

[first letter, sent July 20, 2020 ]

Hello everyone,

I wanted to take a minute and touch base.

First: If you have any questions or concerns about the class, please touch base with me.

Here is my contact information: Cell: 540-660-9459 Home: 540-252-4421

*Note: with my work, it can be hit or miss as to whether you get me on the phone. I am able to text very easily and more consistently. If you get my voicemail, leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.*

Second: If you have any questions concerning tuition payment please let me know and I'll figure things out.

Third: Please let me know if I need to add any emails to my list, very happy to include individual student emails, but will always cc the parent's account as well.

Fourth: A bit closer to class start date, I will get you more information on the online medium we will be using. At that time, I'll make the syllabus available but will also be handing it out on the first day of class.

Thank you for enrolling and making the class a possibility. I believe it is going to be a fantastic year and am very much looking forward to it! Hope you all have a wonderful rest of the Summer and I will be in touch.

Tory

*[second letter, sent August 27, 2020]*

Hello everyone,

Wanted to quickly touch base with you prior to class starting.

First: We will be using Google classroom and Google meet as our primary tools for conducting class. I will be sending you the class invite sometime next week.

Second: With our first class being online, I will be emailing everyone the first google meet link/invite a day or two prior to the session. After that, most of the links and class announcements will be done through the google classroom. As for what you need to have prepared prior to the first class session. Please bring yourself ready to jump in. First day will be mostly orientation to the subject matter and the year.

Third: I have an abnormal work schedule working in EMS, that combined with our hour and a half class length is going to make our class schedule a bit different from the standard CCS schedule. We will more than likely not be recognizing the classical enrichment days and starting at the end of October there will be some adjusting for my work schedule needed. I will have all the details ready in the syllabus prior to class, but it will be discussed during the first day of class.

Fourth: A quick reminder that the primary text book for the class will be "Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview" 2nd Ed By J.P. Moreland and William Lane Craig.

Last: A thought on what to expect in class. Philosophy is inherently an interactive discipline. Due to Philosophy being an inherently intellectual process, "to engage," usually means wrestling with the concepts and ideas through discussion and conversation. It is not at all expected that the students will understand or know everything to be presented. What is hoped

for, is that all students will be willing to jump in and give the discussion and engaging of the ideas their best go. The process can seem pretty daunting, but once you jump in, I think you will find that swimming in the philosophical waters is a lot of fun.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Tory