As you know, SCS is following Governor McMaster’s guidelines, and we will remain in Sabre Virtual Remote Learning through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

As we look to summer and next school year, we understand you have questions. While we are hopeful school will resume in August, our administrative team is currently walking through several possible scenarios to provide you with pertinent information needed to plan for the upcoming uncertain and unprecedented times and additional information will follow in the coming weeks.

May at SCS: Additional details will be communicated in the future

- Student Success Services: We are now providing on-campus Academic Support, per Governor McMaster and State Superintendent Molly Spearman’s guidelines
- Awards Ceremonies: ES - Virtual ceremony during the week of May 25th; MS - Virtual ceremony during the week of May 25th; HS - Drive-In ceremony on May 20th
- Athletes Senior Night: Spring senior athletes and parents only on Thursday, May 14th
- Promotion Ceremonies: ES - 5th Grade promotion on May 19th; MS - 8th Grade Promotion on May 21st
- Kindergarten Graduation: May 22nd
- HS Graduation: May 29th at Sabre Stadium (closed ceremony for graduates and family only)

Summer at SCS:

- SummerQuest: We are planning for a full SummerQuest program, while taking all the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of your children and our staff. We do have openings in our SummerQuest childcare program. If you would like to enroll your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Mary Clark (mclark@southsidechristian.org) in the Early Education office.
- Athletics: SCHSL is planning on having a normal schedule for strength, conditioning, and summer practices. We are finalizing these schedules and will share them with you before June 1.

2020-2021 School Year Billing:

- We understand the uncertainty of these times raises financial questions. We are evaluating the timing of tuition payments for next year and the associated deadlines for next year. Please direct any financial questions to Mrs. Jackie Blanton (jblanton@southsidechristian.org) in the finance office.
- Typically, billing for the upcoming school year begins June 1st. This allows us to adequately prepare, with all the necessary instructional tools and resources, for the beginning of school in August. You have received communications from the finance office regarding setting up your account in Smart Tuition for billing.
• SCS operates on a cost-based tuition model, meaning our tuition and fees cover 100% of our operating budget. Any decisions related to the timing of tuition, fees, or discounts significantly impacts Southside Christian School financially.

2020-2021 School Year at SCS:
• We continue to respond with best practices to our current educational reality, while planning to serve students in new ways in future school years. We will follow guidelines from federal, state, and local agencies.
• Our administrative leadership team meets regularly to plan for the 2020-2021 school year. We are currently working through multiple scenarios to provide an excellent, biblical education in the event COVID-19 interrupts our normal school operations.
• We are staying current with SC Department of Education and State Superintendent Molly Spearman’s office with their recommendations for Greenville County Schools. As a private, Christian school, we will take their guidance under advisement, but if we can safely and legally provide educational options that differ from public schools, we will consider doing so.
• The first day of the 2020-2021 school year for all of our students is currently planned for August 13, 2020.
• We are working to continue to enhance Sabre Virtual Remote Learning in the event we need to use this educational method at any time during the 2020-2021 school year. Our campus-wide shift from RenWeb to our new platform Blackbaud will provide a seamless online portal for communications, announcements, billing, assignments, contacts, and more.
• In the event a modified school schedule or remote learning is necessary:
  o We are evaluating options related to tuition, services, and fees during the 2020-2021 school year should COVID-19 greatly impact normal school operations.
  o On-campus Student Success Services in small groups would likely continue.
• Athletics: Games have been scheduled, but we await guidance from the South Carolina High School League for fall sports.