



# Blue Ridge Christian School

## 2020-21 Upper School Guidelines

We are excited to welcome our Upper School students and staff back to campus in August! The following guidelines are based on a **“Healthy Campus, Thriving Community”** framework. This framework requires parents and staff to ensure that **only healthy individuals are permitted on campus.**

***(Please Note: the following information is subject to change due to updated guidance and current data.)***

| Plan Item   | Guidelines  |
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| <b>Daily Schedule and August/September Calendar</b> | <p>Monday-Friday: All students, every day<br/>           Arrival: 7:40-8am<br/>           Dismissal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grades 7-8: 3:15-3:30pm</li> <li>● Grades 9-12: 3:30-3:45pm</li> </ul> <p>After School Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grades 7-8: 3:45-5:30pm (fee required; transportation to the Lower School will be provided)</li> </ul> <p>First week of school schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuesday, Aug. 25: 12:30pm dismissal</li> <li>● Wed.-Thurs., Aug. 26-27: Full days</li> <li>● Friday, Aug. 28: No school; Teacher Work Day to assess the first week</li> </ul> <p>School will be closed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Friday, Sept. 4: Teacher Work Day to assess the first two weeks</li> <li>● Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Arrival &amp; Dismissal</b>                      | <p>Arrival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Families and student drivers will pull in the drop off lane. Students will be screened by BRCS staff while still in their vehicle. (Health screening protocols will include a no-touch temperature check and a set of questions). Student drivers will park after being screened.</li> <li>● Middle School students will go directly to their lockers and then to their homeroom class. High School students will go directly to their lockers and then to their first period class.</li> <li>● Students arriving after 8:00 AM will be screened at the front door by a staff member before entry. Students will then proceed to the office for a late pass.</li> </ul> <p>Dismissal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grades 7-8 will be dismissed from their classrooms.</li> <li>● Grades 9-12 will be dismissed from the gym.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Classrooms &amp; Facilities</b>                  | <p>Classrooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will remain in their home base classroom for most academic classes. Teachers will travel from class to class for instruction for most academic classes. Most electives will be offered for specific grade levels.</li> </ul>   |

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|                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be seated 6’ apart or, in very minimal instances, at desks/tables that are separated by plexiglass dividers. Teachers will emphasize “physical” distancing, not “social” distancing. Teachers will find creative ways to maintain strong social, emotional and spiritual connections throughout the school day.</li> <li>• Students will visit their lockers upon arrival and at dismissal. Lockers may be used for backpacks, coats and athletic equipment.</li> <li>• Students will keep other personal and learning items in classrooms in crates at their desks.</li> <li>• Students will use individual learning materials and supplies. Teachers will minimize sharing of materials as much as possible. Students’ personal items must be labelled (chromebooks, backpacks, lunchbox, jackets, etc.).</li> <li>• In hallways, restrooms and other common areas, students will be asked to maintain 6’ distancing whenever possible.</li> <li>• To take advantage of the good weather and our beautiful campus, we will create outdoor “classroom” spaces where teachers may bring students for instruction.</li> </ul> <p>P.E. &amp; Outdoor Breaks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact sports will not be permitted during Physical Education classes or Outdoor Breaks.</li> <li>• Recreational and sports equipment will be regularly cleaned and sanitized.</li> <li>• All students will be provided extra outdoor recreational breaks.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Health and Wellness</b> | <p>Face coverings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoors: Students are asked to wear a face covering during arrival and dismissal, in hallways, in common areas, and in class activities / labs whenever 6’ distancing is not feasible.</li> <li>• Outdoors: Students are asked to maintain 6’ distancing or to wear a face covering whenever 6’ distancing isn’t feasible.</li> <li>• Staff will wear face coverings when within 6’ of others.</li> <li>• Parents always have the option to request that their children wear face coverings at any time during the school day.</li> </ul> <p>BRCS is still developing additional policies for ensuring the health and wellness of all students and staff on campus. We will follow recommendations from the Virginia Department of Health and from local physicians. More details will be released soon.</p>  |
| <b>Lunch</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To start off the year, students will bring their own lunches and snacks. Students may order snacks for purchase in advance. Lunch will be provided for any student who forgets to bring lunch to school.</li> <li>• All students will eat lunch in their home base classroom or outdoors as often as possible. Microwaves will be available in each classroom.</li> <li>• Water fountains will not be operational. Students will bring their own water bottles labeled with their name.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Programs</b>            | <p>Chapel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To start off the year, Thursday chapel services will be live-streamed to classrooms. We are considering setting up a rotating schedule for classes to attend chapel in person or holding chapel outdoors.</li> <li>• We will resume in-person chapel for all grades as soon as is advisable.</li> </ul>   |

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|                                | <p>Athletics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Athletic Department will follow guidelines provided by our conference (VACA - Virginia Association of Christian Athletics). More information will follow soon.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Remote Instruction</b>      | <p>Our goal is to educate every student, every day, on campus. Should a situation arise where a student must transition to remote learning for a short period of time, all teachers will be proficient in the use of technology resources to ensure uninterrupted learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Google Classroom</b> for assignments and learning resources</li> <li>• <b>Alma:</b> The Student Information System (SIS) for gradebook information as well as parent communication.</li> <li>• <b>BRCs Parent App:</b> available later this summer for all PK-12 families</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Sanitation and Cleaning</b> | <p>Classrooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels. Teachers will model and encourage effective handwashing and use of sanitizer.</li> <li>• Desks will be sanitized between classes as needed when different students will be using the same desks (for example, math classes).</li> <li>• Classroom doors will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.</li> </ul> <p>Campus-wide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common areas will be cleaned &amp; sanitized by custodial and maintenance staff throughout the day. Evening custodial staff will clean and disinfect the entire campus.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Transportation</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be seated 6' apart or will be asked to wear a face covering if in closer contact.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer will be provided and used by each student prior to boarding.</li> <li>• School vehicles will be disinfected after afternoon bus routes.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Visitors and Guests</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors and guests on campus over age 10 are asked to wear a face covering.</li> <li>• Visitors and guests who will be on campus for more than 15 minutes must complete a medical screening.</li> </ul>  |