



October 9, 2020

Ethos Classical Families,

It is hard to believe it is already Fall Break. While this has been a fall unlike any other, one thing has remained constant at Ethos Classical—the commitment of our families and teachers to ensuring an extraordinary education for every scholar, no matter the challenges.

As promised, I am writing today with an update on our plans for reopening. **Based on the feedback of our families and staff, Ethos Classical will remain 100% virtual until January 11, 2021 and will reopen on January 11, 2021 with a Family Choice Model.** Family Choice provides families the opportunity to select the learning model that best meets the needs of their scholar and family: In-person Instruction or Distance Learning.

We recognize that there is no perfect decision in the very imperfect situation of COVID-19. At Ethos Classical, family partnership is a top priority in all we do and is the guiding force behind our decision to reopen on January 11, 2021 with a Family Choice Model. On September 28, 2020 a re-opening preference survey was sent to all Ethos Classical families. We received responses from 187 of our 223 families, with 62% of our families indicating a preference for a January 11 reopening date with exactly 50% of our families indicating a preference for in-person learning and 50% indicating a preference for distance learning.

We are already hard at work planning for our reopening in January. Please read below for an overview of each program and complete [this survey](#) by December 1, 2020 at 11:59PM to indicate your selection for returning to school on January 11, 2021.

PROGRAM SELECTION

Your family will be offered the opportunity to select In-Person or Distance Learning for your scholar. Once a family has selected Distance Learning, they will remain in the Distance Learning Program throughout the entire trimester. Families that have selected the In-Person model are able to transition to Distance Learning at any point in the trimester but are required to remain in the Distance Learning Program until program selection opens for the next trimester.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Families who select the Distance Learning Program for their scholar can expect a comprehensive academic program that includes the following:

- Reading and math instruction daily with weekly coding and arts lessons.
- Access to all school materials supplies including workbooks, Chromebooks, and school supplies.
- On-going check-ins with Ethos teachers and staff, including weekly SOAR reports.
- STEP Reading and NWEA MAP Math and Reading assessments.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

In-Person Learning should feel just the same as last year for our families, but with added precautions for the health and safety of our scholars and staff. In-Person Learning will include the following precautions:

- Daily health screening for all scholars and staff which includes a contactless temperature check upon arrival.
- Dedicated scholar materials including a 1:1 ratio for all technology to minimize contact with shared surfaces.
- Increased hand washing breaks throughout the school day.
- Increased cleaning of high-frequency shared surfaces throughout the day with deep cleanings each evening.
- Upgraded HVAC and ventilation system.
- Masks will be required of all scholars and staff members.

A detailed guide to our reopening plan for both In-Person and Distance Learning will be shared with you on December 15, 2020. Please complete your selection for your scholar by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, December 1. The selection you make in [this survey](#) will be your final selection for returning on January 11.

We recognize the gravity of this decision and know you may have many questions as you consider the best choice for your scholar.

- For questions related to classes, content, assignments and instruction, please email Mr. Knight Justice, Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
- For questions related to Special Education, RTI, and the social, emotional or well-being of your child, yourself, or your family, please contact Ms. Gambrell, Director of Scholar and Family Supports.
- For questions about school safety, operations, and enrollment, please contact Mrs. Mack, Director of Operations.

School may look slightly different, but what will not change is the extraordinary commitment we make to our scholars and families. Whether you choose to have your scholar learn through In-Person or Distance Learning this year, we have a plan that will meet the needs of your family.

With urgency and eagerness,



Emily Castillo Leon
Founder and Head of School