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April 3, 2020

RE: Brooks County High School COVID19 School Closure Instructions

To: Brooks County High School Parents and Students,

As most of you have heard, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, announced on April 1st at 4:30 PM that all K-12 public schools would be closed for the remainder of the school year. BCBS faculty is working to collect information on the availability of online access and devices. Students should be receiving a call from their advisement teacher to check in, gather this information, as well as, phone numbers and email addresses for students and parents.

Students without devices who have access to wifi can checkout a chromebook **on Tuesday, April 14th from 9am-12pm** at tents in front of BCBS. A signed contract accepting responsibility and return of the Chromebook in May will be required. Parents/Guardians must be present for students to check out a Chromebook and sign the checkout documents. All sites that are not directly related to education will be blocked from student use.

Students who are working in Odysseyware on courses should continue working to complete the courses in order to receive credit. Students needing modules graded or unlocked should contact Mrs. Gruno at agruno@brooks.k12.ga.us. All students should check their Google Classroom daily and complete lessons as assigned by teachers. Teachers will be checking their email daily and will be available Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm to help as needed. Teachers will have office hours in Google Classroom from 9am-11am Monday to Friday should students have questions.

Students who are failing courses at the end of the third nine weeks should reach out to their teachers in Google Classroom and work closely to repair the credit by completing incomplete or missing assignments, and new assignments on non-mastered standards. Final grades will be configured on Friday, May 22nd. Set a routine daily to do work and keep up with virtual assignments.



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Students who are enrolled in Dual Enrollment are expected to complete the classes. These class grades will appear on the high school and college transcript. All institutions have moved all classes to online. Students should check their college email address to receive directions. This includes Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Certified Nursing Assistant and Web Design. If students have trouble accessing college work, they should email:

GMC - Peniel Brown pbrown@gmc.edu

VSU - Jaime Bird jbird@valdosta.edu

Wiregrass Technical College highschoolservices@wiregrass.edu

Students who are interested in signing up for Academic Dual Enrollment for Summer or Fall, may contact those institutions for criteria. **Only 11th and 12th** grade students are allowed to take Academic Dual Enrollment per the new guidelines set by the state. If students qualify, they may contact Mrs. Stone, hstone@brooks.k12.ga.us, for a Student Participation Agreement (SPA) and BCHS Dual Enrollment Contract.

Administration is working on scheduling students for our 2020-2021 school year. Fortunately, before school closures students were allowed to register for courses and received a printout of the course request with the opportunity to make final changes. Once the schedules go live, you will receive a notification.

BCHS campus is closed for the remainder of the school year. In order to maintain a sanitary campus and protect our stakeholders from COVID-19, students are not allowed to enter the campus or any BCHS facilities.

We will observe Spring Break on April 6-10, 2020. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to enjoy time with your household as you adhere to the Shelter-in Place orders by the Governor.



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Seniors

We know you are disappointed that you will not be able to experience the last 9 weeks of your P-12 school experience in person. However, we are happy that we can afford you the opportunity to experience a virtual learning opportunity that many of you will experience at the next level of your educational journey if you so choose to attend college. You will learn time management, persistence and motivation as you take advantage of this unique experience that has never been given to any other graduating class in the history of BCHS. For many of you, this will be your last chance to spend time with your family at home, as you embark in the fall to your new journey at a university, technical college, and/or military careers. Take time to capture every moment. We are proud of each of you and appreciate the opportunity to have prepared you for your future.

The board of education, superintendent, and administration are committed to providing a graduation for you to celebrate your learning and this milestone. **If you have completed all of your coursework and passed your required classes by May 22nd**, we will celebrate with you at the commencement of the BCHS Class of 2020. At this time, the **date is pending** the lifting of social distancing restrictions, which will allow this event to occur. It could be as originally scheduled or rescheduled for a later date. As of now, follow the COVID19 guidelines because we want you and your family well and able to celebrate you!

- **Scholarship Applications:** Seniors should email complete scholarship applications to Mr. Law, blaw@brooks.k12.ga.us, by the due dates listed in the scholarship file name at [www.bit.do/2020 BCHS](http://www.bit.do/2020_BCHS).
 - All scholarships that were due between March 17th and March 31st, should be emailed to Mr. Law by April 6th.
 - If transcripts are required, Mr. Law will attach the transcript. There is no need to request it.
 - Continue to check the website for any other scholarships that should come available or change of due dates.
- **Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Honor Graduates** will be announced on our social media and website on **Monday, April 13th**.
- **Cap and Gowns** will be distributed once the Shelter-in-Place Order has been lifted.

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- **Grad Bash** at Universal Studios has been cancelled. We are working with Universal Studios to obtain refunds and they should be distributed at a later date TBA once the Shelter-in-Place Order has been lifted.
- **Senior Walk Through** for Brooks County Schools has been cancelled.

Other Items:

- **Transcript** requests should be made at <https://www.brooks.k12.ga.us/o/highschool>.
 - Students applying to Georgia Colleges or Universities may send transcripts through www.gafutures.org
- **ADAP and Student Driver Services Paperwork** should be requested at: <https://www.brooks.k12.ga.us/o/highschool>. The paperwork will be processed on Monday of each week and mailed. Please allow at least one week to process.
- **All GHSA Events** have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year.
- **Prom** has been cancelled and tickets will be refunded at a later date TBA once the Shelter-in-Place Order has been lifted.
- **Return of Books, Uniforms or Jerseys** Students who have school property should plan to return this on Tuesday, May 12th from 8am to 12pm at the front entrance of BCBS.
- **Yearbooks** will be distributed on Tuesday, May 12th from 8am - 12pm at the BCBS front entrance.
- **Honors Night** will be held virtually on Thursday, May 14th at 6pm. A link will be provided to view recognition of students and local scholarship winners.

Over 124 thousand schools have been closed affecting over 30 million students in our nation. We join the educators across the nation in keeping safety our first priority. At BCBS, we continue to pledge to inspire and educate every student. It is our prayer that you will follow the COVID19 guidelines and stay safe during this international pandemic. We hope to continue normal operations as we begin the 2020-21 school year.

Make a positive impact, strive to build good relationships and go learn something, virtually!

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