

To our wonderful Brant families,

Welcome Back!

My name is Quinn Barreth and I am the new principal at Brant. It is with a great deal of eagerness that we look forward to welcoming back students to Brant this fall. We have been praying, planning and preparing for the start of the new year, and I am in particular very excited to introduce myself to the larger Brant community. The first day of school is **Wednesday, Sept 1**, and we are starting with our traditional Pancake Breakfast for students and families. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to start the year on a fun note. And since we have continued to grow, it is an excellent chance for new students to feel welcomed to Brant.

It is important to note that the safety of students and staff is our foremost concern. I have looked at re-entry requirements as to how we can balance the needs of our community. Keeping this in mind and in accordance with Palliser's guidelines Brant Christian School is using the following plan for our re-entry protocols.

- Masking: students will need to be masked while riding buses to and from school. As well, while moving from one class to another in the hallway we are asking our gr 3-12 students to wear their masks. Students will not need to be masked while in classes, during recess, or while in PE or sports activities. If a student wishes to wear a mask at other points, we are completely supportive of this choice.
- Cohorting - Brant students will not be required to be in cohorts this year, though we will continue to find ways to limit the amount of time grades are in close contact with each other. This may affect chapels, but otherwise student life should continue to be as normal - recess, between class movement, etc.
- Illness - Brant will continue to request any student who is feeling ill for any reason stay home until they are feeling better. We will work with families to ensure that students are academically supported in their absence. If a student begins to feel ill while at school we will move them to a separate space until they can be picked up. Students who fall ill during the day must be picked up by a family member or designated individual, since they will not be able to ride the bus home.
- Cleaning - we will continue to clean surfaces, provide hand sanitizer stations as well as hand sanitizer in the classroom. We will do our very best to ensure each classroom is as clean as possible for our students and staff.
- Volunteering - I deeply value the contribution families make to our community. We will have numerous opportunities for families to volunteer, however we will do this on an appointment or scheduled basis, rather than drop in. This allows us to control the amount of extra people we have in the building at any one point, but also use our volunteer time as effectively as possible.

I am aware there are a lot of strong feelings about the events of the past year and a half. I am more than happy to hear any concerns or questions about what we can do to continue to make

Brant a strong learning environment. Thank you for your understanding and support. Our school is what it is because of our families and the support they provide.

We are praying and trusting God that this school year will look and feel more normal than the previous year. We anticipate being able to do more of those activities which enhance and deepen the learning experience for our students. Field trips like the school day at the Corn Maze this month as well as the various off-site experiences are going ahead, and we will release further information when these activities are coming up. Our community events are also proceeding, starting with our annual golf tournament coming up on Saturday, Sept 11. Please contact us if you wish to participate. It is a great time and a wonderful community building event. We will also have the ability for families to volunteer in the school during the year, so look for these opportunities as they are announced.

We have our school supply lists up on the website. Please check those out if you have not already had a chance to do so. Students can bring all of their supplies on the first day and will have a chance to put them away prior to the start of the breakfast.

Finally, I ask you to join us in praying for the upcoming year. Pray for peace and for the moving of the Holy Spirit in our school as we continue the work you have begun at home. We are so grateful that you have shared your children with us, entrusting us with their education.

God bless you,

Quinn Barreth