

Dear BCS Community,

I pray this email finds you doing well and that you are in the midst of a wonderful summer break. Here at school we are working on the finishing touches of plans for the school for the coming school year. I will be sending out detailed plans in the near future but please know the following:

- BCS will maximize classroom time. We intend to be open and on campus in the fall. We are being told that the intent from the government is for schools to be open and to avoid mass long-term closings like were seen in the spring of 2020.
- BCS is taking many steps to create as much normalcy as possible on campus while making the school as safe as possible. From hallway traffic flow to plexi-glass barriers in shared spaces to sanitation stations to cohort based groupings – BCS has an extensive plan to keep your student safe and healthy while making the day feel as normal as possible. Next year will be different but the differences will be overshadowed by the efforts being put in place to make learning on campus a joyous return. There is a tremendous amount of effort being put into making school days seem as normal as possible while being as safe as possible.
- BCS has multiple educational plans based on the needs of the community. These plans include full opening with social distancing, hybrid opening with some students having the option to work online from home and some on campus, online classes should the need arise, and daycare provision for elementary students whose parents have to leave the home to work. While BCS will maximize classroom time we do have options based on the needs and health mandates in place at any given time.
- BCS has a robust COVID financial relief plan for families. This relief plan is designed to help families who are adversely affected through either loss of income or an increase in expenses with childcare due to an extended time of online learning. The full intent of this relief packet is to keep our community whole and give our families the ability to make long-term family decisions rather than a short-term crisis decision.

In the coming weeks we will begin sending you the school's plans for reopening in the fall. These plans will give you the details the school is undertaking to make school year 2020-21 not only safe and healthy but one focused on the renewal of community and love of education. Rest assured that BCS is well prepared to make sure our students receive the best education in central Texas in the safest and healthiest environment possible. We are also putting plans in motion to make sure our families make it through these trying times still involved and engaged in this community with the relief necessary to keep your child's Christ-centered education not only affordable but even more necessary during times of tumult.

Beginning next week BCS administration will begin rolling out operational plans, financial relief plans, health and safety plans, and daily pedagogical plans. Please know that your prayers for wisdom are coveted but also please know that your administration is working tirelessly to make Brentwood Christian School the safest, most joyous, and highest achieving school in central

Texas. My assurance to you is that God will be glorified in our efforts and planning and your family will be blessed by your student's time at BCS.

It is a great day to be a Brentwood Bear!

Blessings

Jay Burcham

President