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Aloha! We hope you all are enjoying your well deserved summer break. Over the summer, we will send a few newsletters to prepare us all for the 2020-2021 school year. We hope to address any concerns you may have regarding our return to campus while keeping all students and staff members safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" ~ Psalm 118:1

Aloha Crusaders,

Are you as thankful as I am? I'm thankful it's summer! Whether at Trinity or elsewhere, we all made it through the 4th quarter of distance learning. Praise God. And, although maybe not the same as always, we can look forward to visiting with family and friends, extra beach time, barbecues, and rest. I truly hope and pray you all are able to enjoy some rest and relaxation time this summer. You deserve it.

I'm thankful that Hawaii is slowly starting to reopen. I don't think I've ever been this excited to get a haircut in my entire life, and I used to get suckers when I was finished...Part of the state's reopening process also includes the reopening of schools. I am excited to announce that Trinity Lutheran School will be back in session, in-person schooling, on July 28, 2020. Trinity Lutheran's 67th year is getting ready to go! And all God's people said Amen!

I have been working in conjunction with HiDOE, HAIS, and HDOH as we have begun to work through some changes needed when school does return on July 28th. Attached to this document are the latest guidelines for reopening schools. As noted by Phil Bossert, Executive Director - Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), "...these are suggestions, recommendations and guidance – not mandates. As such, it is up to each school to use this guidance as a basis for developing its own reopening plan that is workable in light of its facilities, staffing and student body."

Trinity's plan will incorporate as many of these guidelines as we feel we can effectively adhere to with our available resources. These guidelines are for our K-8 classes. Our Preschool and PreKindergarten classes, also reopening on July 28th, will have many of the same changes, but will also include a few stricter procedural changes to maintain the health and safety of all.

Some of our updates are listed below. We are continuing to adapt our policies with the latest news and guidance provided by our state leaders. We will be sending out updates throughout the summer to highlight any updates or changes we make. As of today, here are some key points:

1. No visitors will be allowed in the classrooms. The recommendation is to limit as many non-essential people on campus as possible. Parents will be allowed to bring their child(ren) to the classroom; they just won't be allowed to go into the classroom. We know it will be hard for some to just drop their kids off at the door, but we appreciate your cooperation as we try and maintain a safe and healthy campus.
2. K-8 students will no longer wait on the lanai until 7:30am to enter their classrooms. They will go straight into class upon their timely arrival to school (no earlier than 7:15am). If arriving after 7:50am; students will need to enter through the front office. We will still offer before school care which will begin at 6:30am.
    a. Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten students are allowed to enter their classrooms beginning at 7:30am.
3. All students will be temperature checked by their teacher before entering the classroom. If any student has a temperature higher than one hundred degrees (100.0°), they will not be allowed to stay.
4. Masks in the classroom will not be mandated, but will be optional. We are still working out if/when they'll need to be worn in public areas.
    a. Parents/Guardians picking up K-8 grade students are encouraged to utilize the drive-thru service entering the main parking lot off of California Avenue. If parking on the basketball court to pick up your child/ren; please stay in your car until school is dismissed to avoid gathering on the campus lanai.
5. We will not hold our Meet and Greet scheduled for July 23rd. Teachers will schedule one on one orientations with families. This will include our preschool and prekindergarten families as well. The specific details are still being worked out.

6. We will postpone and/or cancel our off campus field trips through the first quarter. We are looking into other ways to enhance the educational experience for our students.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we travel through this summer together. I do anticipate changes and updates as the state continues to loosen its restrictions. We will continue to keep you as informed as we receive new information.

Trinity Lutheran is committed to providing the best educational experience for your keiki while maintaining the safest environment possible. I am thankful that you have put your trust in us. Our entire faculty and staff feel blessed, honored, and humbled to be able to serve you and your family as God has called us. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come unto me.' I am thankful to bring your children back onto our campus, where we will continue to share the love of Jesus, just as Trinity has been doing for 66 years!

We are here for you. If there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our summer office hours are 9:00am-1:00pm. You can also contact us via email at office@tls-hawaii.org. Mahalo and God's blessings to each of you!

In HIS peace,

Kyle Klemp, Principal
Trinity Lutheran School

UNIFORMS

Kindergarten through 8th Grade students are required to wear school uniforms. Our exclusive uniform provider is Pueo Print Co. All uniform pieces must be purchased through Pueo Print Co. K-8 students wear PE uniforms twice a week and school logo polo shirts and uniform bottoms three times a week. One polo must be green. The quantity of uniforms you purchase is entirely up to you. Students are welcomed to wear jackets (does not need to be purchased through Pueo Print Co.), as long as the jacket is a solid color, free of brand logos, patterns, and words. For a full description of our Uniform & Dress Code Policy, please review our Parent/Student Handbook, www.tls-hawaii.org/Parents.

Currently Pueo Print Co. is accepting online orders with delivery via flat rate shipping or through school pick-up. Please be advised Pueo Print Co. has not yet provided us with a date for uniform pick-up on campus. The following is Pueo Print Co.'s information:
Website: www.pueoprintco.com. Our school code is, TLS96786
Email inquiries to: inquiries@pueoprintco.com

Trinity Lutheran's PTT group organizes a school clothes closet of gently used uniforms. All pieces are sold for $2.00. The clothes closet will be available at your registration appointment.

REGISTRATION

This summer, registration will be offered by appointment only beginning July 1st through July 14th. In the event you are traveling or unable to make any of these dates, please contact Mrs. Flores (cflores@tls-hawaii.org or 621-6033 ext.1) to make alternate arrangements. PLEASE NOTE: Non-registered students will not be allowed to attend classes until registration is complete. There will be a $100 fee per family for parents who miss the official Registration Dates without making prior arrangements with the school office.

To schedule an appointment; please email Mrs. Flores, cflores@tls-hawaii.org, with three appointment choices. You will be emailed a confirmation of your scheduled appointment date and time.

KAMEHAMEHA DAY-OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, June 11th

In observance of Kamehameha Day, the school office will be closed on Thursday, June 11th.