



July 23, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Proverbs 3:5-6 is a scripture that we can turn to in uncertain times. We don't have to "lean on our own understanding" of anything, but we can totally depend on God to "direct our paths." As the GCS family, we have had to learn new ways, and we will have to do it more in the coming months as we find His path for returning to school this fall. Our complete trust is in Him, and He will show us the path that is the best and the safest for our students.

We fully recognize the broad range of convictions and feelings that drive each family's response to this pandemic. Some proceed with an abundance of caution, while some are ready to move on, leaving caution behind. That brings me to the importance of appreciating our differences and truly respecting the opinions and actions of other families. Philippians 2:3-5 says, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own interests, but also for the interests of others." In all of this, our kindness toward each other will be a great example to our children.

Our strategy for moving forward as a GCS family is to trust God in all things and follow the path He has put before us. Thank you for the support you have already demonstrated and thank you for your support in the months to come.

The "Summer Packet" for the 2020-2021 school year has been sent electronically with this email and will be completed online. Please review the attached annually-required [asbestos letter](#) and complete the appropriate Google Form for each of your students.

Links to summer resources are in the Google Form and located on our website.

Thank you for your prayers for God's blessing and wisdom as we put the finishing touches on our planning. To God be all the glory!

God Bless

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Larson", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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