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*RE: Important Update for our SCA Families*

Dear SCA Parents and Guardians,

We trust that you are doing well and staying healthy. Please know that we as a school and church are praying for you and your family and for our country during this time. These are certainly unusual and unprecedented events for our lifetimes. We want to encourage you to stay strong and in faith during these times. To assist you and your family with staying strong and in faith, here is a great teaching about choosing courage from Pastor Leon Fontaine, who is the President of SCA. <https://youtu.be/sXVaGo8mBcY> [Make sure you check out other Devotional from this Faith Over Fear series as well.]

We know that the Covid-19 situation will affect everyone differently. We want to thank and honour those people on the frontlines for their service to our community. It is unclear how Covid-19 will affect our SCA families. Some may see a direct blow to their finances because of layoffs and job impacts, while some families, who work in the essential services sector may not see their finances affected directly. We know that we are all affected by the situation of our kids learning from home as SCA is unable to provide in-person child education, as per the government education and health mandates.

We are hearing great feedback from parents as the teachers adapt and connect with their classes in attempts to continue to teach through these challenging times. Although your children are learning from home, this is far from home schooling. Our teachers are providing the instructions, materials, lesson plans, and trying their best to have a sense of normalcy through these crazy times. I would even argue that our teachers are working harder as they have to learn and adapt though this. I am almost certain that most teachers did not anticipate having to learn and adapt to remote education when school started in September. There is no contest between which is easier between teaching students at school or teaching these same students at home - it is much harder to do it and connect from a distance. No question.

As a school, we have made a commitment to continue to pay our K-12 teachers as they continue to do their jobs. There is still a lot of work that happens behind the scenes. Your family has also made a commitment and decision to value Christian education or you would not be a part of SCA. As a school, we are still educating your children and as such, we will continue to charge the normal monthly tuition charges for K-12. If there is a Covid-19 related issue in your family that makes your financial commitment to SCA difficult to maintain, please connect with us. Contact Sheryl Friesen at the SCA office [sfriesen@springs.ca](mailto:sfriesen@springs.ca) or contact me. We want to work with you the best we can during this time.

It is our hope and prayer that this situation will resolve quickly. We continue to encourage you to speak God's Word over your family, your health, and your finances.

"Your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy....the Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge." (Psalms 94:18b-19, 22)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

God Bless,

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