



May 21, 2020

Dear GCC Parents / Guardians,

Amidst uncertain times, the Education of your precious children remains an important priority. GCC is deeply committed to partnering with you, in providing the BEST, high-quality Christian Education for your children.

The global pandemic situation has necessitated a shift to *online* modes of learning. Nevertheless, we believe that “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). This is an opportunity to *educate* and train our children to be lifelong learners – to be equally adept at learning in *both* in-person and online modalities, to be equipped with the necessary internal disciplines and etiquettes to be successful in various modes of learning.

Part A: School Year 2019-2020

(1) ONLINE INSTRUCTION

For SY 2019-2020, GCC’s Online education will conclude on May 28 (for Basic Education, Toddler through Grade 12), and on May 30 (for College Department).

(2) REPORT CARDS

Unofficial Report Cards (soft copy) will be available for Online viewing by June 30. Instructions on how parents may access the *new* Online student portal will be provided as the time draws near.

Official Report Cards (hard copy) will be available for pickup from GCC. Date to be announced. Kindly await GCC updates, as we follow Philippine government quarantine regulations.

(3) VIRTUAL GRADUATIONS

We recognize and joyfully celebrate the Achievements of our students.

- ◆ Virtual Graduation for **NURSERY** will be on July 22 (Wednesday)
 - ◆ Virtual Graduation for **KINDERGARTEN** will be on July 24 (Friday)
 - ◆ Virtual Graduation for **GRADE 6** will be on July 27 (Monday)
 - ◆ Virtual Moving-Up Ceremony for **GRADE 10** will be on July 29 (Wednesday)
 - ◆ Virtual Graduation for **GRADE 12** will be on July 31 (Friday)
 - ◆ In-person Graduation for **COLLEGE** to be at GCC Auditorium. Date to be announced.
- Kindly await GCC updates, as we follow Philippine government quarantine regulations.

(4) “INCOMPLETES” (for Basic Education, Toddler through Grade 12)

Regular Academic deadlines are up to the last week of May.

However, in consideration of the situation, GCC will allow students *extra* time to remedy their “Incompletes”; so students may submit assignments up until **June 15**.

Student extenuating circumstances will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Students with “Incompletes” will *not* be given Report Cards (either Unofficial or Official), and will *not* be allowed to participate in Virtual Graduation.

(5) BALANCES – Thanks for your kind understanding & cooperation, as we strive to balance the needs of our School, with compassion & sensitivity to the situation of our families.

Kindly note that if you have remaining Account Balances from SY 2019-2020

- you will **still** be able to **RESERVE** for SY 2020-2021
- your child’s Unofficial Report Card will **still** be released
- your child will **still** be able to participate in Virtual Graduation

However, as per DepEd Order No. 88, s. 2010, one of the requirements to release your child’s Official Report Card is full payment of tuition fees.

For questions related to the above, you may e-mail your concerns to < accountsolutions@gcc.edu.ph >, for the School to discuss options with you, so that you will be able to **REGISTER** your child for SY 2020-2021.

Outstanding Balances notices will be sent individually via E-mail, Google Classroom, or Phone.

(6) REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Requests for official documents, such as transcripts, diplomas, letters of recommendation, etc. may be emailed to < registrar@gcc.edu.ph >, and will be attended to as soon as office work is able to be resumed.

(7) SUMMER 2020 – Summer programs details to be further announced.

Part B: School Year 2020-2021 (Academic)

(8) By God’s grace, GCC’s Kindergarten, Elementary, High School Departments hold the *highest* level of accreditation from Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP), through the Association of Christian Schools, Colleges & Universities—Accrediting Council Incorporated (ACSCU-ACI).

GCC’s curricular offerings include international curriculum, such as ABEKA, Bob Jones University Press and Others, as well as quality Local (Philippines) curriculum.

GCC’s High School and Senior High School include Advanced Placement (AP) courses, including certification in the rigorous AP Capstone Program. GCC’s Senior High School is part of De La Salle University’s ConnectEd program.

Moreover, in addition to our existent relationships with educational institutions in Taiwan and the USA, God has graciously provided... Recently GCC has more than 10 new active relationships with prominent educational institutions in the USA, which will *further* enrich and enhance the **high-quality** Christian Education that GCC is providing to our students at *all* levels.

GCC's Administration, Middle Management, Teachers and Staff have been undergoing – and will be undergoing *even more* – **training** for Education in Online framework – both content and pedagogy.

(9-A) 2 EDUCATIONAL TRACK OPTIONS – For SY 2020-2021, GCC is offering 2 tracks options:

GCC TRACK #1 – ONLINE LEARNING

Education provided in the 3 Grading Periods will be entirely Online.
Educational Curriculum provided will be generally the same as in Track #2.

GCC TRACK #2 – BLENDED LEARNING

For the 1st Grading Period, GCC will provide education Online.

For the 2nd and 3rd Grading Periods, instructional Venue (whether in-person or online) to be determined – dependent on Philippines government regulations and GCC assessment of the situation.

Please be assured that instructional Venue decisions will be done with utmost consideration for the health & safety of your children. Should the option/decision be made to go in-person, proper Health precautions & Safety protocols will be followed.

(9-B) NOTES RE: EDUCATIONAL TRACK OPTIONS –

— Whether students choose Track #1 or Track #2, he/she may switch to the *other* track the next School Year (2021-2022), without additional tests / requirements.

— There will be a window of time (before the beginning of the next Grading Period), wherein students may *switch* Tracks.

— Whether Track #1 or Track #2, there will be *more* “Live” (or Video) teachings, so that students may be *actively* engaged in learning. Online weekly Chapels for ALL levels to be provided.

— Aside from the “regular” class requirements, teachers may recommend Optional *additional* learning Resources (from International sources in various disciplines of learning) that our *advanced* students may take advantage of, for their personal educational enrichment.

— For our Parents, GCC will be providing Webinars (from the Philippines and International), wherein your parenting / family skills may be enhanced and enriched.

(10) START DATE – For SY 2020-2021, for both Tracks, GCC will start classes on Tuesday, August 25.

(11) CALENDAR – For SY 2020-2021, the School Calendar will be provided.

Due to social distancing regulations, our 70th Anniversary Celebrations will be postponed until further notice.

Part C: School Year 2020-2021 (Financial)

(12) TUITION – Although a tuition fee increase was already approved, in consideration for families' current situation, **there will be NO tuition and miscellaneous fee increase for SY 2020-2021.**

(13) RESERVATIONS FOR CURRENT STUDENTS – Reservations will be open via Online from June 1 to June 30. Payments may be made Online. Further details to be provided.

(14) REGISTRATIONS FOR CURRENT AND NEW STUDENTS – Registrations will be open via Online from July 1 to July 31. Payments may be made Online, or at GCC campus (as Philippines government quarantine regulations allow). Further details to be provided.

(15) NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS – Applications are Ongoing and via Online. Further details to be provided.

(16) SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarship and Tuition assistance will continue to be available. You may email Office of Student Affairs at < osa@gcc.edu.ph >

**Pending the government's quarantine announcements and evaluation of the community health situation in the months ahead, the above points may be subject to change.*

In these uncertain times, our trust is in the Lord Jesus Christ, the “rock of ages,” who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The same God who marvelously led our School these PAST 70 years – is the same God NOW lovingly with us – and whose Bible promises are before us, that we may claim for the FUTURE.

Our prayers are with you and your families.

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)

“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” (Psalm 18:2)

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