



BC CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ROMANS 12:1-2

Date: March 13, 2020

To All BCCA Families,

Through consultation with the Ministry of Health and the Local Health Authorities, the Ministry of Education instructed schools to develop new protocols in BC to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry of Education is taking no action at this time to close BC schools but has given the following instructions province-wide to help curb any further outbreaks of the virus.

1. As of today, all event organizers are to cancel any gatherings larger than 250 people. BCCA is therefore canceling any school events that will bring more than 250 together. At this time, this includes school assemblies. However, this does not apply to classroom instruction, nor does it mean that we need to close our school at this time. In addition, BCCA will be canceling any events where over 250 people would be gathering together. With this new protocol, BCCA has cancelled its upcoming Grandparents Day and will be monitoring all other future gatherings.
2. Non-essential travel outside of Canada is not recommended **and anyone choosing to travel outside of Canada (including to the United States) will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return to Canada.**
3. As of today, any families choosing to travel outside of Canada must notify the school office, letting them know where you are traveling to and what your return date to Canada will be. You then MUST self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school. Please email the office at office@bccaschool.ca
4. Families need to monitor their emails on a regular basis so they can be updated on the latest BCCA Protocols. Things can change rapidly and our protocols today may be different tomorrow.
5. If the COVID-19 virus continues to spread over the break, there may be a possibility that schools could close for a period of time, to slow down the spread of COVID-19. If this measure does take place, we are looking at ways to instruct our students remotely during this time of closure. In essence, we will have the students log-on to a virtual classroom that we will be setting up for our teachers/ classes. This may not work for the younger children but we will be providing learning opportunities for them at home as well. Students should take any potential learning material home with them that they may need, should the school need to close for a couple weeks after Spring Break.

As people of God, we trust in Him. We desire to be people of faith, and we also want to be people of wisdom. We trust in God, but we also wear our seatbelts. Wearing a seatbelt is not an expression of fear or a lack of faith but the presence of wisdom in our lives. COVID-19 is not something to be afraid of; we trust God but “we wash our hands”. We do not walk in fear but in faith and in wisdom.

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God was in control before COVID-19 and He is in control with COVID-19. Let's continue to put our hope and trust in Him and keep this matter in our prayers.

I would like to end with the following verses of encouragement from Lamentations 3: 22-26.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Have a wonderful Spring Break with your families! May God provide you all with His peace comfort during this time.

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