

BTCS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings BTCS Families,

As we head into the final week of this unprecedented first semester, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very special holiday season. I cannot thank you enough for all you have done to persevere through the many challenges we have faced in our schools due to COVID-19.

SCHEDULE AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK

While we had hoped to be able to continue to maintain an in-person schedule for the students and families who need and want to be in our classrooms, unfortunately, COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate in our region. Public health officials predict this to continue with a significant surge in cases after the holidays. Therefore, I believe it is in the best interest of student and staff safety to modify our operations and begin next semester remotely. All students will return on Wednesday, January 6, as remote learners through January 15. Instruction will be synchronous with students logged onto their computers during class time as it was in the fall when all students were remote. On January 19, in-person learners will return to campus. As we have done since the beginning of the pandemic, we will continue to monitor the many data points to assist in our operational decisions moving forward. Many of those decision-making factors were shared in a [video](#) in my last letter to you. Now more than ever, please be sure to monitor your child's grades and engagement, particularly in remote learning activities.

NO OPTIONAL STUDENT DAY-JANUARY 5

As was the case in the fall, the Optional Student Day on January 5 is cancelled. Students will not begin the spring semester of remote learning until January 6.

COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES

As I said earlier, public health officials are predicting significant surges in cases of COVID-19 in our area in the coming weeks. While none of the below precautions are fail-proof, each of us can help, and I sincerely ask you to consider the following as we seek to keep our students, staff, families, and community safe:

- Always wear a mask when interacting with those outside your immediate household.
- Limit gatherings of any size. If you must be in a gathering, wear a mask and maintain at least six feet of distance.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home and isolate from others in your household if you are sick.

We look forward to finishing the semester strong next week and seeing all students back remotely on January 6.

Sincerely,



Annette Tudor, Ed.D.
Director of Schools



As a token of our appreciation to students for their hard work and dedication, each will be receiving a Viking Pride sticker.

