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March 25, 2020

Dear BCCA Parents/ Guardians/ Students,

Schooling in BC, and throughout Canada is entering into unprecedented territory in the history of our nation. Never has an entire nation had to shift directions in such a short period of time to continue to educate their children.

Being an independent school, with our Board autonomy, we can be nimble and shift directions very quickly. Over the past 2 weeks our board has met to discuss plans moving forward over these next few months, without being able to open our school buildings to our students and families. The message we want to assure our parents is that our BC Christian Academy Virtual School will be OPEN FOR BUSINESS after the Spring Break to ensure our students will continue to receive a robust education from now until the end of the school year. In addition, our administrative staff and leadership team have been meeting online for the past week putting plans, procedures, schedules, resources, and training for staff. It is a huge undertaking but we feel it is important to provide a seamless education for your children in all areas of education, including Spiritual, Academics, Physical and Health, Fine Arts, and Applied Skills. It will take on a different look, but it will both ensure that our students will not experience any gaps in their education and that they are well prepared for the 2020-2021 school year. You will find in the second part of this email the full BCCA Virtual Program we will be rolling out, with the timelines.

I want you all to know that we have extraordinary board and staff, with extraordinary gifts, with extraordinary ability to adapt, who are committed to doing whatever it takes to develop the best education program for your children. That being said, we will all be learning together and perfection is not the goal. Even more important than all of this is that we serve an extraordinary God who has led His People to extraordinary victories in many difficult circumstances in history. We are now living in a soon-to-be historical period of time, looking at what may appear to be an overwhelming challenge and what we do now as a community will become part of the story of this historical period. Will we be a light during this pandemic? Will we be an example of a community of God's People who continue to practice Christ, Community, Compassion? Will we rally together to support one another, in whatever manner is needed, (emotionally, socially, physically, spiritually) to get through this pandemic? Are we "in it" together? My prayer is that we put our fears aside, and place our trust fully on Him who is the creator and author of all! Isaiah 41:10 says, "so do **not fear**, for I am with you; do **not** be



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dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

We know how the story ends... for all those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour and are His followers, we will one day be free from the struggles of this world and be celebrating and thriving with Him in Heaven forevermore, praising His name! What a day that will be!

I wonder if what is happening is a way for God to call us back to what should be most important in our lives. The isolation draws us home to communities, to friends, families, to care for the elderly, sick and underprivileged. Is He trying to take away the frantic pace of life, asking us to "be still and know that I am God"? (Psalm 46:10). Let's look together to see what God wants to teach us over these next months.

I leave you with this message from Martin Luther. I think he says it well. When Martin Luther was dealing with a plague in his day, he wrote these wise words that can help inform the way we approach things happening in our world right now: "I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, He will surely find me, and I have done what He has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person, I shall go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God." Luther's Works; Vol. 43, pg. 132

On behalf of the BCCA Staff and Board, we love you and miss you all. We are looking forward to the day when we can reunite again face-to-face in person. In the meantime, we will hold you in our prayers and see many of you virtually for this period of time.

Rest in Him!

Mr. Ian Jarvie Head Principal

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BC CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S VIRTUAL SCHOOL

The question everyone is asking is how will we run our K-12 program for the next few months until we can re-open our buildings. Below you will find the framework for what is continuing to unfold with administration, teachers and support staff.

Mon./Tues., March 30th/ 31st - Pro D Day for Staff for continued training and putting together online resources for students

Wed., April 1st - BCCA Virtual School Opens

Mon., April 6th – Pro D Day for Staff – (to catch our breath ⓒ, discuss how the previous week went – Pros/ Cons, and put together resources for the coming week)

Fri./ Mon, April 10th/ 13th – Easter Holiday

Thurs., April 9th - High School Reports uploaded on MyEdBC - Grades 8-12

(Calendar for May and June will be sent out in the coming weeks)

Below are timetables for our Elementary and HS Programs. The Elementary timetable is a sample. A detailed timetable is going to be sent to students/ parents for each grade (K-7) from their teacher on Monday next week. Please watch for this email.

For both Elem. and HS Timetables, there will be Virtual, Face-to-Face instruction in the morning and afternoon Conference times for students. During the morning classes teachers will be lecturing, discussing videos and assignments, facilitating group projects, debates, presentations, etc. Afternoon Conference times will be for students to log-in to get extra help. Some students will intentionally be asked by their teachers to login during these times so they can assist them.

Platform Being Used:

Grades 8-12 - **MyEd BC** - Parents should have their own log-in/ password. If you have misplaced it, please email gspeck@bcchaschool.ca

Grades 4-12 - **Google Hangouts** Meet (for morning Virtual Classes and afternoon Conferences. Teachers will send an invite to their students.)



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Grades 4-12 - **Google Classroom** - Grades 4-12 : All assignments, homework, handouts, teachers' directions will be saved here in one central location.

Grades K-3 - **SeeSaw** - Teachers will be sharing about how to use this with parents early next week.

LRC:

LRC support is continuing throughout this time. Please look forward to hearing from our LRC staff directly for more details.



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ES Virtual Timetable BCCA April-June 2020

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-9:30	Devotions/ Morning Work	Devotions/ Morning Work	Devotions/ Morning Work	Devotions/ Morning Work	Devotions/ Morning Work
9:30-10	Block 1				
10 - 10:30	Block 2				
10:30 - 10:45	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR	DEAR
10:45 - 11	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time	Break Time
11-11:30	Block 3				
11:30-12	Block 4				
12-12:30	Specialty / Project-Based Learning				
12:30	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal
1:15 - 2:15	Student Conferences	Student Conferences	Student Conferences	Student Conferences	



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VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL STAFF SCHEDULE 2019 - 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
		Different Start: 9:25		Different Start: 9:25			
9:00-9:50	А	Devos and Anns	А	Devo and Anns	CHAPEL		
9:55-10:45	В	А	В	А	А		
10:50-11:40	С	В	С	В	В		
11:45-12:30	Υ	С	Υ	С	С		
12:30-1:30	LUNCH						
1:30-2:00	A/B	A/C	A/C	A/B			
2:00-2:30	C/Y	B/E	B/Y	C/E			
POST 2:30	OFFICE HOURS/TEACHER APPOINTMENTS						