

March 16, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

I am writing today with some more information about Blue Ridge School's plan for Distance Learning. As a reminder, classes resume at 10AM (EDT) this Thursday, March 19th.

On Tuesday at noon and again at 6PM (EDT) I will host a Q&A session via Zoom video conferencing to explain our plans for distance learning and to answer any questions that you might have. Please feel free to join the meeting that works best for you. Here are the links you'll need to join either meeting:

Tuesday, noon: https://blueridgeschool.zoom.us/j/744188779

Tuesday, 6PM: <u>https://blueridgeschool.zoom.us/j/141679010</u>

Over the next few days you will receive invitations from your student's teachers to join their Google Classrooms in the role of "Guardian." Google Classroom is a platform that our teachers and students already use widely which streamlines the assigning, submission, grading, and returning of assignments. It is also where teachers will post important announcements for their students. Joining your student's various Google Classrooms will be helpful in keeping you informed of what work has been assigned. You will have the choice to receive either daily or weekly summary emails from Google Classroom containing class announcements, assignments, and due dates.

Our College Counselor, Mrs. Amber Wilkins, will soon send out some information about what the School's College Counseling program will look like while we are engaged in distance learning, so be on the lookout for that email.

As always please let me know if I can help with anything, and remember that brshelpdesk@blueridgeschool.com is up and running for any technical issues you or your student might encounter.

Sincerely,

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