**Parent Information Concerning Zoom Online Learning**

Our BCA faculty has been hard at work preparing our distance learning plan so our students can continue to grow, learn, and meet their God-given potential. As we walk out this path of uncharted territory, we will only continue to improve our plan to educate, connect with, and care for our students each week.

To reach that goal, Butler Christian Academy will be using Zoom as a tool for online learning. This program will allow teachers to teach the lessons, communicate expectations, and answer questions. You will receive an email and/or text this weekend from your child’s homeroom teacher with a link to Monday morning’s Zoom meeting. This is all your student needs to begin next week. The homeroom teacher will then ensure each student is ready to learn for the rest of the week. Zoom can be accessed via any device that will download the app. For more detailed instructions, please visit the Zoom Help Center: https://bit.ly/33HN8Fq

**How will we communicate?**

* Teachers will send out a weekly email with an overview of plans for the week, along with important information for the week. Please be sure to review this with your student(s). These weekly emails will become even more important as we transition. It will be your child’s “road map for learning”.
* Students in K-12 will communicate with their teachers through the weekly email and the Zoom Online Learning platform. The weekly email will contain the link to join in on the Zoom meeting.
* The Zoom Online Learning Platform can be accessed on a computer, or from any device you can add the Zoom app to like an iPhone, iPad, etc.

**What will learning look like each day?**

* All teachers will have a morning meeting/ instructional time. This will be live to your student via the teacher’s zoom link (which they will provide in an email to you).
* During this time, teachers will also explain to students what work they should complete that day.
* Teachers will have office hours each day as indicated on the schedule for student questions, parent questions, or just to be a resource. Simply email your teacher if you need to connect.

**How can I help my child?**

* You can help by making the live Zoom meetings with classroom teachers a priority- we want to continue to connect with our students as much as possible.
* You can help by making the student’s learning environment as distraction-free as possible. Go ahead and set up a learning spot at home with all materials a student might need to learn, including their resources brought home from school.
* If your student is having issues accessing the technology, please start with your homeroom teacher.
* You can help by staying positive, giving your student(s) plenty of time to play outside and have fun, and by providing plenty of experiences that remind them that learning is a gift and is fun!

As mentioned before, please channel questions through your child’s teacher for technical issues regarding Zoom. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks again for your patience and understanding!

Sincerely,

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