
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Dear Parents:

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope that your family had a great Christmas Break and are ready to turn the page on 2021.

If you're like a majority of Americans, you've probably set some goals for the New Year. Among the ten most common resolutions are to exercise more, lose weight, get organized, learn a new skill, save money, travel more and read more. The experts tell us that only about 50 % of the population see their New Year's intentions become a reality.



I am thankful that while our New Year's resolutions may quickly crumble, God's eternal plan for us will never fail. God and His Word are my foundation for a New Year.

We have many new announcements in this New Year!

- ✓ **January 11:** Progress Reports for all grades are scheduled to go home.
- ✓ **January 13:** This is the day of our January Mileage Club challenge. It is called "Footprints in the Snow." The first through sixth graders will attempt 3.5 miles in about one hour. They are encouraged to wear a little snow gear.
- ✓ **January 14:** This is on our calendar as a Professional Development Day. **Dismissal will be at 2:15.** After care is available for a fee.
- ✓ **January 17:** The students and staff at BTCS will observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be **no classes** in session.
- ✓ **January 24-28** is National School Choice Week. We traditionally have special "School Spirit" days. More details will follow.
- ✓ **February 17** is slated for our annual Open House for prospective families. Please be thinking of families you could encourage to come.



February 21: We will be **closed** for Presidents Day.



February 25 is reserved for Grandparents Day. I am concerned that this could be affected by the amount of COVID cases in our area. We will make a decision about this occasion later this month.



The school COVID protocol in regard to quarantine has changed somewhat. I am working on a document to summarize new guidelines. The ones in our Family Handbook are outdated as this information changes frequently.



We could experience inclement weather any time. If school is cancelled, the announcement will be broadcast on the major local TV stations, as well as our website. We very rarely dismiss before 3:30 but in the case of an afternoon winter storm, you are welcome to pick up your children early at your discretion.

We warmly welcomed several new students who began classes for second semester this morning! Would you believe that they are all girls?

Thank you for beginning the New Year with us! We love your kids!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Newton

