

# CHURCHILL

## CENTER & SCHOOL

National Leader in Learning Disabilities

### Message to our School Community on COVID-19

#### Dear Churchill Community,

As we begin to navigate through a new reality, I wanted to reach out with an update about how Churchill Center & School is continuing to advance our mission through this unprecedented time. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and in accordance with the St. Louis County and St. Louis City ordinances, Churchill's facility will remain closed through April 22. Faculty and staff will be working remotely to ensure all of our services are being fulfilled.

#### Commitment to our Mission

During this time of uncertainty, Churchill remains 100% dedicated to our mission of providing our students the finest, individualized, remedial education and the support they need to achieve success and return to a traditional classroom. While our first priority is to be a part of the solution to protect the overall health and safety of our immediate and global community, our focus continues to be meeting the needs of our students, and providing child-centered education for our diverse learners.

While our school days and lives may look differently, I have been repeatedly reminded in these recent days how significant our core values are in what we do:

- Our program is CHILD-CENTERED and focused on the remediation of the academic struggles of each child.
- We foster a genuine love and CARING for the uniqueness of each child.
- As individuals and as a group, we are KNOWLEDGEABLE of the most effective educational techniques to help children with learning disabilities.
- TEAMWORK is fundamental to our success.

#### Distance Learning Plan

Our current academic plan is to implement Distance Learning beginning Monday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 22. Our faculty will be utilizing Zoom to communicate with students for daily lessons in all classes. Preparing for this has been a huge undertaking within a critical timeline and I am so proud of our faculty and staff's commitment to execute this plan. If there's one thing we are accustomed to at Churchill, it is creating an adaptable and innovative curriculum. We are incredibly fortunate to have the very best faculty for this situation. Not only are they highly-trained educators, but they are patient, thoughtful and versatile in their instruction, making us uniquely positioned to take on the challenges ahead.

Everything we do at Churchill has always been designed to help each child learn in a way that's best for them- and that is what we will continue during this time. Delivering the kind of instruction that our students require and to which they are accustomed through a distance learning platform can present challenges. However, through collaboration with our colleagues across the country who lead schools similar to Churchill, and our close partnership with Wilson Language Training®, we have developed a comprehensive approach. We are confident that this will ensure an effective way to deliver quality instruction and Wilson® lessons via Zoom with fidelity, and still include daily tutorials for each student, which are the heart of the Churchill experience.

#### Stay Connected

In this current climate, we have the health and well-being of our entire Churchill family at the forefront of our thoughts. We care deeply about preserving our connections among all constituents- students, alumni, current parents, alumni parents and friends, and want to ensure our entire community continues to feel engaged with our mission and commitment to education. We encourage you to stay in touch with us via our social media channels, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and follow our [website](#) for up-to-date information.

Many of you have asked how you can help. Especially during these uncertain times, we truly appreciate the dedication of our caring community. Your [support of Churchill](#) gives us the ability to continue to provide the critical education that our students need. For more than 42 years, Churchill has empowered bright children to thrive, no matter how they learn. Regardless of the struggles we face, this will never change.

### **Future Ahead**

As we look toward the weeks and months ahead, I know there will be challenging times. But I am also reassured that first and foremost, we are a strong, loving, supportive community that celebrates uniqueness, kindness and respect.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your continued support of Churchill Center & School as we navigate through this situation together. We are committed to staying engaged with you, our Churchill family, and hope you remain safe and healthy throughout this time.

All my best,



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