



June 1, 2020

Dear TCA Community,

“Remote Learning 101” has ended and our school doors are closed for the summer. With the 2019-20 school year behind us, we are excited to begin planning for the 2020-21 school year. TCA’s mission is to keep God first and to care for our students and families. In light of our Mission, Tipton Christian Academy will continue to:

1. **Maintain small class sizes.** This allows us to accommodate social distancing guidelines through a variety of methods.
2. **Provide thorough cleaning and sanitizing.** We have a stellar custodial team and they will continue to keep hard surfaces disinfected and our school clean.
3. **Build on our current academic rigor.** Our main priority is ensuring all students are provided with a quality education.
4. **Committed to caring for our families.** As a Christian community, it is our privilege and duty to take care of one another.
5. **Provide athletic opportunity.** Summer sport practices will resume with restrictions. Plans to grow our athletics will continue. Developments will be announced through our AD.

It’s no mystery that COVID-19 has caused the way we do many things to change. Our return to school is no exception. We are taking active steps to ensure we are prepared for students in August.

1. **Drafting alternate calendars.** We are currently still operating under the published 2020-21 calendar that is posted on our website. However, in light of the current pandemic, we are taking steps to prepare alternate calendars that may include: stockpile days for weather and/or pandemic, late and/or early start of school, alternate attendance days or additional planned days off campus.
2. **Implementing social distancing practices.** All classrooms through 5th Grade will be self-contained. The option to eat in classrooms and eliminate combined grade recess and/or P.E. may be utilized to reduce contact among students. Touchless sanitation stations will be available throughout the buildings.
3. **Creation of a health task force.** This group, which consists of doctors, nurses and trained medical personnel, will evaluate our current illness policy, create a protocol of managing students who get sick at school and write initial pandemic policies to ensure all faculty, students and staff are safe at school.
4. **Provide an opportunity to give feedback.** You will receive a short survey soon requesting your input about returning to school as well as health concerns.

School supply lists for K-5th Grade are posted on our website, along with summer reading assignments for 3rd - 12th Grade. Start shopping and start reading! We will be ready for your student in the fall. **Tipton Christian Academy will ensure your child doesn’t miss one minute of learning and stays on a strong academic path.** Watch for updates under the “Return to School” link on our school website. Summer office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to call or come by with any concerns or questions.

Respectfully,

TCA Board of Directors