



BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

I pray that this email finds you safe and healthy. As we progress through uncertain times, I think it is crucial to keep communication open. First, thank you for working with the rollout of the Virtual Education process. All correspondence regarding Virtual Education is on the school's website found [here](#). I would like to cover some areas of concern or questions.

First, the scheduled closure for Bishop England has not changed. Virtual Education will continue until March 31, 2020. We are closely monitoring the situation with the assistance of DHEC and the Diocese of Charleston Catholic Schools' Office, and update with any changes. As we mentioned in the initial email, we will not be following Charleston County for closures. If Virtual Education extends beyond March 31, 2020, we will keep the Easter Break from Thursday, April 9, 2020, through Sunday, April 20, 2020. It will be a welcome rest for the students, teachers, and families.

If your child is sick or caring for a sick person and can't make it to class, please email attendance@behs.com. **Students must attend the mandatory class meetings posted by the teacher.** They can't join another section of the course during the day. A portion of the student's grade is class attendance. All work during Virtual Education is in the 4th quarter grade.

By now, most of you have heard about the spread of COVID-19 and the positive test of someone associated with Wando High School. We must follow the CDC guidelines and practice social distancing and proper hand-washing. If you or your child are exposed or diagnosed with COVID-19, please contact Karen Searson, ksearson@behs.com, immediately. This information is essential for the safety of our school community.

A side effect of Virtual Education and social distancing is Mental Health and our faith life. The Child Mind website offers suggestions on **supporting teenagers** during this time. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers several **prayers and links** to help our faith life. Technology allows for connectivity during this period of social distancing. Pray for all those who are sick, those who are treating the sick, and for those who have died. We must keep Christ the center of our day.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we tread into unfamiliar waters. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at pfinneran@behs.com.

God bless,

Patrick Finneran
Principal