given assignments to work on for the rest of this week. **If your child was not in attendance today, the assignments can be picked up at 2:45 pm this afternoon or between 8am-10am tomorrow (Tuesday).** You can also pick up all needed supplies and clean out lockers at that time.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday have been CANCELLED.** We are working on a plan for connecting with you at a different date and time, probably using the Zoom format. We are committed to continuing our partnership with you in every way we can.

The teaching staff will be meeting the next couple of days to finalize all the details for a transition to distance learning using Jupiter Ed and Zoom. **Mr. Trotter and Mr. McEachran will be communicating the curricular plan via email. The tentative goal for this communication is Wednesday evening.** We have been training in Zoom and had our first all-staff virtual meeting last night. It was a success!

Technology will be a key tool we utilize for this season of school life, so we now have a technology support crew. Here are the folks you can contact if you have questions:

### Grammar:

1. Jupiter Ed Questions—email Susan Williams ([susan.williams@theoakssca.org](mailto:susan.williams@theoakssca.org))
2. Zoom Questions—email Colin Williams ([colin.williams@theoakssca.org](mailto:colin.williams@theoakssca.org))

### Secondary:

1. Jupiter Ed Questions—email Anya Schnell ([anya.schnell@theoakssca.org](mailto:anya.schnell@theoakssca.org))
2. Zoom Questions—email Scott Welch ([scott.welch@theoakssca.org](mailto:scott.welch@theoakssca.org))

If you have a child in the secondary, he or she was given instructions regarding Jupiter Ed today. Look for an email from Anya Schnell for your copy of these instructions.

With this increased emphasis on technology, it is also a good time to put some thought into how to be wise with technology. We are working to put together some recommended best practices. Later this week we should have some resources or links to help you establish wise parameters at home.

A number of our kind families have been asking how they can help. Here are a couple of items we could use at this time. First, if anyone has an extra non-contact thermometer, we could use that to help screen employees as we gather at various times. Second, we are

*“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.” Isaiah 61:3*

looking for graphics tablets. These are digital pads that you write on with a special pen that allows you to display on your computer screen your written notes. We are working to purchase some, but if you have one laying around, please let the office know.

Trust the Lord! Philippians 4:6 reminds us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Now is the time for us to teach and live these scriptures out. We have the opportunity to give our children reflex's oriented towards prayer. Also, I encourage you to utilize Spurgeon's commentary on Psalm 91 in your family. Attached is a pdf of the section on Psalm 91.

Thank you again for your partnership. Let's make the most of this season. As G.K. Chesterton once quipped, "An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered."

May the Lord be with you, giving you peace that passes understanding.

God Bless,

Charlie Dowers

[PSALM 91.pdf](#)