

Dear BCS Seniors and Parents,

As we move towards the ending of school we can now begin planning the events to celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors. Below please find the event schedule and initial details which are in compliance with both Governor Abbott's Executive Orders as well as the orders issued by Travis county Judge Eckhardt and Mayor Adler. As the events near, more information will be sent.

May 15 at 2:00pm - Seniors will be able to drive to campus and pick up their caps, gowns, and a goodie bag of treats. The protocol for this event is that seniors will drive onto campus and stay in your car at all times. You will form a line on the west side of campus beginning at the portico overhang of the worship center on the west side of building A and extending to the Knoll Park entrance. Students will drive under the portico and will be handed all graduation accoutrements as well as gifts from the faculty, staff, and administration. During this event students must stay in their car. Faculty and administration will be present to cheer for the student and to welcome them onto campus but all faculty and administration will maintain 6 feet of separation from the cars and will be wearing face coverings and gloves. Students should put a face covering on when it is their turn to have their packages handed to them through an open window. All packages will be disinfected prior to the handoff.

May 24 at 5:00pm - Baccalaureate and Senior Blessings will be held in the worship center in Building A. Students will don caps and gowns for the Baccalaureate service and will enter the auditorium in processional and will be seated in assigned seating, observing social distancing standards. Immediate family of graduating seniors will register to attend and will be assigned seating so that defined social distancing of congregants is observed. This service will be for the seniors, faculty, administration, and immediate family only. However, the service will be recorded and available for streamed viewing for grandparents, friends, and extended families. During this service, restroom facilities will not be available except in emergency situations. When each senior receives their blessing they will be called to one side of the stage and the faculty member of their choosing will bless each senior. Face coverings will be worn by all participants and congregants throughout the service. By moving the blessings to the Baccalaureate service, this service falls under the ordinances applicable to churches which allows this portion of the graduation service to be conjoined with Baccalaureate so that the graduation service, which will be outside in June, is a shorter ceremony.

June 13 at 7:30pm - The BCS Graduation Ceremony will be held on the Athletic Field. Seating will be assigned and will be available for the family members who are registered to attend for each senior. Each senior will escort their family to their assigned seating and will then go to the FLC where they will be placed in order for the Processional. The graduation ceremony will include the Valedictorian and Salutatorian Addresses, the Presidential Awards, the presentation of the Senior Gift, walking the stage and receiving the diploma, the presentation of the class, and the recessional. All seating, including the students, will be arranged under social distancing guidelines. When seniors walk the stage they will don a face covering. At the end of

graduation, multiple areas will be set up with backdrops for photos. During this ceremony the restrooms will be closed except for emergency situations.

Seniors and Parents - praise God we finally have the information necessary to have concrete plans. The great news is that between Baccalaureate and the Graduation ceremony we will be able to conduct and participate in the traditions that make this time so special for BCS seniors. I put the safety rules in because I want to be very upfront that even though this is a time of celebration we are still under very precise and prescript rules. Just please realize that these rules, and our enforcement of the rules, are simply because we want to keep you safe, we want you to go to college healthy, and we must comply with the rules and laws handed to us by our leaders. As each event nears you will receive communications with further instructions, sign up sheets, and all the information you will need to make each event special.

Finally, my commitment to our senior class is that as the rules for social distancing and public gatherings become more relaxed we will make the campus open and will host events that will allow you to come together and celebrate your times at BCS and your accomplishments. Whether it is movie nights on the Athletic Field or Pizza parties and paintball games, as these opportunities are allowed we want to provide them for you. You have been a blessing to Brentwood Christian School and I pray that you feel blessed by your time as a Bear.

May God bless each of you and may you be given the peace of heart and mind to fully appreciate these incredible times and your place in these times.

It is a great day to be a Bear!

***Blessings,
Jay Burcham
President***