

## RESPONSES TO PARENT SURVEY ON THE CHS ONLINE SCHOOL PLAN

**1. ONLINE SCHOOL START DATE:** CHS Online school students must start classes no later than Monday, August 24th.

**2. CHS ONLINE SCHOOL COURSE COMMITMENTS:** CHS Online courses are semester long commitments for students in grades 3-12. CHS Online courses are quarterly commitments for students in grades K-2. However, the financial commitment is for the semester. You cannot transition back and forth between the two programs except at those semester or quarterly time frames.

**3. TRANSITION BACK TO ON CAMPUS PROGRAM:** To transition back to campus in grades K-2, students must complete the quarter with passing grades. To transition back to campus in grades 3-12, students must have completed the semester with passing grades.

**4. TRANSITIONING FROM ON CAMPUS TO ONLINE:** A student may transition from CHS On Campus to CHS Online School. The student will need to complete the entire semester's work online. Making the move to online instruction will be handled through our Online School Coordinator.

**5. ONLINE SCHOOL FACULTY AND CURRICULUM:** We have chosen to establish partnerships with the Abeka Video School (for grades K-2nd) and Ignitia Online (for grades 3rd-12th). Each of the two online school partnerships were selected for the way their academic curriculum matches and prepares students to transition back on campus later in the year. We have successfully worked directly or indirectly with both of these online programs in the past. All students will maintain full enrollment status in The Christian School at Castle Hills while in our Online School program.

**6. ONLINE SCHOOL TUITION AND FEES:** – Tuition and Fees for 3rd to 12th Grade are all inclusive if you own your own technology device. A technology fee will be assessed if you use a school Chromebook. Payments are made through our FACTS payment system with two options: (1) payment in full by semester or (2) monthly payments by automatic draft.

- **Elementary (K-2) Tuition and Fees are to be determined and announced the week of August 3 to parents choosing the online option.**
- **Elementary/Intermediate Tuition and Fees (Grades 3-6) – \$3,250/Semester**
- **Secondary Tuition and Fees (Grades 7-12) – \$3,475/Semester**

**School Laptop Device Fee: \$75/Semester (K-6) – \$95/Semester (7-12)**

- Includes laptop and insurance coverage

### **7. WHY WE HAVE CHOSEN TO USE AN ASYNCHRONOUS (PRE-RECORDED) ONLINE SCHOOL:**

We have chosen a pre-recorded on-demand online program which provides families with the most flexibility. Many schools are struggling with the concept of live streaming lessons for several reasons. First, live streaming instruction requires a full 7½ hour day for each student at home with many unproductive breaks in the day and the urgency of being in the exact right place at the right time to get every lesson. Imagine the challenge for parents with multiple children utilizing multiple devices simultaneously. Pre-recorded lessons with our Online School allow you to pause when you do not understand a concept and simply rewind to listen to the lesson again. This is a tremendous advantage.

Pre-recorded lessons through our online school can be completed by most children in a five-hour day with the flexibility to pause for family interruptions. This is a significant improvement and advantage over live streaming classes. Students in the CHS Online School have on-demand assistance from teachers during designated hours and the opportunity to schedule tutoring support.

## 8. CHS ONLINE SCHOOL BENEFITS

Your student will also receive the following benefits from the Castle Hills staff and the school during your online studies:

- a. Reserves your place at the appropriate transition time you select to return to On Campus studies with your grade level class.
- b. Receive guidance counseling support for grades 7-12.
- c. Participate virtually in school chapels and assemblies.
- d. Access to advice and support for online learning from our Online School Coordinator, as well as, regular check-in contacts from On Campus teachers/staff for encouragement and support. We will work together as a school family.
- e. Students enrolled in the CHS Online School will have an equal opportunity for any standardized testing (Terra Nova, PSAT, Career Direct, etc.).
- f. Special Education: There is special education support for Grades 3rd-12th students through the Ignitia Online Program. Students enrolling in the CHS Online School will not have access to the CHS SOAR Special Education program on campus.
- g. SECONDARY STUDENTS (7-12) enrolled in CHS Online School with at least four core academic classes may participate in extracurricular activities or sports if they meet the required rehearsal or practice guidelines set by the extracurricular organization or the Athletic department. For High School activities and athletics governed by TAPPS, TPSMEA or another organization, those guidelines will be followed. All sports and fine arts (electives) will require in-person participation during the specific season or daily class participation. INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS (5-6) may also participate in team sports as per the same requirements as above for Secondary students. ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS (K-6) Online students will have an opportunity for optional weekly PE, Music, Spanish, and Art class videos for enrichment.
- h. Academic support on-demand assistance from teachers during designated hours, and tutoring is available from the online teacher in the 3rd-12th grade online program.
- i. Transcripts for online students will be maintained by CHS.
- j. All online classes are self-paced, and videos are pre-recorded.
- k. The overall course content is similar for both CHS Online and CHS On Campus programs. CHS Online students may be using different textbooks and scope and sequences as CHS On Campus instruction.
- l. CHS Online will have its own teaching staff with degrees and certifications to instruct in their respective fields. Online classes will not be taught by our On Campus teachers. All classes are taught from a distinctively Christian worldview.
- m. There is no financial aid for the CHS Online School. (Exception: ACE Foundation award recipients from Spring 2020).
- n. Semester Tuition rate includes 5 core classes, including Bible, per semester in the 3rd-12th Grade Online School program. Additional courses are available for an additional fee. All courses for K-2 Online School programs are included in tuition, along with the CHS weekly PE, Music, Spanish, and Art video lessons sent to students from the school.
- o. Registration for the CHS Online School will begin during the week of August 10, 2020.