

April 3, 2020

Dear AACS K-12 Families,

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." This twelfth verse in Romans 12 offers direction and encouragement from our Lord and Savior. Our daily routines, household finances, job obligations, children's educations, and time with family forge ahead in unchartered waters. And yet, we are not alone. Our buildings are closed, but the heart of our school couldn't be stronger. Thanks to the Lord's provision, which included herculean efforts from teachers, staff, students, and families, the first week of virtual school was nothing short of impressive. We are all adapting to 24/7 homelife, and I am in awe of the stories of grace, perseverance, and reliance on the Lord. **Thank you.**

TUITION DEFERMENT OPTION

I know and recognize that there are many challenges in these stressful times, finances being one of them. As a first step to address this, parents on the monthly FACTS payment schedule have the option to defer the April (2019-2020) and May (2020-2021) tuition payments. Annual and semiannual payment plan holders for 2020-2021 have the option to change their payment plan to monthly, which alleviates a larger payment in June and allows them to take advantage of deferring the May payment if needed. Our website has a <u>dedicated page</u> with more details on your payment options in light of COVID-19.

Financial Relief Response to COVID-19

LUNCH PROGRAMS

Lunch programs K-8 are handled by the campus-specific <u>main office staff</u>. Lunches at the Upper School, which are an additional cost per student, will be credited back to families based on the number of remote instructional days due to COVID-19. Link to the <u>Financial Relief Response to COVID-19</u> page for details on how and when credits will be applied.

TRANSPORTATION

AACS families contracted for bus transportation services will have April's bus service fee waived or credited if already paid. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Fador, director of transportation, at afador@aacsonline.org.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Over 90 percent of AACS expenses are tied to the educational program, and tuition revenue drives that program. We are evaluating all options to maintain the majority of our workforce and not impact the quality of remote instruction and student engagement. For families who have been hit the hardest with these unprecedented times, please contact the AACS Business Office at rharding@aacsonline.org. As our community is one of generosity and strength, if there are families who feel called and are able to give to the Galatians 6:10 Fund for emergency tuition assistance, they can do so via our Anchorage Fund giving page.

Barbara and I lift up the AACS community in prayer every day, giving thanks for the abundant blessings and comfort He gives to those who walk in His ways. I wait on the Lord and rely on His continued direction with input from all who are faithfully serving AACS in this uncertain time.

In His Service and Yours,

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