

## Greetings Berea Academy Parents, Guardians, & Students

Friday, March 13, 2020 Mayor Walsh announced that all Boston Public Schools will be closed on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and re-open April 27, 2020.

The Berea faculty and staff have placed the following procedures in place in the event of a community or school-wide closure to ensure continuous delivery of instruction:

- During this period, teachers will be transferring their lesson plans/homework outlines to an online platform that is appropriate for each grade and subject area instructed
- Teachers will utilize Google Classroom to place video links, materials, and lessons online.
- Utilization of Google hangouts and zoom will allow students to virtually attend instruction sections with the assigned instructor.
- Academic instruction will continue during the hours of 8:30 to 2:30 as a part of a typical school day. Instruction will be provided as appropriate: academic lessons should reflect a 45 -60 minutes block period. Teachers will provide Question and Answer periods, and lessons design to encourage independent learning.
- In order to satisfy school attendance requirements, daily attendance will be taken via email confirmation and sent to the parents at the end of day each school day.
- Monthly tuition payments will be made online via the school's website.
  As soon as this facility becomes available, parents will be informed.
- Parents who missed the March 10th payment deadline, may make the required payment on Monday, March 16, 2020, during normal business hours.

As we work together with our public health and safety officials, the Berea Academy are taking extensive steps to prepare for all scenarios involving the coronavirus. The academic success and physical safety of our students is our highest priority

Please continue pray and we thank you for your cooperation during these uncertain times and will continue to keep you updated with further information.

Working together to "Educate Our Children for Time and Eternity"

Best Regards, Venetta A. Brooks-Jarvis, M. Ed

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**COVID-19 SYMPTOMS** 

The virus first infects the throat—you'll experience a sore throat lasting 3-4 days.

It then blends into nasal fluid entering first the trachea and then the lungs, causing pneumonia. This takes another 5-6 days.

With the pneumonia comes high fever and difficulty breathing.

This will be different from typical nasal congestion and can make you feel as if you're drowning. If you experience this, it is imperative you seek immediate attention.