



July 21, 2020

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the beginning of the school year, we are reminded of the goodness of God in protecting us and providing for us. It has been fascinating to see how different people have responded to the daily information we all receive about COVID 19. Some individuals focus on the number of positive tests, while others focus on the number of people who have recovered. Some fear sending children to school, while others are eager for children to return to school. Some want to delay school, while others are eager to start school. Some are pro-masks, while others do not see the need to wear masks. While there are many viewpoints on these issues, hopefully our common bond in Christ will allow us to be charitable and humble towards those who do not agree with us, particularly if we feel we are right and they are wrong. Let us understand that people who have the same information, process that same information differently. One can find an expert who will support almost any position one decides to take. I was recently listening to a talk show where parents were very upset that their children did not have the opportunity to attend school in person. They were petitioning the school to open, while others were thrilled that school for their family was exclusively online. Our church has had one service each Sunday since Mother's Day and we recently opened Sunday School. We thank the Lord that due to His protection, wise social distancing and handwashing, we have not had any COVID 19 incidents. We have been playing indoor or outdoor soccer for almost two months; and again (since athletes have not attended if they had any symptoms), we have been incident free. This gives me great optimism for our school opening. If families will ensure that students who have any COVID 19 symptoms will stay home, coupled with frequent hand sanitizing/washing taking place, we can achieve a similar result all bathed in God's protection, something we do not take for granted.

Thanks so much to each of you who responded to our recent survey. If you did not have a chance to weigh in on your preferences, it is not too late to do so by following this link.

<https://forms.gle/3jXDXzsbZTFJShab6>

Along with this newsletter, we are providing a document which gives guidance on what the new "back to school" at Bible Baptist will look like. I am describing it as somewhat of a living document as the overall structure is in place, but we will continue to tweak it to most practically and realistically provide a safe environment for our students who attend school in person. It will be reviewed regularly and adjusted as we see changes in the general public opinion to COVID 19. Don't forget to read the document which will provide guidance for our students who choose to attend live classes here on **August 10**. We are pushing our start date back exactly one week and parents will need to decide whether to commit to the live classroom environment based on the protocol shared here and on our website, or to commit to an online educational plan which will be a daily recorded class delayed one day from the original class.

Those who choose to attend online classes will find the format different from what we did last quarter in that they will need to watch their classes each day online. Although the classes will be delayed one day from the classes here at BBCS, the students will be able to communicate with teachers. Parents who will have to commit to ensuring that students get up each morning, participate in the classes just as if they were here in school and stay on schedule to ensure best educational results. This will be a full day schedule with the exception of lunch time, recess and study halls, but other than that, should allow students who are faithful at home to eventually transition smoothly back into the actual classroom. More information will be provided, but our survey results indicate so far that the majority of our parents want students back in classes, yet we also want to make sure that those who are not comfortable with students returning will have their educational needs met online. Although none of us know the future, we do expect that some who start online will eventually join us in the actual classroom after the initial nine weeks. One of the other long term benefits of the online recorded classroom is that students who are sick will be able to watch class from home as needed.

I am so excited about the great teachers the Lord has given us and the blessing they will be to our children. We still have a few biographies of new teachers to share with you. You will appreciate their heart for the Lord and for your children. From our veteran educators (those who have served with us for many years) to our new educators (two veteran educators who have ministered elsewhere and one educator just starting out), our students and parents will be greatly blessed by these servant leaders.

Hopefully your commitment to Bible Baptist Christian School stems from a desire that your children will be taught from a biblical worldview in a Godly environment; and that whether in person or online, you will find our teachers, who are the key to student success, to be a great blessing to your family.

Since we are pushing school back one week, we will also push back our online opening parent/student orientation to Thursday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. We will provide a link closer to that time. Check out next week's newsletter for more helpful information. Also, if your child needs uniforms, don't forget to stop by our used uniform sale this week in the lunchroom.

Stay encouraged,

Dr. C

Used Uniform Sale
July 20-22, 2020 from
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Parent/Teacher Orientation: Don't forget that the first day of the 2020/2021 school year is on Monday, August 10, at 8:15 a.m. Our annual parent/teacher orientation will be a virtual livestream on Thursday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to watch for important information.

