



September 17th, 2020

Dear Bronte Community,

Welcome Back Greeting from Head of School

Welcome back to all our returning and new students and their families. This has been an interesting start to our school year with a blend of students attending classes face-to-face and others online while waiting for borders to open and visas to be prepared. I wanted to let everyone know that we have had a great start and I am so impressed by how respectful our students are regarding the protocols in place to keep us all healthy. As I say good morning to the students on their way to class, they are cheerful, polite and most of all anxious to learn. The Staff comment on how positive the students are and how happy they are to be meeting the new challenges in their courses.

Bronte College remains safe and students well cared for as we continue to offer an excellent and challenging academic program. Please know that the measures we have taken to keep your children safe are being respected by all and proving effective in our goal to keep our Bronte College family healthy.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Finlay
Head of School

ONLINE LEARNING REMINDERS

Students have entered the second week of classes at Bronte College on campus and via the online learning program. Any student with questions regarding courses, please email guidance@brontecollege.ca

We want to remind students studying online of several important items:

1. Teachers will upload recorded classes to Teams within an hour of completion of the class. Lesson plan materials will be uploaded the night before class, according to Eastern Time.
2. Students who wish to join their classes live can request to join the class on Teams and their teachers will admit them.
3. Teachers will be available during the last 20-30 minutes of class time to ask questions face-to-face or via the online chat.
4. Guidance has held meetings with students experiencing issues with the Microsoft Teams platform. If you are looking for clarification, refer to the Using Microsoft Teams videos that were sent out in **last week's newsletter** or posted on the Guidance Teams site.
5. Student email inquiries are being answered within 24 hours after they have been received.
6. The Principal and Vice-Principal have reviewed all the Teams classroom sites to ensure they are student friendly and consistent for all courses.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Online students are expected to visit their classes on Microsoft Teams daily. Students will need to hand in all required materials at the time specified by the teacher. All aspects of assessment will be addressed by the material being taught by the teachers online. At this time, attendance will not be used as part of their achievement mark.

TIPS FOR ONLINE CLASSES:

1. Treat an online course like a "real" course
2. Hold yourself accountable
3. Eliminate distractions
4. Leverage your network

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

- The Welcome Back Barbeque lunch will be held this **Friday September 18!**
- Bronte College is working to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students by meeting and exceeding provincial guidelines on campus.
- Enhanced cleaning and maintenance work to the school building have been added to increase sanitization of campus facilities.

COVID-19 UPDATES

- There continues to be zero cases of COVID-19 and zero suspected cases at Bronte College.
- Students and staff on campus have been doing a great job following the **Back to School Guidelines**, which has greatly impacted Bronte's success at keeping our community safe and healthy.
- The Ontario government has recently launched a new **COVID-19 school screening assessment tool** for students and staff to complete each day before entering school buildings. The assessment is optional. [Click here to view the school screening assessment tool.](#)
- Ontario is continuing to follow the **3 Stage Plan** set out by the government. [Click here for more information about COVID-19 in Ontario.](#)
- As Ontario continues to recover from COVID-19 it is important that all Bronte students follow the guidelines set out by the province to protect themselves and the entire Bronte community. Wearing face masks, sanitizing frequently and physical distancing are the first steps to remaining healthy when in public areas.

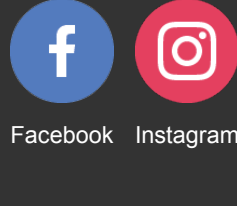
Students on Campus



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