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Dear Families:

As we embark upon Digital Learning Days, Christian Brothers High School is blessed to have excellent teachers and a robust technology program anchored by our iPad program and learning management system Schoology, augmented by a host of additional platforms for information sharing and connecting. While there is no substitute for the classroom experience and relationships at the heart of our Lasallian Catholic community, quality instruction and learning will continue throughout this period of remote learning.

Each day between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Ms. Yearwood and members of our student campus ministry team, God Squad, will post a prayer to allow us to begin each day as we do on campus, with a reminder that we are always in the holy presence of God. All assignments and daily learning activities will be posted on Schoology by 9 a.m. You can view your student's assignments in Schoology and grades in PowerSchool. If you do not have a parent Schoology or PowerSchool account, please sign up at this link, <https://www.cbhs-sacramento.org/parents/information-forms/parent-account-creation-request/>, and we will email you information to get started.

How can you help your student?

- Remind your student of the importance of continued learning during this critical time.
- Organize a dedicated learning space.
- Help your child create and follow an online learning schedule.
- Check tasks and learning objectives on Schoology.
- Expect your child to complete tasks and assignments on time with their highest level of effort.
- Continue to follow the CB Daily Bulletin.

How will my student learn?

- Each teacher will be setting expectations and establishing clear objectives before beginning weekly course activities.
- Teachers will be posting daily updates including the agenda for the instructional period. These updates will likely include material such as links to resources, notes, slide decks, and copies of documents that would have been distributed to students in the classroom.
- Students are encouraged to form a **VIRTUAL** study team: This student study team would be another layer of support for teachers and students. It makes what is already an informal practice for many students a more formal aspect of the online learning environment. **Given the critical importance of social distancing at this time, it is vital that students do not meet in person.** For up-to-date medical information, please visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>.

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- Teachers will be vigilant about checking Schoology messages and email to ensure student contact is maintained and students' questions are answered in a timely fashion.
- Students experiencing technical issues are encouraged to contact their teacher who will help troubleshoot the issue and work with our Information Technology Department when necessary.

The following guidelines were shared with students last week and via Schoology today.

1. Complete all attendance check-ins by 12 p.m.
2. Review course updates, due dates for upcoming assignments, and check messages from your teachers.
3. Check in with a study partner to confirm your understanding of what to do and plan time in the week to collaborate, if necessary.
4. Message your teachers with questions, if you have any.
5. Counselors, teachers, and the deans will contact you via Schoology or phone parents to ensure that you are keeping up with assignments. Note: Schoology keeps track of how many hours you are logged in and actively using the course pages. Additionally, teachers will be tracking daily attendance through the use of an online quiz.
6. Continue to follow relevant "[Parent/Student Handbook](#)" policies.
7. Maintain normal school hours.
8. Take all necessary class materials home. Do not leave any necessary class materials in your locker.

Our Campus Minister, Ms. Yearwood, will also provide students with a Monday through Friday "Middy Mountaintop Moment" message. These messages will include a link to a music video of an uplifting and faith-based nature with a short quote or reflection question. Hopefully this will provide a bit of spiritual food at lunchtime.

CB's counseling department will be closely monitoring students and checking in with families and students from time to time. Our college counselors are available by phone and email to assist parents and students with admissions and financial aid information. Please call or email your student's counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

THANK YOU to all parents, alumni, friends, volunteers, sponsors and donors of the "Golden State of Mind" Auction! While we had to make the tough decision to cancel the auction dinner, you, as the CB community, rose to the occasion to support our students during our online celebration and I am thrilled to report that Saturday night's event raised over \$400,000 for tuition assistance and program support! We are honored by, and grateful for, your support and generosity.

The campus will be open this week between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for students who need to pick up books or other course materials. Times may be adjusted during the following week. Thank you for your patience and your partnership as we navigate through these uncertain times.

God bless,

Lorcan P. Barnes
President