



September 10, 2021

Dear BCA Families,

Welcome back, it is so good to have your children back in class again. I trust your week has been as good as ours. Things are somewhat different this year with a little more flexibility but most Covid protocols still in place. We continue to receive updates from Public Health regularly and will pass on that information to you. Most of you have the drop off and pick up routines down pat. We had one young boy and a few parents forget that when they move from grade 3 to 4 they get picked up at the front entrance. Other than a few minor hiccups, we have had a smooth start to the school year. The beautiful weather has allowed the teachers to get the children outside as much as possible so we pray that will continue for a couple more months.

According to the Health, safety and operational guidance manual the government has provided for schools, field trips and extra-curricular activities are permitted this year. Public Health has provided direction on protective strategies and requirements for extra-curricular activities and we will be following these to make the experience as safe as possible for our students. Stay tuned for announcements in the next few weeks regarding activities your child can be involved in.

We want you to be aware of everything happening at BCA so I will continue to send the monthly principal's newsletter, you will receive regular communication from our PTA and we are hoping to have regular updates on the BCA Facebook and Instagram pages. This is the third year for the PTA and they will have a link on our new school website so you can keep up to date on all that is happening.

Important September Dates:

Wednesday, September 22nd. See You At the Pole – The grade 8 class will go to the flagpole for the ceremony which will be filmed and streamed live into the other classrooms.

Friday, September 24th – Toonie Casual Day – The last Friday of the month, students may dress in casual clothes if they bring a Toonie. If students choose not to participate,

they can wear their regular uniform and don't need to bring a Toonie. The money collected will go to "Next Door Social Space" located in Burlington, across from IKEA. You can find out more about their ministry by checking out their website.

Tuesday, September 28th – School Photos – They will begin at 9:00 am and go until they are finished. Typically, the younger students go first before their hair gets too messed up during their play times outside. If a child happens to be away that day there will be retakes the following month when the photographers return for grad photos. SK and Grade 8 grad pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 27th.

Important Information:

Uniforms: We realize that orders for new uniforms are coming slowly so we are allowing a little extra time to purchase the required uniform items. Starting Monday, October 4th, students will be expected to be in the proper BCA uniform (if you continue to have issues with the supplier, please let us know). Shoes are to be dark coloured (one colour only) with dark coloured laces and no colourful logos. Socks are to be navy or black and all one colour. Leggings are not considered pants. If you have questions, please check the school website for a full list of required uniform items.

Chapel: Each Monday morning we begin our week with Chapel. We have started the year by holding it in the gym where the students are spread apart but get to enjoy a time of worshipping the Lord together. This year's theme will be 'God's Faithfulness' with an emphasis on the shield of faith which is part of our new school logo. Some of the teachers will be sharing their personal stories and we will have guest speakers and class presentations throughout the year. We are hopeful that sometime in this school year you will be welcome to join us for our chapel time.

Immunization Disclosure Policy: Ontario public health has mandated that every private school must have an immunization policy in place. As members of Edvance Christian Schools we will be using the policy they have prepared for all their schools in Ontario. Please find that policy attached and let us know if you have any questions.

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