

Dear BCS Community,

As you have likely read, the requirements for our community continue to change. We have now moved from a recommended 14-day quarantine offering to mandated 14-day quarantines for certain groups to a full 15-day mandate of disassembly for all students. This means that we need to make a time period available when all students can be apart for a minimum of 15 days and spring break cannot be part of this equation.

In order to make sure our students and our community have the best opportunity possible to minimize exposure to the Coronavirus, I am extending spring break by one more week. **There will be no school the week of March 23.** During this week there will be no graded assignments but enrichment lessons and activities will be sent to all families. These lessons and activities are meant for engagement purposes and will be sent tomorrow afternoon, March 19.

I realize this can create a logistical hardship for many families. Please know that all central Texas families are sharing the same struggles. However, BCS does have some families that this second week of closure creates more than an inconvenience, it is potentially an income/livelihood threat. For the parents of students in K4-5th grade, if you did not travel by air over spring break, if you did not travel to an area of a known outbreak, and if you are either a single parent family with a potentially disrupted income source or a dual income family with that income threatened without childcare – BCS will provide a one-week enrichment camp in small group clusters for these students. Please realize, this camp is not for any family that is not at risk of loss of income without assistance. This is meant for a small group that needs assistance to make it through this additional extended week. Later today a registration form will be sent out to parents of K4-5th graders and those who register for the enrichment camp will be contacted and a determination of need will be made. This determination will be made in conjunction with the effort to minimize all group activities to the smallest possible groups.

To recap, at this point, all students will report back to school on Monday, March 30. Upon reporting, the daily changes outlined in the previous email will be enacted. Please understand that the recommendations and mandates from our health and governmental authorities are changing as the progression of the disease changes. As such, we are daily adjusting our plans to the recommendations and instructions of the current time. On Monday, March 30 the full intent is to resume classes with the modifications to limit group gatherings and cancel all extra and co-curricular activities, as described in a previous email. If additional closure is mandated then BCS will move to online classes and online education beginning Monday, March 30.

Please read below for the synopsis of important information:

- There will be no school the week of March 23
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- Online enrichment lessons and activities will be provided to all BCS families for the week of March 23 and these are recommended but will not be graded
- **ALL** extra and co-curricular activities remain cancelled through April 13
- School will resume on Monday, March 30
- Extended Day, both before and after school, will resume Monday, March 30
- All daily adjustments previously listed will be enacted on Monday, March 30 (these will be sent out again next week)
- Between now and Monday, March 30 all BCS faculty is undergoing preparation for the possibility of moving to online based learning on Monday, March 30.
- IF extended closure mandates a move to online based learning beginning Monday, March 30 then virtual training for parents and students will occur the week of March 23 to prepare parents and students for this move.

These are extraordinary times. During these extraordinary times, your administration is working daily to first and foremost make sure we are giving every student the best chance to be healthy. Second, we are working to provide the best possible educational options given the changing health requirements and mandates. Finally, this community has risen together in prayer and support. Please maintain a positive outlook and reassure your students that we never will panic when we are following in the footsteps of Christ. This means that we commit to each other to be in prayer for our students, our community, and our school.

May God give you safety and health during these times. May the grace of Christ be witnessed by your children in your response to these extraordinary times. May God bless this community and His school. May He bring us back together soon so that our children end this year in the fellowship of community and the celebration of learning and youth.

May God bless you and your family.

***Blessings,
Jay Burcham
President***