



The ACADEMY of Classical Christian Studies

Dear Academy Family,

To prayer we entrust all of you. This season, perhaps, is the closest we've ever come to Paul's admonition to pray always—without ceasing.

A classical education is an embodied education. A Christian education all the more. We believe in those principles—we long to see your children outside of my thirteen-inch screen. I miss Athanasius house asking me about my childhood (constantly). I miss the blood-invigorating cries of Benedict house when they're dismissed from Matins each day (For Nursia!!). I miss the commons area of our Rhetoric students as they step in to the larger-than-life chess board and make their next move in between classes. My impromptu home desk is absolutely no substitute for the palpable culture that our teacher and students daily create. It is unlike anything I've ever experienced elsewhere.

Because we long for the return, we are reluctant to officially commit to *GriffinsLive!* through the end of the school year. ***To be clear, we are more than prepared educationally to provide online education indefinitely.*** However, because we hope against hope to see them once again, we are officially extending this online educational season only through Friday, May 1st (again, in keeping with what our own national authorities have said this past weekend). Unfortunately, the response to COVID-19 is looking less like a sprint and more like a marathon: unprecedented in our short history as a school.

Because gratitude is the daily bread of the wise and the hopeful, I wanted to recite 'aloud' those things for which I am grateful this evening:

1. Our Faculty, who have spent countless hours in preparing and teaching our students
2. Our Staff, who have supported our Faculty in providing them encouragement and resources
3. Our Administration, for brainstorming through weekends and evenings on how best to stay out in front of the demands
4. Our Donors, for continuing to support and provide for us during uncertain times
5. Our Students, for tremendous flexibility as we figure out the unthinkable
6. Our Parents, for throwing their shoulders into the unknown and in partnering with our Faculty when our world was turned upside down

We know that there are kinks to be straightened—we are tweaking things daily and hope to respond even more quickly as we find our new rhythm together. We know there are frustrations—four days in has taught us a lot, and we want to be students of the model we are proposing. Stay tuned for

more updates from the Operational side of things on how we will further streamline your experience.

We will be in touch, friends. The words of Hebrews 13 have meant the world to me this past week, “For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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