

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A
Brentwood Bear!

2020-21 INTENTIONAL CAMPUS RE-OPENING



Ready for School

Brentwood Christian School (BCS) will be returning to the classroom on-campus and online September 9, 2020. BCS is committed to providing safe learning environments for our students on campus and engaging, academically rigorous learning opportunities for students both on campus and at home. While BCS strongly supports the on-campus learning model and believe that our students greatly benefit from the daily social contact with teachers and fellow students, we also know and understand that some students need to learn from home during the ongoing pandemic.



In the following plan you will find the outcome of months of diligent work to fulfill the safety requirements to make on-campus classes as safe and engaging as possible while making online learning a strong academic and social development tool for our students. Within both modalities of education you will find the mission of BCS clearly supported and taught. Our students will be in an environment that is taking great strides to promote health and provide safety while teaching the lessons necessary for academic advancement and knowledge attainment necessary for placement, all while giving glory and honor to our Father and His son Jesus Christ.

From the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

Aside from a child's home, no other setting has more influence on a child's health and well-being than their school. The in-person school environment does the following:

- provides educational instruction;
 - supports the development of social and emotional skills;
 - creates a safe environment for learning;
 - addresses nutritional needs; and
 - facilitates physical activity.
- ["CDC- The Importance of Re-Opening America's Schools this Fall"](#)

Academics and knowledge are attained from school but the application of those social, emotional, and adaptive skills are practiced, applied, and perfected at school. Families will have a rightful choice to have your students utilize our Bears Online classroom but we will be on campus. Even our kids at home will be participating in classroom led lessons with classroom questions and student – teacher – student interactions. School is back in session in September!

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Coming Back To Campus

There are many changes to the BCS campus that have been made in order to support safety and promote the health of our students. This year there will be both physical changes to the campus as well as new procedures and processes. Many of these changes are in place for our students but many also affect our parents and campus visitors. We are so excited to welcome our Bears back to campus. This beautiful campus has been quiet for far too long. May God Bless School Year 2020-21!

The BCS Commitment

1. To promote the mission of BCS and give God the glory for all.
2. To provide a safe and healthy environment that utilizes physical interventions and procedural practices to mitigate health concerns and minimize health risks.
3. To have open, honest, and consistent communication with the BCS community regarding on-going status, health and safety concerns, scheduling, and community needs.
4. To comply with state and federal regulations for health processes and to take into consideration and account local recommendations for campus involvement.
5. To ensure the highest quality of education for students on the BCS campus and online.

2020-21 School Year

Brentwood Christian School will begin on-campus and online education September 9, 2020. The school year will end on May 27, 2021.

BCS is committed to on-campus learning and will stay in classroom based instruction unless a campus closure is mandated by the state of Texas or by the federal government. If there is an extended campus closure the end date of school may change. Minus an extended closure, the holiday and break schedule remains the same.



Community Health & Safety

Over the past several months the medical community has honed in on practices that maximize health standards and mitigate transmission risks. BCS will be employing the health and safety practices recommended by the CDC as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). These practices are meant to keep our students, parents, faculty, staff, administration, and visitors as safe and as healthy as possible. Some of these practices are specific to the BCS campus but some practices begin and end at home. BCS commits to our parents that we will take all necessary steps to ensure a healthy and safe school environment. We ask our parents to also commit to the health and safety of ALL BCS BEARS by following these recommendations and being a vigilant protector of our full community, starting at home. BCS is implementing the following recommended health and safety protocols.

Face Coverings



Face coverings are recommended as a strong transmission mitigate by the CDC. As such, BCS will institute procedures to ensure face coverings at all times when students are in transition or are within the 6-foot social distancing boundary of other students, faculty, and/or staff. Face covering requirements will vary for different age students as well as classroom to classroom based upon the lay-out and contact barriers of the class. Many classrooms are now equipped with plexiglass barriers where table learning is used and social distancing in desk-based rooms. The goal of this process is to provide a safe space in which all of our students can learn and thrive.

Social Distancing & Transmission Barriers

BCS is administering social distancing procedures as well as installing transmission barriers to help ensure that transmission risks are minimized and contact transmissions are mitigated. The practice of social distancing will be new and difficult for many students who have missed seeing their friends. BCS needs our parents to help in explaining and enforcing these social distancing practices while our students learn and adjust to this new, prayerfully temporary, normal. Aside from these practices, BCS is investing in transmission barriers for our classrooms and common learning centers so that our students can share proximity when needed but still be safe.

Health & Safety Continued

Sanitation and Cleaning

BCS' cleaning partner has been engaged to sanitize and thoroughly clean each building each evening. Aside from these deep cleanings; new protocols and equipment have been put in place to clean common use surfaces between uses. BCS has also installed "hands-free" sanitation stations at the entrance to each facility and at strategic locations throughout facilities. All individuals entering a facility will be required to sanitize their hands upon entry to that facility.

Daily Screening

BCS is committed to the daily process of healthy practices. One of the practices recommended by the CDC is a daily screening of all individuals that will be in person on-campus. BCS needs our families to observe and affirm the [COVID screening](#) each day. By bringing your student on campus or by you coming onto campus you are affirming that you and your student meet the [screening requirements](#). Aside from this implied affirmation, any visitor over the age of 12 to the BCS campus will be screened for symptoms and their temperature will be taken.



COVID-19 Flow Chart

Covid-19 SYMPTOMS: Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth • Sore throat • New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline) • Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain • New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Student/Faculty/
Staff tested
POSITIVE for
Covid-19.

Student/Faculty/
Staff has Covid-19
symptoms (no
Covid-19 test).

Student/Faculty/
Staff lives with
someone that
has Covid-19
symptoms or has
tested positive.

Student/Faculty/
Staff has **close
contact* to
someone** who
tested positive
or has symptoms.

Parent/Faculty/Staff will notify school nurse who will gather appropriate information & contact Travis County Health Department to open a case. We will follow their guidance including assistance with

- Contact your health provider
- Self-isolate & avoid public spaces for 10 days.
- Utilize Bears Online

- Contact your health provider, advised to get tested.**
- Self-isolate & avoid public spaces for 10 days.
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- Contact their healthcare provider, advised to get tested.**
- Student/Faculty/Staff must quarantine at home, and should monitor for 14 days for Covid-19 symptoms.
- Utilize Bears Online

With
Symptoms

Without
Symptoms

May Return
When:

- 10 days have passed since symptom onset AND
- Respiratory symptoms have improved AND
- At least 24 hours free of fever without fever-reducing medication.

May Return
When:

- 10 days have passed since test date (assuming no symptoms have developed, IF symptoms developed then refer left to "With Symptoms").

May Return
When

- 10 days have passed since symptom onset AND fever-free for 24 hours AND respiratory symptoms have improved.

May Return
When

- 14 days have passed AND remained symptom free for the entirety of the 14 days. IF symptoms developed in the 14 days then refer to yellow or red flow depending on testing status once symptomatic.

Academic Options

BCS will provide online education throughout the year for students who by choice or circumstance will not be on the campus for in-classroom education. Students will have the ability to transition between the two platforms at set times throughout the year. BCS is making this dual platform available to all students so that parents have the option to utilize the platform they feel best secures the health and safety of their student. **Registration for the Bears Online will open August 10 and will remain open until August 21.**

During the spring of 2020, BCS made a rapid transition to online learning. The online learning provided during the 2020-21 school year will be different than what was offered in the spring of 2020. While both on-campus and online offerings are occurring simultaneously, the students in the Bears Online classroom must be present for a minimum of 90% of core live-online classes. This means that students choosing to stay home for online learning will still have a class schedule and will attend those classes at that scheduled time. The lessons will also be recorded and are available for watching at a later time by both in class and online students but attendance for class at the scheduled class time is mandatory for online students.

BCS is offering this dual platform to provide choice for parents in respect to personal health and safety concerns. The online option also comes into play when a student is sick and would typically miss extended periods of time with an illness. Those students can participate online and receive full attendance credit.



On Campus Movements

School Drop Off

The BCS community is one of the blessings that makes BCS special. However, in the current state of minimizing contact points in an effort to mitigate virus transmission and exposure, BCS asks parents to stay in your car, not congregate, and drop students off at designated drop-off points at designated times. Door openings and bell schedules will occur earlier and will also be staggered to help the flow of traffic and to prevent groups of students from entering the facilities at the same time. A BCS staff or faculty member will be at each drop-off location to help student(s) out of the car and ensure they proceed to the correct facility entrance.

Building Access & Start of Day

All BCS buildings and facility access will be limited to students, faculty, administration, and staff unless a prior appointment has been made. Buildings and facilities will not allow drop-in access by parents, grandparents, vendors, and/or suppliers – including at the beginning of the school day or the end of the school day at pick-up. All visitors with an appointment will only be allowed access to the office area where the meeting will occur. No one other than students, faculty, staff, and administration may enter a classroom.

Transitioning and Movement

BCS is blessed with a large and beautiful campus. With multiple buildings and playgrounds and open spaces and outdoor facilities, the BCS campus has ample room to spread out and allow for the freedom of movement which makes the independence of school part of the social development of our students. However, even within this freedom of movement BCS is implementing procedures to ensure the integrity of the cohorts while minimizing incidental contact points with other students, faculty and/or staff.

Lunch

BCS has reconfigured the FLC lunchroom to include social distancing. This reconfiguration has also included a portion of the FLC gym space so that enough tables are present for all students to be able to access the lunchroom. The intent is for all students to utilize the lunchroom for meals and to use this as a social time outside of the classroom. However, plans are also in place for in-class lunches should the need arise.

On Campus Movements

Shared Resources

Shared resources have been either discontinued or new health and safety precautions have been put into place to minimize potential contact transmission.

Common Time and Recess

BCS is taking great strides to create as much normalcy as possible in the school day while also providing community growth and social times. Elementary schools will be allowed free play and recess so that the students can be with friends in a controlled environment that is monitored for distancing and face covering.

Pick Up

BCS will implement new student pick up procedures for school year 2020-21. Before the school day has ended parents may gather at the amphitheater and picnic tables to visit so long as students are not present. If students are present, then parents must stay in their cars. Parents must return to their cars and get into the appropriate pick up queue at least 5 minutes before the dismissal bell. All parents must be in their cars by the time students are dismissed. Individuals with permission to pick up a BCS student will be given a color coded placard that corresponds to the correct pick-up queue and zone. Pick-up queues will open 20 minutes before the first dismissal bell and the campus will be closed to all traffic not displaying a pick up placard 30 minutes prior to the first dismissal bell and until 4:00pm.

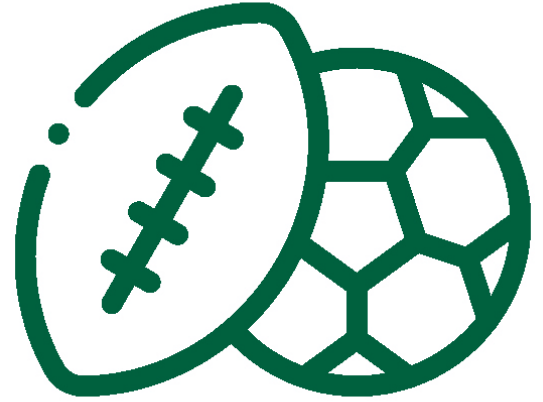
Facility Access

BCS is blessed with a large campus and large facilities. The BCS campus will be closed during the school day and will be accessible only to students, community members, church personnel, and individuals with preset and preapproved appointments. BCS parents may access the campus and the campus outdoor resources unless students are present. If students are present, then parents must leave or move to another outdoor area. All individuals over the age of 5 must wear a face covering while on the BCS campus. BCS facility access will be limited to students, faculty, staff, and administration unless an approved appointment has been set in advance. Drop-in visits will not be allowed before, during, or after the school day. All individuals entering a BCS facility, ages 5 and up, must wear a face covering while in the BCS facility.

On Campus Movements

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities and Events

BCS students are heavily involved in many extra and co-curricular activities and events. These events are foundational to creating strong academic, social, emotional, and spiritual based campuses. BCS is committed to participating in all extra and co-curricular activities and events that can be conducted safely and with strong health processes in place. Some extra and co-curricular activities and events will be cancelled or delayed. Please know that your BCS faculty and administration are putting significant effort into finding replacement activities and events that will provide both learning and excitement for the students.

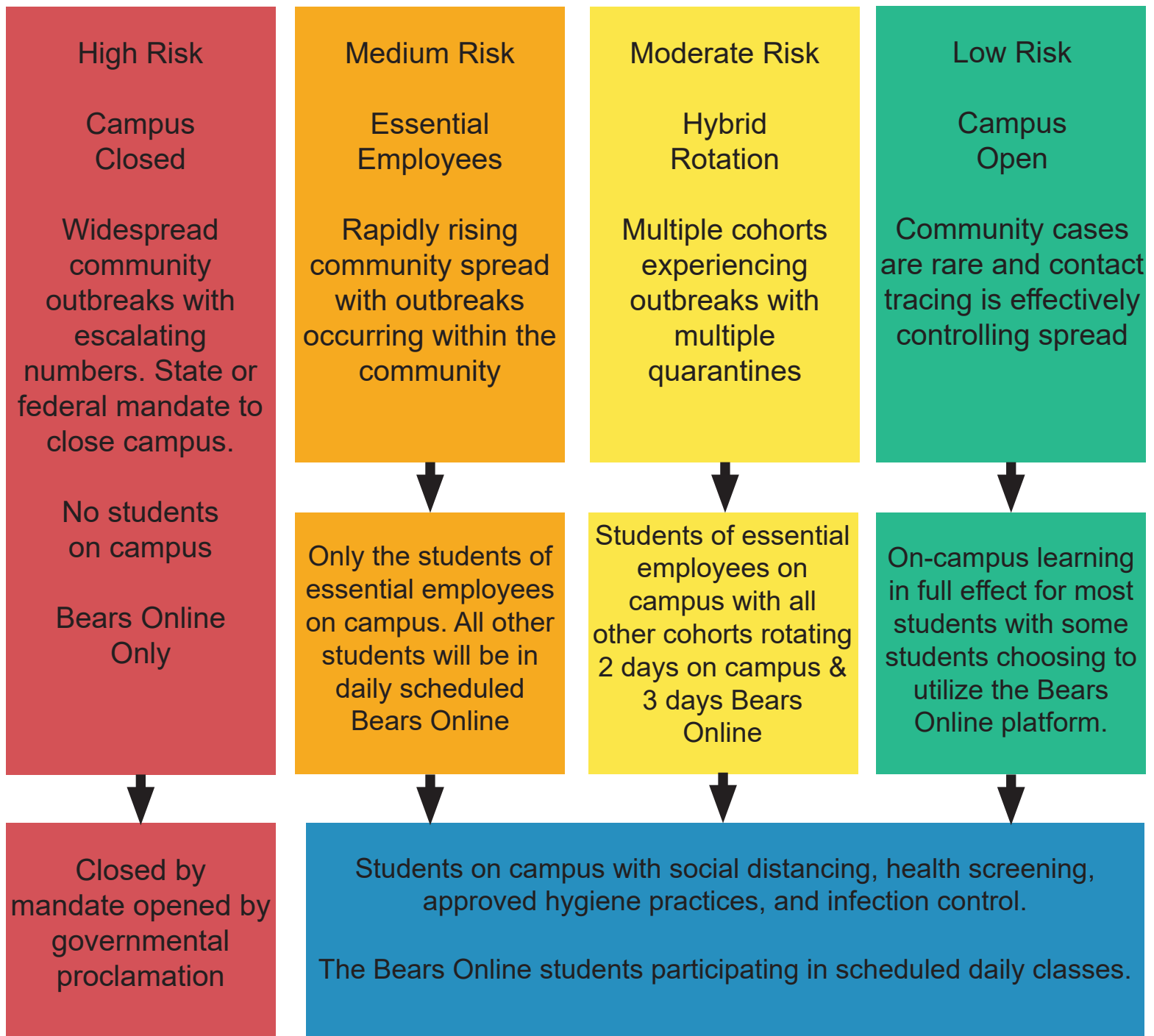


Capacity

All BCS facilities and every room inside each BCS facility has been measured and organized so that a facility by facility and room by room capacity is determined. These capacities will be displayed in each room and the capacity determination used a formula to make sure every student has a minimum of 4 to 6 feet of distancing between them and any other student, faculty, or staff member. The formula takes into account the room dimensions, configuration, and furnishings to determine actual capacity. BCS underwent this process so that we can ensure strong and proper health and safety procedures are implemented in every room in every facility on our beautiful campus.

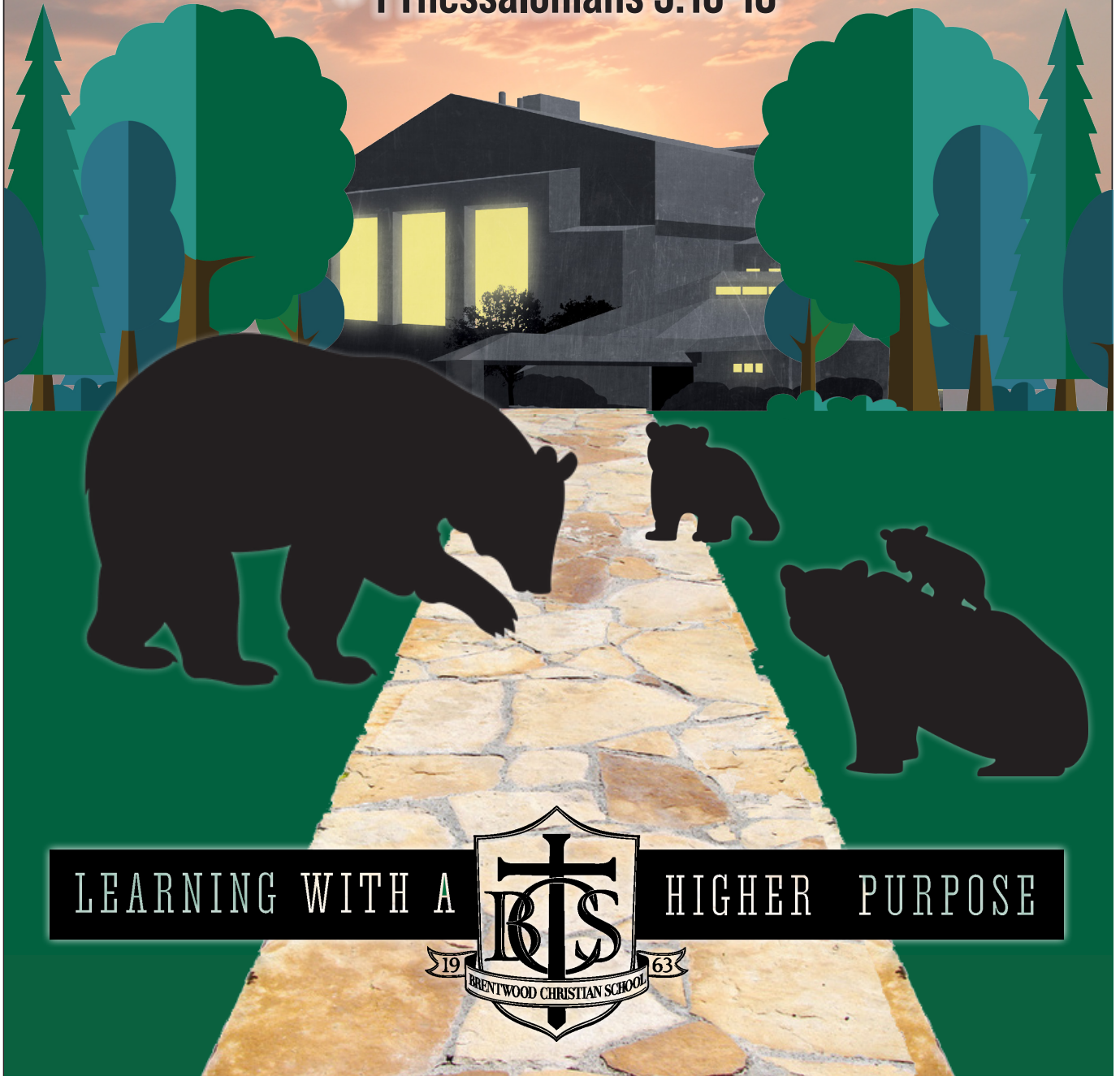
Decision Making Flow Chart

BCS is committed to on-campus and classroom based learning. We do however realize that the health situation within our community can change. We are prepared for these change contingencies should an increase in Covid-19 necessitate a change. BCS has a four-phased plan to guide our decision making as well as our communication and teaching modalities.



**Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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HIGHER PURPOSE