



Dear Falcon Families,

May 15, 2020

I hope and pray that you have all had a wonderful week and I continue to pray that you remain healthy and in good relationship with our Heavenly Father!

As we approach the end of our school year, which feels like it has come upon us suddenly, we find that we are at emotional crossroads. While we are disappointed that we have had to forego so many school activities and events, and we were not able to return to the classroom for our good-byes for the summer, we are thankful for the creative ways that our students and teachers have utilized to continue and strengthen their relationships. There have been drive-by birthday parties with teachers invited, drive-by parades at teacher's homes, socially-distance delivery of "promotion gifts" and Zoom class parties and athletic recognition. In addition, over the past week, a committee of families pulled together to help our teachers feel appreciated at their homes and many families reached out individually to their teachers to show them their appreciation. United Faith has pulled together through this challenging time as a family and I have been so blessed to see and be a part of all this!

Meanwhile, our society continues to move slowly towards re-opening and the news this week from the NC Department of Health is encouraging that we may actually have some semblance of normal in our lives and our economy once again! The days of challenges are not yet over, and being separated from one another have become an endurance test, but knowing that our God remains in control and has a plan to use this for good is a source of comfort. I encourage you to continue to reach out to family and neighbors and share the security and peace that you have found as people are open to hearing the Gospel and experiencing the love of God now, more than ever!

#### **End of Year Information for UFCA**

Formal classes ended for the school year today (May 15<sup>th</sup>)! Some MS and HS classes will have end-of-chapter/unit tests next week during their regular class periods, but will not have additional classes. Lower school students will have some special theme days, parties, and recognition next week. In addition, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Kindergarten and Preschool will all have special promotion ceremonies. Teachers will be communicating details on all of these events. If you have not received information on these events, please reach out to your child's teacher or Division Lead for the details!

On Saturday, May 16 at 6pm, the Athletic Department will also have its annual recognition program through a virtual "banquet" to recognize MS and HS athletes. If you have not received information on this events, please reach out to your child's Coach!

**On May 22, 2020 at 11:00am we will hold a drive-in commencement ceremony for our high school students.** Space is limited, however **the ceremony will be live-streamed on both Facebook ([United Faith Christian Academy](#)) and YouTube ([UFCA Falcons](#)).**

**If you have not already done so, please go to our YouTube channel and subscribe. This is the same location where our Morning Announcements and Chapel messages can be found!**

**Senior Luncheon and Graduation Rehearsal** will be a drive-in event for graduates and families only on Thursday, May 21 at 11:00am.

Senior Graduation: Seniors should arrive by 10:15 and check in at the front steps of the school. The Senior video will begin streaming approximately 10 minutes prior to the ceremony.

At the end of the ceremony, St. John's Photography will be available to take photographs of students and their families if desired.

Details on all of these events are being sent separately to Seniors and their Families.

## **Textbook and Laptop Return / Yearbook Distribution / Locker Recovery**

Based on Phase 1 Restrictions in NC, United Faith will not be able to permit the return of students on campus prior to the end of the school year.

- **Textbook/Laptop Return – Thursday May 21 – ALL Students**
  - Textbooks, other books, laptops, etc. that belong to UFCA may be returned **Thursday, May 21**
    - **All non-consumable textbooks and novels must be returned.**
    - **Laptop, charger and mouse must be returned.**
      - **Please leave a note with the laptop if there are ANY issues with the laptop.**
  - **All items to be returned should be placed in a bag with the student's first and last name and grade on the outside.**
  - **Times for drop-off**
    - Lower School – 10am-12pm
    - Middle School – 9am-11am
    - High School – 1pm-3pm
    - If you have children in multiple divisions, please pick whichever time is best for you for drop-off, but know that the specific division's teachers will only be present at these times (in case you and your child want to say goodbye for the summer or thank their teachers!).
  - **Process**
    - Please enter the parking lot as normal, drive around the school and pull up to the portico.
    - Teachers will take the bags of books and give your child their yearbook (if they have not received it already).
    - Please then pull out as if you were leaving morning or afternoon carline without entering the parking lot (we will be setting up for graduation and holding the Senior Luncheon in the parking lot at the same time).
    - Later in the day, Teachers will check in your child's books and will let you know if any items are missing.
- **Locker Recovery**
  - **If your child has items left in their locker, please let their classroom or homeroom (1<sup>st</sup> period) teacher know and we will get those to you at that time or at a later time.**

## **Ongoing Activities**

- **The Main Office will be open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm next week.**
  - The Office will be open the week of May 26<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm.
  - Beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Office will be on a summer schedule as follows:
    - Closed for Vacation – May 29<sup>th</sup> -June 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>, we expect that the Office will be permitted to be open on a normal summer schedule on Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm for the rest of the summer.
      - As NC continues to relax restrictions, we will keep you informed of the hours.
- At this time, the Campus (outside of the Main Office) remains closed to all other persons including families and visitors.
- **Please continue to use email or reach out to us by telephone, leaving a voicemail at 704-541-1742 extension 200, should you need to contact us.**
- All other events and activities, including Gym Workouts, Sports Camps, and the Summer Day Camps remain postponed. We will inform you when we are permitted to resume these activities.
- **Return to School in August** – At this time, we are planning (and praying) that we will return to traditional classroom instruction in August 2020. Please pray with us that we will be permitted to do so!

Above all, I am praying that each of you remains healthy and have discovered the ability to rest in the peace of belonging to Jesus Christ. Please continue to join with me in prayer for a rapid resolution to this pandemic!

Blessings,



Susan R. Blumenthal, PhD, Head of School

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" 2 Timothy 1:6-7 ESV