



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

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Dear CBA Community,

One week after our return to in-person instruction, I am happy to report that we currently have zero active COVID cases among students, faculty, or staff at CBA. Furthermore, there are only three students under quarantine at this time for possible exposures outside of CBA. There are just over fifty students who are remaining on long-term virtual instruction right now, for various reasons, and an average of ten to fifteen additional students learning remotely each day on a short term basis (1-2 days). Please note that if, for some reason, your son will not be attending school in person on a given day, you must call the main office to inform CBA that he will not be at school, even if he plans to attend his classes remotely (this is not necessary if you have already made arrangements for your son to be on long term virtual instruction). Students cannot just email teachers on their own that they will be virtual on a given school day and not in the building; we must be contacted by a parent/guardian.

There are a couple of very important traditions that were originally scheduled around the weeks we ended up in an online period and therefore those events had to be postponed.

- The Freshmen Run and Oath Day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Freshmen should wear their gym uniform to school that day. The day for freshmen will kick off with activities connected to the Academy Oath and a light brunch followed by mass and the signing of the Oath by the Class of 2024. The freshmen run and “colt crazy” activities will follow. Freshmen will finish at approximately 2pm. Parents may pick their sons up at that time if they choose. Otherwise freshmen will be dismissed at 2:30pm. All other grades will have a regular school day of classes that day (D-day).
- The Junior Tie Ceremony and Class Mass has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The junior class will attend periods 1 and 2 and then report to the McKay Gym. The Class of 2022 Tie Ceremony and Mass will begin at 10:10 am and should end by 11:30am. Juniors should wear dress pants (khakis), dress-shirt and shoes. Juniors do not need to wear a tie or a jacket. Juniors will be dismissed immediately following the tie ceremony so that families who wish to do so may have a celebratory family lunch. Unfortunately we cannot have guests on campus at this time so the Tie Ceremony and Mass will be live streamed for parents and other family members. Information about the live stream will be shared as the event gets closer. All other grades will have a regular school day of classes that day (C-day).



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A few other reminders:

- As I mentioned in my previous email, we have some additional options, including breakfast, for students to get food during the day while here on campus. We would still like you to pre-order lunches if possible, but we are now able to take cash at the cafeteria. It is still best to have a “My Kids Spending” account to purchase food though. If you are having trouble setting up the account or the mobile app, please contact our food service director, Mr. Don Verile dverile@sagedining.com, for assistance.
- If you need to report diagnosed student illness or medical concerns, that are not COVID related, please contact the school nurse’s office. Any COVID questions or reports should be directed to Mrs. Szablewski, Dean of Campus Life.
- The Academy Store has new hours as part of our COVID modifications. The store will be open Thursday nights 6:00-8:00pm. Parents can enter through the back door into the Theater and McKay Gym lobby. Curbside pick up on Thursday nights is available upon request. The store will be open for students during the school day on Tuesdays from 11:30am--3:30pm.
- Once again, please call the main office and inform us if your son will be going virtual or will be absent for a day; he cannot just email himself out.
- On November 20, Normandy Studios will be here for make-up photo day. If you didn’t have your photograph taken on orientation day and want an updated photo for the yearbook you can have your photo taken that day.
- Please remember that all students must complete the daily health screening on the fever free app each morning before they leave for CBA.

We are already heading into the end of the first quarter, which is Friday, November 6th. It feels great to have the students on campus again and to see them participating in all of our sports, performing arts, and other activities. Thank you for all that you are doing outside of school to keep CBA open and our community safe. Your cooperation is very much appreciated by all.

God Bless,
Mr. Fales