



4 Month Calendar and Handbook (Coronavirus Update #9)

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Hello BJP Community,

We were able to get everything ready earlier than expected so we are sending out this update now. Below is an extension of our Distance Learning Handbook and an outline, which is also on our calendar, for the next 4.5 months. These changes to our calendar/program will enable us to separate ourselves from decisions made by the DOE until the start of next school year in September, giving us stability and focus to make these next months meaningful.

BJP will not reopen to students in the building for the remainder of the year. We will complete the entire 4th marking period through distance learning. Furthermore, BJP's Camp Montmartre in Fairfield, CT will be cancelled for 2020 and replaced with virtual and day camp experiences in July.

Please read this email and the new handbook over a few times for complete updates related to distance learning and summer camp. It will be the guide for us until the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Thus, it will be my last Coronavirus update (hopefully forever but at least until September). All other emails will be reminders/updates of what is in this email and on our calendar.

Distance Learning Handbook

When this all began, the Distance Learning Handbook was created on an emergency basis. Now that we are planning longer into the future, we have made the following changes to the handbook to make it sustainable for a longer time period. Where necessary, this Distance Learning Handbook supersedes the Student and Family Handbook of 2019-2020, but both are in effect.

1. Students need to be in the **video classrooms** more often to ask teachers questions and to create a routine for themselves. Teachers are available for help. Doing work with peers is not why teachers are assigning work or making themselves available. Please use the teachers, especially to seek help and complete corrections. ***Distance learning is not an option. It is mandatory.***
2. **Assignments** - Google Docs will continue to be used. Teachers are now allowed to give assignments through Google Forms also. Such assignments will continue to follow similar formats as before and will be linked directly on the HW Pad as normal. Forms allow teachers to embed articles and videos with their questions. Students click submit to turn them in. See the guide on page 5 of the handbook.
3. **Due Dates** - Assignments are due by 7pm on the date they are assigned. Daily routines need to be formalized. Teachers will check and grade Google Documents for work that day after the 7pm deadline. If assigned through Google Forms, teachers can set due dates beyond 7pm if they so choose, at which point links to those Forms will no longer work. If so, the extended due date for the link will be noted on the Homework Pad. Corrections should be completed the next day but by Sunday at the latest. *Assignments build on each other, so staying on top of work and corrections is important.*
4. **Report Cards** - Teachers will assign grades according to their grading scale to assignments. There is a report card rubric on page 7 of the handbook that teachers will use to assign progress report and report card achievement and effort grades for distance learning. Please review for information on promotion to the next grade and retention. Grades during distance learning will be on official transcripts.

Calendar

All possible dates for events through August are mapped. Dates in question are highlighted in yellow but also planned for future dates. Such events will be updated to white once verified. Below is more information as outlined on the calendar.

- April-June
 - Grade level family (student and parent) and school meetings are scheduled virtually. An agenda, survey, and link will be emailed to families the Friday before their child's grade meets.
 - Progress reports will be emailed home on May 7th. There will be options to schedule parent-teacher conferences for May 11th and 12th.
 - Final exams will happen virtually as outlined on the calendar on June 12 and 15.
 - 8th grade retreat (June 17-18) and graduation (June 19) are scheduled. They are yellow because this depends on public health concerns. Future dates in July and August are highlighted yellow for these

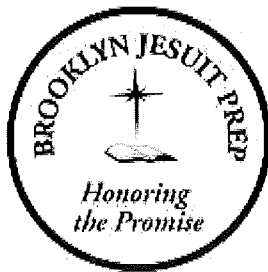
events also. Please mark all possible dates for these events in your calendar. We will decide two weeks before if we are allowed to run these events. If not, we will push them to the next yellow date.

- Graduation and Camp Fees have been reduced to \$50. Tuition remains in effect. If you have already paid, credits will be applied to your other accounts. We thank all those families that have continued to make payments during these difficult times. It has been inspiring.
- June 16th and 17th are scheduled for returning books and technology to BJP and picking up materials for Camp Montmartre: Virtual Edition! As stated in the Student and Family Handbook, all BJP materials must be returned and accounts paid in full to receive your final report card and official promotion/graduation.
- July
 - 6th-17th - Grades will meet virtually for either TACHS Prep (rising 8th grade) and/or Camp Montmartre: Virtual Edition! (all grades) as scheduled on the calendar. We will host virtual programs related to the camp experience and BJP's graduate-at-graduation values. *Continuation of these experiences and values is mandatory and important for a successful school year in 2020-2021.*
 - 20th-31st - BJP will host a re-orientation and Camp Montmartre: City Edition! day camp for two weeks. This is our chance to reconnect as a community and continue our camp traditions, which is mandatory according to our Student and Family Handbook.
- August
 - If necessary, the class of 2020's retreat and graduation and the summer re-orientation and Camp Montmartre: City Edition! day camp are scheduled for the end of August. This will only occur if the other dates in June and July can not happen due to public health concerns. If so, an evaluation of whether the events can occur at the end of August will be sent home August 3rd.

Please let me know if you have any questions. The Virtual Family and School Meetings will be important places to get further clarification.

Please be in communication about anything just as you normally would during the school year, such as sick days. Our communication during the next 4.5 months is key. Our teamwork and understanding is what makes us stronger together.

Have a good weekend!



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