

August 26, 2020

Dear Families and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and input as we worked to create a reopening plan that emphasizes student, faculty and staff health and safety. Your assistance has also allowed for us to craft a reopening schedule that maximizes in person student learning. As the year progresses, your input will continue to be critical as we continually assess our reopening plan, through the lens of health and safety.

Enclosed is important information regarding BCS' reopening. I ask that you review the information carefully and contact the school with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Carrie Smith

Principal

## **DAILY SCHEDULE:**

**Orange DAY:** First Student Day: September 8th

**Blue DAY:** First Student Day: September 9th

**Blue DAY STUDENTS ATTEND BCS IN PERSON:** Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday

**Orange DAY STUDENTS ATTEND BCS IN PERSON:** Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday, opposite of Blue Day students

### **Parent requests to change mode of instruction from remote to hybrid or color grouping:**

Please be aware that changes from remote to hybrid instruction or color grouping may not be allowable if additional students disrupt the district's ability to maintain social distancing in the classroom. Please contact Ms. Smith to discuss further.

**Teacher's Online Learning Schedules:** Teacher's online learning schedules are located in BCS' website under the COVID-19 label

**Schedule Changes:** Please be aware that as the school year gets underway, there may be a need to adjust teacher and/or student schedules. In this event, schedule changes will be communicated to both students and families. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding if scheduling changes become necessary.

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

**Student Drop Off:** Students will not be permitted to be dropped off or enter the building, **before 7:40 a.m.**

**Bus Riders:** Buses will stagger their arrival so that each student's temperature may be taken, prior to exiting the bus. We encourage parents/guardians to make sure students have their masks on prior to boarding the bus.

**Bus Passes:** Bus passes will not be accepted this school year. Should an emergency arise, leading to a change in transportation, please contact the Main Office ASAP.

**Car Riders:** Car riders will line up on Fairground Road and enter the bus circle **after all buses have exited.** No student may be left outside of BCS unattended. A parent or guardian must remain in the car with their student until the student's temperature has been taken and has been cleared to enter the building.

**Walkers:** Walkers may begin to arrive **no earlier than 7:40 a.m.** When arriving, students will enter through the main entrance where their temperature will be taken.

**Student Drivers:** Student drivers may begin to arrive **no earlier than 7:40 a.m.** When arriving, students will enter through the main entrance where their temperature will be taken.

BCS staff will be on hand outside and inside the building to assist students.

**Dismissal: Bus riders-** Begins at 2:30 p.m. **Walkers & Students Drivers-** 2:35 p.m. **Car riders-** Begins at 2:40 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Daily attendance is critical, no matter the mode of instruction (100% remote, hybrid, or in-person).

Attendance will be taken daily and for each class.

While we understand there may be times students will be tardy to school, frequent and excessive tardies disrupt not only the school day, but the health screening process. Students arriving after 8:03 a.m. will be counted as tardy. **Any student arriving at BCS late must have a parent/guardian escort them into the building so student's temperature may be taken.**

Students accessing learning remotely are expected to attend classes daily and be engaged learners. In the event that your student is not able to access live stream instruction, please communicate this with your child's teacher(s) so an alternative plan can be made.

Parents are asked to make faculty aware of technology issues affecting a student's ability to access learning ASAP.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

Any student exhibiting any of the following COVID-19 symptoms are asked to stay home:

- Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Daily temperature checks will occur each morning, before students exit the bus or enter the building if walking, driving or being driven to school.

Students with temperatures at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home.

Students are expected to wear masks at any time social distancing is not possible.

Water fountains have been fitted with a device allowing for students to use the fountains for filling water bottles ONLY. We encourage students to bring their own water bottle to school, each day.

Masks will be provided to students, as needed. However, students are encouraged to bring a mask from home.

Essential visitors to BCS will be a case by case basis. Please call the main office, 315-899-3323 before coming to BCS so entry instructions may be reviewed.

### **MEALS:**

Students will eat both breakfast and lunch in their classroom/home base.

No students will be allowed to leave campus for lunch. Food items may not be delivered to students.

Students will not have access to microwaves, refrigerators, etc. We ask that families please plan accordingly

### **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING:**

The social emotional well-being of our students is a top priority. All students will participate in daily social emotional activities. Families are asked to contact your child's teachers or school counselor should your child have difficulties managing their feelings.

