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Dear BCS Grandparents,

Your grand-bears have just finished their first week of school since last March. What a blessing it has been to hear their voices and see their smiles and feel the energy that comes from hundreds of kids being happy again. It is such a blessing to have our students back on campus and back online.

This past spring, we were pushed into online learning with ten days' notice. Over the 10 weeks of online schooling we published 1,698 instructional lessons which were viewed 132,439 times by not only our 612 BCS students but an additional 22,358 students outside of BCS. We also moved our community events and chapels online and ended up hosting 6,263 online chapel attendees and 6,135 event attendees. It was a successful spring but being online cannot replace the classroom.

This fall BCS has over 450 students on campus and a little over 150 students online. Our teachers are providing instruction from the classroom and our students at home are logged into the classroom participating with their fellow online students. It is brand new but it is working and it provides the opportunity for our families who are choosing to keep their students home to have the social interactions the kids so desperately need and want.


To prepare for this year we had an absolutely unprecedented summer that moved at light-speed. So far we have installed over \$22,000 worth of plexi-glass transmission barriers, over 100 classroom cameras, socially distanced 490 desks and tables, increased our lunchroom eating space by 50%, installed water bottle refilling stations in every building, installed nursing isolation rooms in each building, and installed 71 hand sanitizing stations. Those are just the building changes. It has been a crazy five months but all the work became worth it when your Bears arrived on campus on Wednesday.

Please know that we are doing all we can to make sure accessibility to the events you love to attend continue. As soon as we are allowed to host on campus concerts and plays and games and events we will. Until that time, we will livestream everything we can and will provide online access to lost opportunities. We want you to see your grandkids and we want them to know they are seen by you.

As you can imagine, with all of these changes and all of these installations, we need our grandparents now more than ever. Your participation in the Grandparents' Auxiliary and your gifts to the school make a significant difference. Grandparents' Auxiliary funds go directly to the technology implementations of BCS. The funds make online education, livestreamed and broadcasted events, access to classroom technology, and so many other technology based opportunities possible. I hope you will join and that you consider supporting BCS this year.

Here on campus we have a saying, "It is a great day to be a Brentwood Bear". This great day is possible because Christ is the center of all we do and in Him we are richly blessed. May our Father bring you grace and peace today and we long for the day when you are back on our campus celebrating your grand-bears with us.

Blessings,



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President