

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 ell 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