

Remote Learning Up and Running at Christian Central Academy

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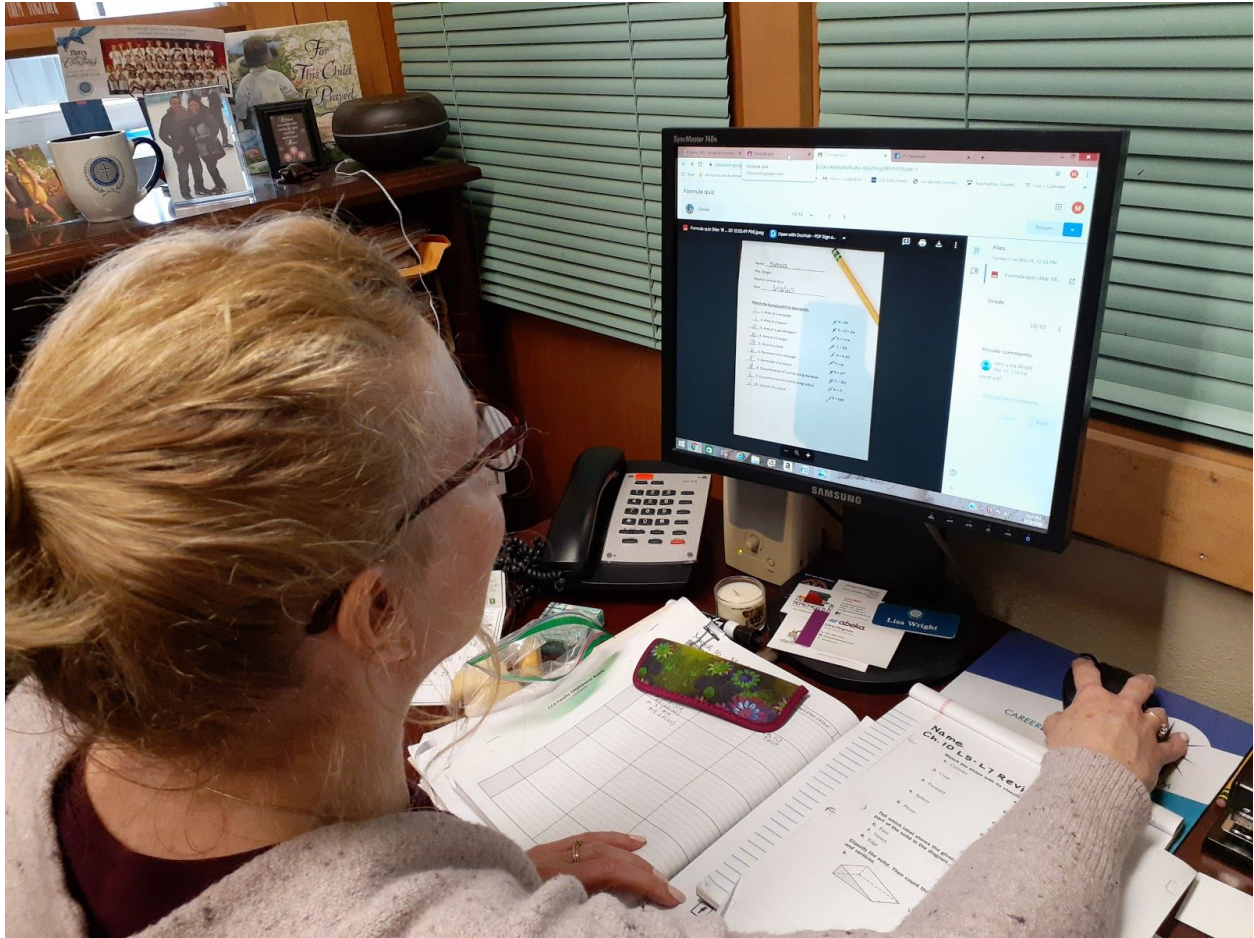
Staying ahead of the curve, Christian Central Academy (CCA), a K-12 Private, Christian, College-Prep School located in Williamsville, rolled out its K-12 Distance Learning operations Wednesday. Relevant hardcopy student materials for the next four weeks of instruction were made available for pickup on Monday.

CCA has already been offering three distance learning courses since September. One of these classes has a teacher on campus who teaches distance learning students in 3D Solid Modeling Computer-Aided Design, while another CCA teacher moved to Central America but teaches Advanced Spanish to students on CCA's campus. A third is a former software engineer who teaches AP Computer Science A (Java language programming) on CCA's campus most of the time but sometimes while out of state.

"Distance Learning can be a very good second best," stated Dr. Stuart Chen, P.E., Interim Head of School and a former 18 year veteran teacher of Distance Learning courses through the University of Buffalo. "We aim to make it the best possible 'second best' in combination with the personal touch that comes with our sacred partnership with each student and family," said Chen. With a 6:1 student-to-faculty ratio and dedicated faculty and staff mobilizing the effort, CCA is well poised to do just that.

How well is CCA doing? Parent Mrs. Karen Jones's email message Wednesday morning stated, "thanks for how seamless the transition has been (on this end anyway)! I'm sure there have been more bumps, lack of sleep and hours of meetings on your end however! It's amazing what changes in a weekend right? Thank you (everyone involved, many many people I'm sure) for your efforts. Thank you to everyone for keeping the focus on the Lord and not living in fear. Even this morning receiving an email from [School Counselor] Mr Jesse V encouraging the students. Also seeing the way CCA is aware there will be needs within this community and looking to provide and encourage us to look beyond our own walls to others."

Within minutes of Gov. Cuomo's 'Declaration of State of Emergency' on Saturday March 7, CCA teachers were directed to begin planning for remote-learning operations. Thus, "the teachers who weren't already distance-learning teachers had a week to begin the planning process, with in-house fellow teachers to consult" said Chen. Then their extraordinary collaborative efforts on Monday, beginning with socially distant time of corporate prayer spread out in the CCA auditorium, culminated in readiness for the rollout.



CCA Division Head and Math Teacher Mrs. Lisa Wright grading remote student work online using Google Classroom.