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From Email Sent to All BCCA Parents
RE: BCCA Virtual School Guide for Parents

Dear BCCA Families,

I pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy during this COVID-19 crisis! We have all been isolated for a couple weeks now and I am sure everyone is anxious about getting back into a somewhat regular routine again, even though this routine may look different.

I had a virtual meeting with my HS Student Council this morning for about 75 minutes. It was so nice to have been able to meet with them face-to-face online. For many, the isolation has created some boredom, a lack of motivation, and feelings of uncertainty about the future. It was good to be able to talk about these things together and look at ways we can help our student body overcome some of these challenges. In addition, we talked about some of the positive attributes that have come about. Where our rapid paced lives have slowed down, thereby allowing us to develop stronger connections with our families and think more about our loved ones and the importance of community. Our HS Student Council members are now looking at ways to help strengthen our HS community virtually, in ways never considered before. I am looking forward to seeing how God will lead them moving forward as they pray for the Holy Spirit to guide them during this time. I am praying that God will help all of us remember to "be still and know that I am God" (Psalms 46:10).

The purpose of this email is to announce the launch of BC Christian Academy's K-12 Virtual Program. All our teachers and support staff have been working extremely hard to "reboot", retool, re-educate, and rapidly shift directions in offering a robust educational program for our students from K-12. This will include many "touch points" with live face-to-face meetings with our staff where they will listen, encourage, motivate, challenge and help them be accountable for their education.

Attached to this email are the general guidelines for "BC Christian Academy's Virtual School". These are general guidelines for our families to be aware. Each teacher will be sending their students (and parents for the younger children) specific details about how their classes will operate and the timetable that will be followed (specifically K-7). The HS timetable in this attachment will be followed by all HS students. In general, for the grade 4-7 students, there will be online classes for the students in the morning, followed by conference sessions in the afternoon. Each teacher will explain more about how these Conferences will run when they meet with them online tomorrow. In general, Conference Times will be used to assist students in small groups.



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If the timetable for your child poses a problem, please contact your child's classroom teacher and they will discuss options for your family.

We ask that all students be ready to go tomorrow (Wed.) morning. SCHOOL IS IN SESSION! Our start time is 9am, except for HS when we will be starting at 8:50pm our first day back so we can have an all HS orientation meeting with all grade 8-12 students and staff! Pray for this meeting because we will have approximately 150 people in this virtual meeting at one time! Up to this point, I have only had meetings with 58 people online at one time and it actually went quite well. Please be sure that your child follows the online protocols in the attached procedural handbook. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately, in a room that is conducive to learning, and not eating anything while online. Students should not be logging on at the time class starts, they should be logging in 5 minutes early so that the teacher can ensure that all students are successfully logged in before classes start. All students will receive an invite login to Google Meet. If you have not received an invite by 8:45am tomorrow morning, please email your teacher and Mr. Speck at gspeck@bccaschool.ca.

Please remember that this week is our "trial" week. There may be challenges along the way but that is okay, and to be expected. We will all learn together as we move down this new educational delivery method and will offer grace along the way. Let's support one another during this time and enjoy our new journey together. Let's ultimately rest in God, Creator of all, and watch for what He desires to teach us along the way.

Our staff miss you all greatly and are excited to reconnect with your children tomorrow! We will be touching base with you all over the next few weeks to see how everything is going and what we can do to improve the program delivery. Feel free to also let us know what is working well and what you appreciate the most about what we are doing!

God Bless You All!

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