

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE ON PLANS FOR GCA'S 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:**

In preparation for the upcoming school year, we have been awaiting official school reopening guidelines to be released by the governor (in conjunction with the CDC and DOE). Our reopening plans have been complicated by a fire in Reach Church which caused significant damage, primarily in the sanctuary, but the entire building was affected. Due to the amount of work needed to restore the building, we were not able to hold in-person classes when school started in September. However, starting on October 1, we plan to move forward with in-person classes on an alternating schedule (see below). Our main priority continues to focus on providing as safe an environment as possible for our homeschool community. Although this school year looks different than we hoped, we've worked hard to make decisions that benefit our families and staff.

After prayerfully considering all options, we have put together the following blueprint for the school year:

1. **TUESDAY CLASSES:** All classes that meet on Tuesdays will begin meeting in-person on Tuesday, September 29. Please refer to the schedule grid for classroom assignments.

2. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Beginning on October 1 and until further notice, Thursday high school classes will alternate between meeting in-person and over Zoom. Meeting in-person is also contingent on the Covid-19 guidelines in place at that time. Tuition for high school classes will remain consistent whether distant learning or in-person.

\* High School In-person classes: 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/3, 12/10

\* High School Zoom classes: 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19

3. **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Beginning on October 8 and until further notice, Thursday middle school classes will alternate between meeting in-person and over Zoom. Meeting in-person is also contingent on the Covid-19 guidelines in place at that time. Tuition for middle school classes would remain consistent whether distant learning or in-person.

\* Middle School In-person classes: 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19

\* Middle School Zoom classes: 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12 (Note: Middle school classes do not meet in December)

\* The following classes will NOT meet via Zoom; they will begin when we are able to resume meeting in the building:

407 STEM (start in-person in January, will not Zoom)

808/809/810 MS Bible (will meet ONLY when middle school classes are in-person)

4. **PRESCHOOL and ELEMENTARY:** We have decided that elementary will NOT meet via Zoom in the fall; instead, they will resume IN PERSON classes in January. The reasons for this decision are the high distractibility of younger students on Zoom and the limited classroom accessibility during the initial restoration

process of the building. Two instructional weeks will be added to the second semester ending on Thursday, May 6th. Tuition will be adjusted to cover 16 weeks, rather than 26 weeks.

K-2nd Zone is no longer available due to Covid considerations (see below)

5. COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS: *Decisions regarding possible need for face coverings and any other additional social distance guidelines for in-person classes will be made at a later date when the most current Covid-19 data can be taken into consideration.*

\* Classes will be arranged to keep students in grade level blocks: Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9-12th. The only exceptions on Thursdays will be a few advanced 8th graders taking some high school classes and some classes on Tuesdays (see schedule grid). Parents will be contacted directly if one of your child's classes needs to be adjusted.

\* High school students will be unable to serve as helpers in an effort to keep students in their assigned grade level blocks.

\* *RLCA at Glasgow* Diploma Program students involved with RLCA sports will be notified of sports decisions once the DIAA releases those.

\* Once classes resume in-person, Worship Band and Chapel will be postponed until larger gatherings with singing are deemed safer.

\* No late registration or drop fees will be charged. The \$30 class enrollment fees per class are non-refundable except for elementary students not returning in January and for any class cancelled by GCA.

GCA has been a blessing for homeschooling families for over 20 years, and we will continue to be a thriving, Christ-centered learning community. Please join together in prayer for the leadership staff, teachers, parents, and students. By the grace of our Lord Jesus, we will move forward together in unity as we trust His loving and Sovereign plan.

In Christ Alone,

The GCA Committee