

Dear BCS Community,

As we end this school year under extraordinary circumstances it is time to [look towards next year](#). Brentwood Christian School will resume classes on campus on Wednesday, August 19. Brentwood Christian School offices will open on campus for normal summer hours on Monday, June 1.

Over the past 8 weeks and going into the summer we have been and continue to lay out contingency plans for next school year including the provision of a great education while practicing social distancing. We are planning for everything from sanitation stations to staggered lunchtimes to hallway management of traffic flow to the makeup and placement of classes. We have our standard school year and we are now building detailed contingencies for social distancing, short term quarantines (2 weeks), and longer term stay-at-home periods if dictated by regulatory authorities. Please know, I am in constant contact with health and governmental authorities and the clear message is that school will resume in the fall, there may be some changes to incorporate social distancing, but it will resume. The clear message is also that there is a chance for short term quarantine measures should the need present itself. However, there is a strong desire to see campuses open with safety guidelines in place and to stay open. That is our plan.

So as you look toward next year please know that we will be on campus. We also understand that some families are not yet comfortable with campus only education and we will work with those families to provide online learning for a period of time. We do not intend to move back to online learning as a singular platform and we only will if a long-term order dictates. However, I truly believe the quality of online learning provided in the spring was strong, especially given that it was with a 1-week notice. If something extraordinary moves us back into an online format, then what you will see is a hybrid model that moves elements of TEKS into a much higher quality online delivery platform that is individualized to the student followed by instituting malleability in the school calendar to increase the number of classroom days. If this extraordinary event happens we are also making plans now to be able to work with families that will personally need childcare and those who are adversely affected economically to have financial assistance ready so that payments can be extended and/or reduced for the affected time period.

We fully realize one of the true strengths of BCS is its wonderful community. The COVID-19 virus caught the nation by surprise and many have been and continue to struggle through the impact. The goal and the commitment of the BCS administration is that BCS will be the best prepared school in Texas in regards to school year 2020-21 and we will be prepared for any and all contingencies. Our goals and commitment will be unwavering in that we will provide an outstanding academic environment, it will be built on the relationship of our teachers to your child, it will focus on Christ as the center of all knowledge, and it will be purposeful, planned, and intentional each step of the way.

May God give you the peace of mind in knowing that your child's school is working diligently to make sure the 2020-21 school year is the best year your Bear has ever known.

It is a great day to be a Brentwood Bear!

***Blessings,
Jay Burcham
President***