



Lynden Christian High Remix Home Stretch 5.5.2020

#LC-HS Strong #Speak Life

Dear LC,

Our learning community's united initial response to the COVID-19's extreme disruption was one of decisiveness and calm. The LYNC rally cry of students, parents, faculty, and the surrounding community was steeped in prayer, heard, and answered in a myriad of ways: We together endeavored to make decisions based on what would be best for our kids, their teachers, and their families. Since that time just over 6 weeks ago, we have learned more about fortitude and about carrying on despite much ambiguity and adversity.

Moving forward, we are starting to see glimmers of how the adversity has helped us focus on the fundamentals of the following: Creativity, critical thinking, leveraging technology, inquiry & service-based instruction, and how to be more adaptive and a responsive bringing even more of a sense of transformation and belonging through a personalized structure to education despite significant obstacles.

You have our commitment to continue our commission together: Connecting with our students in meaningful ways building on each of their unique callings to bring glory to God—to engage our young adults in learning new concepts; provide meaningful feedback; and all of this is predicated on building community through relationships. As we partner more extensively with you in your homes, we will remain devoted to planning and providing the necessary professional development for all students, their instructors, and families. Please reach out to us if you find your circumstances difficult to manage. We understand.

For our fearless seniors: We encourage you to continue to lean into your interests; keep an emergent perspective clinging to new hope while acknowledging the loss of expected outcomes and by allowing yourselves to grieve. Your teachers and coaches miss you. This includes grades 9-11, as well. Regardless of what the future holds, your character and positive influence will always remain a big part of us!

Your HS staff's triage response on March 13 was time-intensive and has continued. From the start, with God's mercy, grace, much intuitiveness, and strength, they implemented many years' worth of change in just about 5 days as they moved from onsite to online. They/we care deeply for you! Keep communicating with us. Let's make it our aim to remain agile and adaptive as we seek to persist at being student-centered while leveraging the tools provided—always standing firm on the foundation of God's promises.

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