

MARCH 15, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Given the rapidly changing landscape within the state, the decision to move to remote instruction has become immediate. Beginning, Monday, March 16th and continuing until Friday, April 3rd, students will access their coursework from home and not in the classrooms of Bishop Brady High School. All school events during this same timeline have been postponed until further notice.

We understand that students may need access to the building to collect books and other necessary materials to work from home during this time of alternative educational programming. **Students may access the building between 1 and 3 pm on Monday, March 16th or between 9 and 3 pm on Tuesday, March 17th. After that, students must email Mrs. Elliot (aelliot@bishopbrady.edu) to arrange a time for building access.** In addition, all athletes are asked to come and clean out their athletic lockers and music students are asked to pick up their **personal** instruments to be able to clean these items individually.

All subsequent status updates will be via email and will also be posted on the portal, the school website, and linked to social media platforms. All faculty and staff will be working tomorrow and over the next few days to provide specific communications to educate students how to access the remote learning programs and to inform parents about what to expect. **ALL STUDENTS MUST CHECK THEIR BISHOP BRADY EMAIL AND THE PORTAL DAILY FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS and UPDATES.** The system does track the date and time you log in so avoiding this expectation is unacceptable.

THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL CLOSURE. THIS IS NOT A VACATION. While some students have had some experience with online and remote instruction, we realize that this will be new and challenging for some of you as it is for some of your teachers. If you are having difficulty with the academic expectations, reach out first to your teacher. You can also reach out to members of the Administrative Team who are supporting teachers and instruction in specific academic areas.

Mr. Michael Ling (mling@bishopbrady.edu)	Social Studies
Mr. Keith Bergeron (kbergeron@bishopbrady.edu)	Theology
Mr. James Miller (jmiller@bishopbrady.edu)	Math, Tech, Wellness
Dr. Lori Christerson (lchristerson@bishopbrady.edu)	Science
Mr. Ben Greene (bgreene@bishopbrady.edu)	Arts/Languages
Mrs. Peggy Sica (psica@bishopbrady.edu)	English and ELL

If anyone has internet issues, please let us know via email as the phones may or may not be covered by a live person during this time. We can deliver some pieces of instruction on a flashdrive by overnight mail if needed.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE ONLINE COURSE SELECTION DURING THIS TIME. The portal is open. Instructions and the Program of Studies are posted.

Administrators, Curriculum Facilitators, members of the Building Leadership Team and our maintenance staff will be in the building periodically over the next few weeks. Do not hesitate to reach out to any of the individuals whose contact information is listed earlier in this notice.

I want to caution you – COVID-19 is a serious health issue. It will spread and more people will be diagnosed. The danger is that many people have minor symptoms and are not aware that they are sick. Most rebound from the virus quickly and the recovery rates are good. While this is not a time to panic, it **IS** a time to take precautions. Refer to the specific recommendations from the Center for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>. **THIS IS NOT A TIME FOR GROUP GATHERINGS.**

You will not see Bishop Brady High School listed on the WMUR closings each day during this temporary time away. **SCHOOL IS STILL IN SESSION, JUST IN AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION – YOUR HOMES.** We will reassess the situation daily and keep you updated for what will happen after April 3rd.

There is a travel registry for any student, family or employee traveling outside the state of NH from now until further notice. This link <https://www.bishopbrady.edu/index.php?cID=518> will also be on the portal and the school website and we ask you to be responsible and log your travel so that we can work with health officials to track contacts efficiently if it becomes necessary.

Given the immediate nature of this situation, I am not able to answer individual questions at this time. Please know that the teachers, the administrators and the Building Leadership Team are working tirelessly to address situations as they arise and assure that students will complete their requirements successfully. It is imperative that all students and parents continually check the portal and their email for updates.

Keep in mind the mission of Bishop Brady High School to promote the ideals of Faith, Learning, and Service. While so many of our daily activities have drastically changed, we can take this time to be thankful for our blessings, to check in on neighbors and friends, to offer our assistance to those in need, and to work together for the common good. During these unsettling times, we pray for strength, patience and kindness as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters.

THANK YOU, BE SAFE and know that you are all in our prayers!

Andrea Elliot
Principal