

Warriors,

Thank you for choosing to partner with Ridgefield Christian for the education of your children. We are committed to working with you to keep your child safe while offering a traditional, Christ-based education for your family. We believe in the importance of students being in school and learning as a community. Instead of focusing on the worries and doubts that have plagued our world at times in the past year, we are focused on providing a simplified plan where we partner with our parents and families in making healthy choices and remaining hopeful so that we can be a LIGHT in our community. The following is our **Back to School Plan**. It is subject to change at any time based on new information and best practices available to our school.

Policies and Procedures:

1. First and foremost RCS wants to promote **good health practices**. This includes exercise, a healthy diet, adequate rest, and good hygiene.
2. **Masks** will not be required. If a family wants their student(s) to wear a mask, they certainly may do so. Masks must be provided by the family.
3. Just as in the past, **if your child has symptoms or is feeling ill**, please keep them home and notify the appropriate office of their absence. We are asking parents and/or students to do their own health screening every morning before arriving on campus. A student who is sick or running a temperature will be sent home for a minimum of 48 hours.
4. If a student is at home due to illness, they will be able to work from home for a period of time utilizing our **online learning**.
5. **Quarantine rules** and procedures will reflect those from the most up-to-date guidance. If you are deemed positive or a close contact, then you will remain home and enter online learning for a set amount of time.
6. RCS will continue to use **increased safety and sanitizing measures** to help reduce student exposure to illnesses. These measures include iWave air purifiers in our HVAC system, which are in every room, disinfectant spray for classrooms and common areas, and sanitizing stations in high traffic areas.
7. **Social distancing** will be promoted and utilized as often as possible by spacing students out in classrooms, common eating areas, and meeting areas.
8. **Preschool parents** will be allowed to enter the building to drop off their student(s) each morning, but we ask that all other guests and parents **remain at the main entrance**. We will communicate with families when we have events where they can attend during normal school hours.
9. **Extracurricular activities** will proceed as in the past following the guidelines of applicable governing bodies. AAA for athletics being the primary example.

If you have any questions regarding our policies and procedures, you can contact Mr. Brewer, Head of School, via email at brewerm@ridgefieldchristian.org or phone at 870-932-7540. Our office hours are 9 AM - 2 PM through the end of July, but will return to normal hours 8 AM to 3:30 PM in August.

Please **join us in praying** for our community, our staff and students, and our fellow schools and churches as we prepare to have a great year at RCS.

In His Awesome and Holy Name,



Matt Brewer, RCS Head of School