



July 28, 2020

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

Thanks so much for your great participation in our recent survey. If you have read our reopening plan carefully and still have questions, please reach out to us, and we will be happy to answer those questions or at least give them serious consideration.

Our teachers started their beginning of the year orientation yesterday, and we look forward to welcoming students in person on Monday, August 10.

Many of you have already responded to our "in person or online" options survey sent out yesterday as this will let us know how many desks to set up in individual rooms and best plan to meet the needs of all our students.

For those who choose the online program, next week we will be providing a document which lets you know our expectations for students who will be watching the recorded lessons from our teachers each day in order to stay on track with students in the classroom. We will also select a time in which you are able to come and pick up your student's books so your student will be ready for the classroom instruction.

We were able to host a wonderful sports clinic this last week for our 6-12 year old young people. We are grateful for the outstanding job our senior high helpers directed by Mr. Knoedler and Pastor Starr were able to provide,

If you are undecided about whether to choose online education or in-person, I encourage you to carefully read from the most recent CDC guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/prepare-safe-return.html> as well as and the American Association of Pediatricians

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>. There is a lot of material, but the overriding theme is that most students are best served by returning to school. Here is an excerpt from one of these articles: **"the AAP strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.** The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020." No environment is risk free, but we will be emphasizing that all stakeholders practice a few important disciplines.

1. Don't send students to school if they are sick in any way.
2. Do not mask student "temperatures" by giving students medication like tylenol, etc., before sending them to school as we want an accurate temperature reading.
3. Practice 4 W's, dependent on the context:

Wash your hands
Watch your distance
Wear your mask
Wipe down surfaces

We look forward to "seeing" each of you in our virtual parent teacher meeting next week on Thursday, July August 6.

Stay encouraged,
Dr. C



In-Person or Virtual - If you have not already done so, please fill out the “In-Person or Virtual” form as soon as possible.

Just click on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/wiVJEDMnDdR83ETL7>

Parent/Teacher Orientation: Don't forget that the first day of the 2020/2021 school year is on Monday, August 10, at 8:15 a.m. Our annual parent/teacher orientation will be a virtual livestream on **Thursday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m.** Please plan to watch for important information.

Forms: Since this year's orientation is virtual, we are including a few forms to be filled out and either dropped off next week at school or brought the first day of school. The forms are attached to this email.



We will have a volleyball open gym on Thursday, July 30, for girls entering grades 5 through 12 and are interested in playing for the school teams. Proper health precautions will be taken upon entering the gym. The open gym will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Volleyball practice starts on Monday from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Welcome

Pastor Thad Berrey



Pastor Thad Berrey first came to Hampton in 2001 as a church intern at Calvary Baptist Church studying for his Bachelor's degree in Bible. He then served as part time youth pastor at Calvary Baptist while finishing his MDiv at Bob Jones University. In 2006, He became the senior pastor. He and his wife, Chaya, have eight daughters (from 2 months to age 13). Pastor Berrey enjoys a good cup of coffee, dates with his wife, and living life in community with his church family. Pastor Berrey's burden is to help people apply the Word of God to their everyday lives, and to see God's transforming power leave no aspect of their lives untouched. We are excited to have Pastor Berrey teach 9th-10th grade Bible this year.

Soccer practice will begin next week
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.



BBCS quarantine t-shirts are in! Students who survived last year's BBCS quarantine can stop by and pick their t-shirts at the office.

Have you reserved your child's spot for 2020-21? Re-enroll today!



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