

CHURCHILL CENTER & SCHOOL

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Churchill Center & School Update - May 2020

Dear Churchill Community,

We hope this letter finds your family safe and healthy. It's hard to believe we are finishing our sixth week of distance learning. We continue to be beyond impressed by the hard work, dedication and patience that our faculty, staff, students and their families have shown during this difficult time. Everyone's commitment to fulfilling our mission through distance learning has been nothing short of phenomenal. We are so very proud of our entire school community's effort!

With only one more week left in the 2019-2020 school year, we want to take a moment to share some important news and progress on the state of our school and our immediate plans for the future in regards to programming and staff.

ACADEMIC UPDATE:

Day School

Our 2019-2020 school year will conclude on Friday, May 22. We have planned a fun graduation parade to celebrate all of the amazing academic and personal accomplishments our students have made this year. Unfortunately, we will not be able to recognize each student on stage in the traditional way, but all of the student awards will still be distributed and listed in a printed program that will be handed out as the cars enter our campus for the graduation parade. This parade is also a celebration of our survival of distance learning! Not only did we survive, we thrived! The feedback we have received from our current families has been overwhelmingly positive. We continued to grow and improve each day! We plan to take a hard look at what we learned in order to improve the process should there be a need for distance learning in the future.

Summer School

In regards to Summer School, Churchill's Board of Trustees has made the very difficult decision to cancel our traditional six-week program in the building. The health and safety of our faculty, staff and students is the utmost priority and at this time, we felt we could not successfully implement the program to fidelity with the current county restrictions.

However, there will still be an abundance of instruction going on! While distance learning delivery is a new platform for our one-to-one tutorials, we have found it to be extremely successful and continues to fulfill our mission to provide the finest, individualized, remedial education.

- Approximately 60 new families have shifted their commitment from our six-week Summer School in the building to an hour each day of one-on-one tutorial sessions via Zoom.
- Overall, including our current Day School students, more than 200 children will be tutoring through Churchill this summer via Zoom.

FINANCIAL NEWS:

After careful consideration, Churchill's Board of Trustees has made the decision to participate in the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Loss of revenue from ancillary programming including Summer School and face-to-face tutoring has created a gap in Churchill's financial budget. The PPP loan is critical to ensure that all 68 faculty and staff will remain employed and be able to support their families during this unsettled time. We are committed to protecting and preserving our faculty and staff who create, develop and deliver Churchill's transformational programs to our students. Churchill has made a significant investment in supporting

each faculty member's Wilson Language[®] certification. We want to do all that we can to retain each teacher to avoid additional financial and academic loss associated with rehiring in the future.

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As you know, Anne Evers will officially be moving into her new role as Head of School beginning June 1, 2020.

New Director of Admissions

We are pleased to announce that we have named Susan Howison as our new Director of Admissions.

Susan has been a beloved faculty member of our Churchill family for nearly 20 years. She began as a Social Studies teacher in 2001 and has been a part of the Leadership Team for the past 18 years. In 2010, Susan became a Wilson Partner Trainer[®] and Foundations[®] Facilitator Developer. In addition to her responsibilities with the Day School, she has played an integral part in Churchill's Outreach efforts through developing and training teachers within our School Partnership program. Susan is thrilled to continue to help serve the Churchill community in her new role and looks forward to meeting and helping our future students as they are introduced to Churchill.

New Tutorial Supervisor

We are also excited to share that current teacher and Tutoring Services Supervisor, Mary Beth Hofer will move into the position of Tutorial Supervisor beginning in August 2020. Mary Beth has been a Churchill faculty member for 14 years and a member of the Leadership Team since 2014. She has recently been selected by Wilson Language Training[®] to participate in their WRS Trainer Development Program. Each year, Wilson invites a very limited number of educators (12-15) from across the country to train for one full year as Wilson Reading System[®] Trainer Interns. Mary Beth is the fifth Churchill faculty member to be chosen for this special training. Congratulations!

THANK YOU!

Lastly, we want to thank you again for your support of Churchill Center & School during this unprecedented time. We are forever grateful to be a part of a community that lifts each other up and embraces kindness and uniqueness while creating a caring environment of respect. We, as the school leadership, are devoted to continuing our impactful mission of providing our students with a highly specialized curriculum and the strategies they need to become advocates for their future and achieve success.

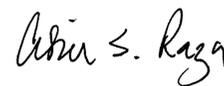
Best regards,



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