

August 14, 2020

Hello Parents;

As we get closer to our opening day of school here is some information regarding what you and your children can expect at Brant Christian. We will not be able to hold our pancake breakfast and opening assembly this year. Our first day of school will be Wednesday, September 2. It will be a full day of classes for all grade levels. We are asking that parents not to come into the school that day.

For parents of kindergarten students, Mrs. Niemans will be sending out a separate letter outlining the first couple of days for her class.

There are two major areas that need to be covered when looking at our new protocols for operation. The first is the home environment. The main reason that I am confident that BCS will be a safe place is because of the diligence of our families. Thank you for keeping your children away from areas where they would be at a higher risk of exposure. Reinforcing with your children the importance of hand washing and maintaining distance between each other will help us. We ask that you keep your children at home if they show signs of illness, especially fever-like symptoms. Should a child become sick during the school day, we will isolate them and ask that you come and pick them up as quickly as possible. They will not be allowed to ride home on the bus.

Here are protocols that will be followed at Brant Christian starting in September.

#### Arrival at School

- Although buses may arrive at school at the same time, they will only be able to unload one bus at a time.
- Parents must say goodbye outside the building.
- Students must sanitize their hands every time they enter the building.
- We are asking students to hang up their coats upon entering schools and go directly to their classroom and take a seat.
- Masks are to be worn in the hallways.

#### In Classrooms

- Students in grades 1-8 will be put into smaller groups within their classrooms. These are the students that they will be in closer contact with throughout the day.
- We ask that you send a bottle of hand sanitizer to school with each of your children.
- Use of high touch areas will be restricted wherever possible. Microwave ovens are a high touch area where restrictions will be in place. Please send lunches to school that do not need to be warmed up.
- Sharing items such as crayons, pens or other school supplies will be restricted as well.

## Recess

- We will stagger recess times. Grades 1-4 will have recess from 10:00-10:15. Grades 6-8 will have recess from 10:15-10:30. For the afternoon recess, the younger students will go out earlier, 2:00-2:15. The older students will be outside from 2:15-2:30
- High school breaks will occur at their normal time

## Lunch time

- Student will eat their lunches in their classrooms as normal.
- Grades 1-4 will go outside for the first part of the noon recess and eat during the second half of the break.
- Grade 6-8 will do the opposite, eating first and going outside for the second half.

## Dismissal

- dismissal will be staggered by 5 minutes by grade level to cut down on the number of students in the boot room. The final bell of the day will be 3:45 and buses will leave Brant by 3:55

## Bussing

- students will need to wear a mask while on the bus.
- Family members must sit together.
- Buses will load from back to front. First students on the bus sit at the back of the bus, last students on the bus sit at the front.
- Only 2 riders per seat
- Buses will be sanitized daily.

## Additional Information

- More information will be sent out prior to the start of school.
- Please contact me if you have questions.
- Protocols may change depending on how all things run.

I firmly believe that Brant Christian is one of the safest schools that your children can attend. Thank you for your diligence at home, your prayers for our school and your ongoing support. I look forward to making 2020/21 a successful year.

Kevin Bailey

August 26, 2020

RE: School Opening Update

Hello Parents;

The following points will hopefully provide more clarity around our school opening and Covid protocols. Please contact the school if you have any questions. As a staff, we are very excited about having our students return. We are confident that Brant Christian will be a very safe school and as we slowly move back to normal, will be a fun place to be.

- School will start for all grade levels on **Wednesday, September 2**
- All students who travel on a bus will need to wear a face mask while on the bus
- Students in grades 3 -12 will need a mask when in the hallways
- In the classroom, students will not need to wear a mask but can do so if they wish
- Entrance into the school will be staggered. Only one bus at a time can unload students
- Students will use hand sanitizer each time they enter the school. Dispensing stations will be located at entrance doors.
- Once in the school, students must go directly to their homeroom class
- Recess times will be staggered. Grades K – 4 will be outside together, 5 – 8 together.
- Students will not be required to wear masks outside. Students will be reminded about maintaining proper distancing from each other
- Students in K – 8 will be placed in smaller groups (cohorts) This is the group that your child will be working with on a daily basis rather than interacting with the whole class.
- PE and option classes will run as scheduled although with some adjustments being made in order to comply with Covid protocols.
- At this time, all sports teams and field trips have been put on hold. We are hoping that this will change later in the year.
- We are asking that parents not enter the school unless they have an urgent need to see their child or have an appointment with a staff member.
- Any student who becomes ill during the school day, we will set them aside and call you. It is important that you, or someone you designate, come and pick them up as soon as possible. Students who are ill will not be allowed to get on the bus to go home.

I realize this does not answer all your questions but hopefully gives you an understanding of what we will be doing at Brant Christian to prevent the spread of the virus. They will be more updates to follow as guidelines change or are added.

Thank you,  
Kevin Bailey