



Dear Bishop Verot Families,

As the new school year approaches, we are pleased to offer a full-time distance learning program due to potential health concerns families may have. COVID-19 has had an impact on all of you and we understand it may continue to do so for the foreseeable future and this may influence your decision on your child's education.

The Bishop Verot Distance Learning Program will be offered synchronously with on campus instruction. The attached FAQ's outline the program and how it will operate. Families who choose this option need to understand the time commitment involved for your child to be successful before selecting this option. Students in the Distance Learning Program will be held to the same academic standard as our on-campus students and will be expected to be in attendance for all classes, just like their on-campus peers.

Please complete the "2020-2021 Student Learning Option Selection" form by midnight on Thursday, July 30, 2020. A separate form needs to be filled out for every child. This form may be accessed on the school website Reopening Page. The Distance Learning Program requires an initial three-week acclimation period at which time families will be required to commit for the remainder of the first quarter (6 weeks) or will have the option to return to campus. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Mrs. Hamstra at [kate.hamstra@bvhs.org](mailto:kate.hamstra@bvhs.org) for assistance.

We are pleased to be able to facilitate this program for our families during this challenging time. We look forward to reuniting with our community on-campus and through the Distance Learning Program in the upcoming weeks. I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

God Bless,

Suzie O'Grady  
Interim Principal



## **Bishop Verot Distance Learning Program FAQ's**

### **What will Distance Learning look like for the 2020-2021 school year?**

Students will follow their regular class schedule by video conferencing with their teacher and class. This model will follow a traditional daily schedule which is more structured than the digital learning model that was used at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. It will be more rigorous and demanding than the previous model and allow for more teacher interaction on a daily basis. Attendance will be taken each class period so distance learning students must be accountable for attending their classes daily.

### **What will my role be as a parent?**

Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up as an observer as their child in Canvas and will need to help students keep track of due dates and daily work. Additionally, parents will need to make sure students are up and ready to tune into classes each day on time and that students remain engaged in classes from start to finish.

Zoom will be utilized for the live-streaming of classes.

Parents will need to monitor their children for appropriate use and etiquette on video conferencing.

### **What technology will be provided to me?**

Bishop Verot Catholic High School will provide an iPad to all students as a part of our 1:1 iPad program. Families will be responsible for the safekeeping and care of these devices. In addition to the technology provided, students should utilize a second device for note taking and necessary class research as well as during assessments so teachers can better monitor them.

### **Who do I contact for questions about the Distance Learning program?**

Mrs. Hamstra, Assistant Principal for Curriculum, will serve as the primary point of contact for issues relating to Distance Learning. Individual teachers, however, will be the first line of communication for questions regarding your child's learning. Teachers will assist with technology issues, academic concerns, and collaborate with parents to ensure students are receiving a thorough educational experience through our distance learning program.

### **How long does my child need to commit to the Distance Learning program?**

One of the benefits of our Distance Learning Program is that students will be able to seamlessly re-enter face-to-face learning with their teachers and classmates. We will require students to commit to at least a 3 week acclimation period at the start of the first quarter after which time families must commit to either finishing the rest of the quarter online or returning to on-campus instruction. We will reevaluate COVID-19 and our Distance Learning Program at the conclusion of the first quarter. If a special circumstance arises which requires your child to return to face-to-face learning before the nine weeks have passed, you will need to contact Mrs. Hamstra. Administration will then review the circumstance and decide if the child will be allowed to return early.

### **What curriculum will students in the Distance Learning program follow?**

Students will follow the same curriculum as our face-to-face students. This will allow them to be aligned with learning happening within our school. There may be some activities that are modified for distance learning. For example, lab activities may be completed as laboratory simulations or virtual lab demonstrations using the iPad. If a student needs additional assistance from the teacher, virtual office hours will be held via zoom Monday through Thursday from 2:35-3:00 pm.

### **How will my child be graded?**

Distance learning students will be held to the same curricular requirements and academic standards as those attending face-to-face learning. All students enrolled at Bishop Verot Catholic High School will be held to the same expectations of academic integrity. The Student Handbook guidelines will be followed for ALL Bishop Verot students. Any breach of academic integrity or violation of school policy could result in dismissal from the Distance Learning Program.

### **How will my child be assessed?**

Assessments will be handled by each teacher individually and may require distance learning students to take tests or quizzes after school during virtual Office Hours or before school on late start days. Assessments may require students to utilize one device to take an online assessment with a second device connected to Zoom and projecting the student and their surrounding area to the teacher to monitor them during the assessment. Alternative assessments may also be given in the form of alternate tests/quizzes, projects, short answer or essay questions, etc.

### **Can a student in Distance Learning participate in extracurricular activities?**

Yes, students may continue to participate in athletic programs. Distance Learning students must undergo the same rigorous health screening and monitoring process that will be utilized throughout the school day. For at least the start of the year, the majority of club activities will take place remotely for all students.

**Can a student switch to Distance Learning if they originally begin on campus?**

Yes, students may move to the Distance Learning program but must commit to remain in the program for the remainder of that quarter. Students may not switch back and forth between on campus and Distance Learning. If a student is required to quarantine for a period of time, they will be permitted to return to on-campus learning once their quarantine is completed.

**Will tuition remain the same for the Distance Learning Program as it would if my child was on campus?**

Yes