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Dear Cougar Families,

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Over the past few months the State and County response to COVID-19 has been rapidly changing requiring our close attention, and informed decision making. We have spent the past few weeks consulting with San Joaquin County Public Health Officials, and sought attorney advice in the development of our WVCA Preschool-8th Grade Reopening Plan in efforts to be onsite for the 2020-2021 school year safely and legally. Based on the current regulations, with San Joaquin County's current status on the State Monitoring List, in conjunction with legal advice, WVCA K-8 will be 100 % distance learning beginning September 8, 2020. The good news is that we have partnered with our onsite licensed child care provider, WVCA Cougar Club through their full school day child care program enabling students to be in the care of a licensed child care provider for the entire school day up to five days a week.

In addition to partnering with WVCA Cougar Club, they have contracted WVCA K-8 teachers to provide additional help to students onsite beyond their live instruction through the distant learning, virtual classroom, Schoology Platform. WVCA Cougar Club is inclusive to the WVCA Preschool-8th Grade Reopening Plan, and will implement all health and safety measures as outlined. While this is not school as usual, we are blessed with this unique opportunity to safely and legally offer child care, and quality supervised supports for the implementation of the WVCA Distance Learning Plan on our school campus. This partnership will conclude when COVID-19 regulations are lifted.

Please see the attached WVCA Cougar Club Fee Schedule and Admissions Agreement for summarized program offerings and admissions details. Families who take advantage of this partnership will submit their WVCA tuition directly to Cougar Club, and will not be charged additional fees with exception to enrollment in extended care options. Further details of this partnership will be released early next week and will include:

- The WVCA Distance Learning Plan
- WVCA Cougar Club Handbook that outlines the MOU, Child Care Services, and details that will summarize the program offering not to be confused with school as usual.
- WVCA Cougar Club Child Care updated admissions documents. *Documents currently on the website do not reflect this program offering*.

FAQ's

Will my child be with the same grade level students? Yes, Cougar Club organizes students by grade level in classrooms that have been licensed when WVCA is closed.

Who will be teaching/supervising my child? All enrolled children are in the direct care and supervision of a licensed child care teacher for the entirety of their scheduled day. WVCA teachers will provide live instruction through the Schoology Platform, and visit classrooms during their contracted time to help facilitate independent practice where distance learners at home would otherwise have parental support. Both the licensed child care teacher and contracted WVCA teacher are supplemental supports for students whose families cannot implement the WVCA Distance Learning Plan from home.

Will I have to pay more? No. Our school and church mission is to be a blessing to our community, and not to take advantage of our current situation in turning a profit. Families who enroll in WVCA Cougar Club Full School Day Child Care will simply transition their scheduled tuition payments to Cougar Club, and will maintain enrollment in WVCA without any additional fees or charges.

Can I still have my child stay at home? Yes. This child care program option in partnership with WVCA is <u>not</u> school. Students who do not attend the child care will not miss any instruction because the entire program is being provided through the WVCA Distance Learning Plan. All students regardless of location, will access the same high quality WVCA curriculum through the live or pre-recorded instruction via the Schoology Platform. Students in the child care program option are simply receiving the adult supports through the MOU partnership with WVCA K-8 teachers in place of parents at home.

Please look forward to more details as they become available. The Cougar Club office will also be available to answer questions, and support clarity for families who are interested in enrolling. The WVCA Cougar Club office is open 9AM-11 AM M-F daily, and will also schedule parent conference calls by request to speak to the Director directly.

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