

TAFA Families,

Please read the following information carefully.

Looking towards the Fall semester, we had been working on multiple options so that we could adapt to the ever-changing environment as well as working within the constraints that might be given to us by Travis Avenue Baptist Church.

This past week I had the opportunity to sit down with the Pastor of Travis Avenue to look at the options for the Fall semester. At that time, we were made aware that the church had decided that we will not be allowed to continue classes in-person on the campus of Travis Avenue for the duration of the Fall semester.

With this unfortunate news, we had to make the decision to only do virtual classes for the Fall semester. We understand that this is a challenge for some of our classes and for many of you to be involved in virtual sessions simultaneously with your children due to limitations on the number of computers, devices or internet speeds. At the same time, our teachers have been preparing for the upcoming semester and ways that they can do virtual classes even better than before since they have more time to prepare.

Below are some key things you will need to be aware of as we move forward.

1. We hope that you will continue with TAFA for the Fall semester but understanding the predicament this may put your family in, we are extending our drop date for full refunds through August 7. After this point, we will not be doing refunds so that we can make decisions related to classes that may not be able to continue and to give teachers time to prepare for the students and classes they will have.
2. We will be issuing a school credit for half the facility fee (5%) since we will not be meeting in the facility for the Fall semester. It will take us time to get through everyone's account so please be patient with us while we get this done. You can always check the transactions on your account to see any changes that have been made at <https://registration.tafa.org/>
3. The following classes will be cancelled for the Fall semester but will resume in-person in the Spring. We will issue a credit for the Fall semester to your accounts. If you need to drop this class permanently, please let us know by August 7.
 - a. Tapestry Treble Choir A
 - b. Chorale
 - c. Con Spirito A, Elementary Singers A & B. (You will receive an email from your teacher shortly about an alternate option.)
 - d. Elementary Photo. A, Elementary Photo. B, Elementary Photo. C, Photography A (12-14), Photography B (12-14), Photography I A, Photoshop I A
 - e. Drama I A, Drama I B
 - f. Drama II B,

- g. Acrylic Painting A, Advanced Art A, Color Theory B, Fundamentals of Art A, Life Drawing A
 - h. Drum Line I A, Drum Line II A
4. On August 10, from 10am-12pm we will be at the West Children's Building entrance to hand out all of your supplies for the Fall and the 2019-20 yearbooks if you have not picked those up. Each class is different, so PLEASE look for an email coming from your teachers to be sure they have supplies you will need to pick-up before coming.
 5. In addition, for the majority of classes meeting in the Fall, they will be available in the Spring as a hybrid where students can attend classes in-person or have a live feed into the class virtually from home at the same time.
 6. We are working on plans for performances in December so we will be sending more information later. In addition, some of your teachers might be planning some optional "in-person adventures" for some classes so be looking for emails from your teachers for that.
 7. Finally, this is an opportunity for many students to take classes at Tafa that may have not had the opportunity in the past since the Fall will be all virtual. We hope that you will share Tafa with all of your friends and family to let them know of the new opportunity they have whether they live in Fort Worth or on the other side of the world.

As we begin to work through all of these changes, we do ask that you be patient with us to get all of the logistics accomplished. In addition, it is highly recommended that you **email** us instead of calling because we only have one phone line and can move much quicker through emails.

In closing, I'm reminded that we serve a sovereign God. Nothing has happened or will happen in the future that is a surprise to Him. He is in control of all things and we can trust that his 'word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path'.

Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Sincerely,

Erik Williams
Head of School