

Dear BCS Parents and Students,

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and in good spirits. I can truly say that we miss seeing the students and the campus is just not the same these days. As you have likely heard, today an Executive Order by the Mayor and County Judge was issued that keeps school campuses closed through Monday, April 13. Our plan now is to have two weeks of online education beginning Monday, March 30 and extending through Friday, April 10. Lord willing, we will be back on campus on Monday, April 13.

Please know that after today the campus will be locked down with the exception of the secondary textbook pickup this Friday for only those secondary parents who have registered for textbook pickup. Directions for this new order compliance for retrieving textbooks will be sent out later this week to registered parents. Elementary parents, you will not need textbooks at this time so there is no need to come to the campus.

As we near the time for classes to start online I wanted to pass along system information and processes we will be implementing. Please know that this plan is very intentional and is based on the expressed concern of many parents who have limited access to technology and/or bandwidth due to multiple students at home coupled with parents working from home. Many families are sharing devices so scheduling and coordination are paramount.

Towards the end of this week you will be receiving links to online trainings to register for resources as well as access to the online system. These will be short recorded sessions that you can access at any time. Here are the basics of what will be happening and how:

Resources: the online education will be a combination of RenWeb, YouTube, Zoom, and Google Classroom. RenWeb will be the hub through which everything else will be accessed so it will be a “one-stop-shop” for accessing daily classes, assignments, and teacher time. These are resources that are either free or the school will be providing.

The daily process for our students is laid out like a classroom. Visualize a normal day in the classroom. On a typical day the teacher will 1) teach a lesson, 2) assign work from the lesson, 3) walk around the classroom and visit with the students as they complete their work, and 4) provide one on one time at their desk for students who are needing some additional instruction. This is what we are replicating through this online process and here is how it will be done:

1) **Teaching the lesson - all lessons will be recorded**. Online recorded lessons will be provided through RenWeb. This gives students the ability to access the lesson throughout the

day based upon capacity at home and access to technology. The student will log on, their schedule will appear, and they will select their first class of the day and all instructions will be given for the recorded lesson. The link to the recording of the instructor led lesson as well as all instructions for that lesson and that day will be on this single site.

2) **Assigning Homework** - all homework will be on the same portal page under the homework tab. Some will be generated within RenWeb and some will be generated within Google Classroom, and some will be supplemental. However, it will all appear to the student and parent as the same thing under the same tab for each individual class within their portal. Homework will be assigned and turned in electronically.

3) **Walking around the class** - every lesson will be recorded but each day there will be live lesson "Teacher Time Q&A". These are Zoom meetings that will occur at scheduled times throughout the day when the teacher, along with many students, will visit about the lesson, ask and answer questions, and catch up with each other and socialize. Every class for every day will have "Live Teacher Time Q&A" and all the students will have to do to join is click the link on the same RenWeb page where they accessed their recorded lesson.

4) **One on One Time** - aside from the group online session, students will be able to request a one on one meeting with the teacher if they need additional help. These sessions will be 10 minutes in length and will be made available throughout the day based on request and need.

This is the basic outline of online education. Each day students will receive instruction in core subject areas with rotating elective/supplemental classes. Each Wednesday there will be a chapel service that all students will attend online. We will have PE, Band, Choir, Computer, and Art, etc. Lessons will be recorded and therefore accessible at times that meet the scheduling needs of multi-student families as well as parents who are working at home. There will be multiple times throughout the day for the students to join their teacher and classmates in virtual live classrooms for discussion, assistance, and socialization. Homework will be relevant to the lesson and at a level commensurate to these unique times.

Tomorrow you will receive your student's online class schedule from either Mrs. Ashley or Mrs. Johnson as well as more technical information from Wayne Marks, CTO. Later this week you will receive emails with simple videos for those who still need to register for RenWeb. Throughout the rest of this week, you will begin receiving shorter emails with instructions, information, training videos, and access links. Please know that you will not need to install any software or purchase access to any online systems.

I hope this information is helpful and be on the lookout for communications that will give you the step by step processes for preparing for next week.

It is almost time for school to reconvene. Monday, March 30 school is back in session. I genuinely pray we will be back on campus on Monday, April 13 but if we are not then please know that your BCS faculty and staff are fully prepared and excited to re-engage our students.

Even though school will be online the next couple of weeks it will be interactive, quality driven, and understanding of the technology and bandwidth limitations that many of you are dealing with. Today I challenged our faculty to be the light for our students and that through that light our students will see the good their deeds and preparation and will glorify God and praise Him for being a BCS Bear. I pray that we are together on campus soon but until that time occurs, we will see you online!

***Blessings,
Jay Burcham
President***