

## **STATUS UPDATE ON E-LEARNING LAUNCH, Monday, March 23, 2000**

Good evening, TSCA Parents and Partners in Christian Education!

I pray that you are all well and preparing for the shelter-in-place order where required. I realize some of you are in vocations that are essential to the well being of Dallas County and its citizens. So, thank you so much for your service! We are grateful! All TSCA staff are doing their part by staying at home to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Today, our faculty completed phase two of their training to launch our new E-Learning School. We had a good day, and we are excited as we make progress toward our Wednesday launch date. Training continues tomorrow, and we would really appreciate your prayers for all of our teachers as they work diligently to deliver quality e-learning instruction.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of our PK-3 parents for picking up your student's work packets/bundles, as our early childhood teachers will be referencing these materials during their instruction. Please discourage your child from working ahead, as teachers will provide the needed pace for the materials you received today.

Please note the following in regards to our new E-Learning plan:

1. Attached, please find a PDF of the TSCA E-Learning Plan (ELP) as it stands today. The links that are referenced within the plan should be live by Wednesday, except for the emails I provided for Mr. Treadwell, Mrs. Cardoso, and Mrs. Hudgins. Those are ready to use immediately. Each teacher is currently preparing his/her letter and schedules for your perusal. Our E-Learning Plan is an eight-page document, so it covers all the bases and responsibilities for all stakeholders. Thank you for reading this guiding document. Please let me know if you have any questions.

2. Currently, Mr. Joseph Guzman, our Webmaster and IT Specialist, is building our E-Learning page, which will be featured on the TSCA website. When that page has been fully constructed and is live, we will get the link out to you so you can reference it for all things e-learning. Our goal is to have it up by Wednesday, but this page may take a bit longer given that all teacher office hours, learning schedules, and parent letters will be available via active links embedded in the page. We appreciate your patience.

3. Here are some specifics as to what you should expect when our **E-Learning School launches on Wednesday morning by 8:00 a.m.**

- We will start SLOWLY!!! Schools, states, and countries that have already been about virtual learning the last several weeks have provided us with some invaluable feedback. BEGIN SLOWLY at first. So, we are planning on exercising wisdom. We want our scholars to test drive the learning tools we will be teaching through, such as Seesaw (Grades PK-3), Google Classroom (Grades 4-12), Google Hangouts/Meet (Grades 4-12), and Zoom (Grades 4-8).

- Any materials, including workbooks, that were sent home today for grades PK - 3 will be accompanied by instruction via video. Just as your children receive demonstrations of a lesson at school, they will benefit from demonstrations in their home learning environment. The only difference is that scholars will be able to access videos via the Seesaw platform (grades PK-3) or the Google Classroom platform (grades 4-12) to watch them as teachers review daily assignments and provide direction for how to complete them. Some of our teachers even sent home manipulatives today for elementary students to use. These teachers will be using the same manipulatives, on video, to show their students what they need to do to complete the assignment.
- Please note that no live instruction will take place because we are trying to be as flexible as possible to accommodate parent schedules and access to a digital device. Through prerecorded videos, students will be able to play each one at their individual learning times and actually replay the videos if additional viewings are needed.
- There will also be opportunities for scholars to chat 1:1 with their teachers, and there will be opportunities for group chats, but that is optional. Elementary teachers will be uploading at least one video per day, although they may upload multiple learning videos daily. Secondary teachers will upload at least one weekly video. The goal is to keep all daily/weekly videos to 20 minutes total time per teacher. There will be outside readings assigned as well. Our goal is not to have our scholars in front of their computers all day long, but to have opportunities to complete their schoolwork, play, create, read, and research, along with virtual interaction with classroom teachers and specialists when available.
- Scholars can expect to receive instruction as well from their specials teachers at the elementary level, which include art, Spanish, library, P.E., and music activities. They can expect one per day during the week. Secondary scholars will continue to benefit from their elective classes, including technology, music, Spanish, and physical education.
- Please know that if you find that your child needs more work than is being provided, then we will be responsive to those requests and provide additional work or enrichment opportunities, again through the Seesaw or Google Classroom platform.

I hope today's update is beneficial to you and provides more direction as we near the launch date for our E-Learning School. We are excited about this new adventure, even though we know some adjustments will be needed along the way. We so appreciate your patience and understanding as we work out any challenges that we may encounter in this new learning paradigm.

Please know that we are praying for each one of you and your families each day. We pray God's protection, His blessings, and His peace over you all.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s), Mr. Betts, or me if you need any assistance at all.

We count it all joy to serve you!

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