



July 23, 2020

Dear CtRCS Families,

We write to you today to present our official plan for opening of the 2020-21 school year, which includes a change to our official start date.

After careful consideration of the current trends and under the guidance of professionals in the field, we have decided to delay the start of the academic year to **Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020**. It is our hope that this two-week delay from our planned start date will allow us to see a decrease in the recent spike of positive cases in the Houston area, while also more closely aligning our schedule with our public district, Cy-Fair ISD.

A delayed start does involve the need to also move our ending date in order to account for our required instructional days. Our new end date will be **Friday, June 11, 2021**. We are trying to anticipate and plan for all scenarios as we look at our 2020-21 calendar. Therefore, the entire month of June will be left open for the potential addition of instructional days, in the event of closures due to COVID-19 throughout the year.

On **Tuesday, Sept. 8**, we will open CtRCS, still providing families with a choice between either on-campus or remote instruction through our Virtual Crusader Classroom (VCC). Understanding the importance of this choice and in consideration of our new start date, we invite families to take an additional week to decide which will best serve your needs. **We ask that you complete the CtRCS 2020-21 Learning Election Form for each child enrolled at CtRCS no later than Friday, Aug. 7.**

Our official CtRCS Fall 2020 Reopening Plan can now be found in a new section of our website at ctrschool.com/reopening. There you will find the latest information on our procedures and protocols for this school year.

Because this remains an ever-evolving situation, our website will serve as a resource to share the most current information more easily with our community. The care of our students and staff will always be our priority. As we receive guidance from our governing authorities, we will continue to refine our practices to best serve our CtRCS families, our faculty and staff, and our greater CtR community. It is our hope that you will utilize this page as a resource and a guide.



Our planning committees have worked diligently to determine best practices that encompass plans for both a safe return to on-campus instruction and strong and innovative remote instruction through the Virtual Crusader Classroom.

We ask each of you to carefully read through each section of our plan as you consider what learning environment will best suit your family. As you review these options please remember that your selection of on-campus instruction or our Virtual Crusader Classroom is a decision that will be in place for the entirety of the first nine weeks of the school year. This will aid our teachers greatly as they plan their instructional programs. After the first nine weeks, if you'd like to make a switch in your instructional model we'll be happy to assist you.

As you review our webpage, please reach out if you have any questions. We tried to be as thorough as possible, but we know there will always be further questions. We are more than happy to provide you with any additional information we have at this time.

Please join me in thanking our administrative team, the faculty and staff, and all of our community members who have served on our planning committees. They have given so much of their time and talents this summer to help us ensure a successful 2020-21 academic year for all of our Crusaders. Fr. Sean and I are incredibly grateful for their leadership and expertise, and to you, our CtRCS families, for your continued support. As we prepare for the new year, we prove each and every day that we are truly Crusader Strong. We'll see you on Sept. 8 – either in person or on the screen!

In Christ the Redeemer,

Mr. Dan Courtney
Principal

Rev. Sean P. Horrigan
Pastor