

BRAWLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Re: Major update regarding tuition changes and school schedule.

Dear families and friends of Brawley Christian Academy,

It's been just a few weeks since the 2020-2021 school year has been officially over yet the silence, which befell the once bustling classrooms back in March, continues to linger on. Even though we're thankful everyone made it through, it wasn't the climatic ending that any of us desired. Nevertheless, time continues to push us forward, and with that comes new plans and strategies that attempt to cope with the new challenges that are impacting the entire education system in America.

After much deliberation and discovery, in regards to new regulations being made by the California Department of Education, The Centers for Disease Control, local and county public health departments, and from helpful feedback we received from our own BCA families, we've made some major changes to our school model. The list of the changes may be read below.

I. Lowered student capacity from 120 to 65 maximum student enrollments.

Enrollment capacity had to be lowered to comply with new 6 ft. social distancing requirements between student desks. As many of you know, our classrooms are already small, and this rule makes having more than 6 students (in some grades) impossible. The new capacities for classrooms are: 11 for grades 7-8, 9 for grades K,1,3,4, and 6 for grades 2,5, and 6.

II. Reduction to the number of school days offered from 180 to 150.

Reduction to the number of total school days was necessary to afford the cost of operation, particularly staff salary. Though this will have a small impact on the scope of student lessons and areas covered in the curriculum, it will allow the school to maintain a lower tuition cost without sacrificing too much in regards to time spent at school.

New standard school schedule:

*Monday – Thursday

7:00 – 8:00 AM Early Child Care

8:00 – 8:25 AM Zero period / Morning drop-off

8:30am – 3:00 PM General School Time

3:00 – 3:30 PM Pick-up time

3:30 – 5:30 PM Afternoon Child Care

*The actual days of school are displayed on the school-year calendar.

III. Optional extra day per week – Tutoring & Enrichment Day

Since school is now generally 4 days a week, parents may opt to receive a 5th full day for \$50/month. Tutoring & Enrichment days will be led by qualified staff members that will assist students with general school-work, provide them enrichment activities, games, and other productive engagements throughout the day.

Tutoring & Enrichment days are full day engagements starting from 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM, mostly on Friday's. No early/afternoon care is offered this day.

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IV. Slight increase to base tuition: from \$370/mo to \$400/mo.

The increase to tuition was necessary to ensure we are able to meet the overall budgetary needs of the school. Also, there are new expenses the school will be required to make related to personal protective equipment, sanitation supplies, and other preventative health supplies relating to COVID-19.

This concludes the major changes that are coming to the 2020-2021 school year. Fortunately, as you can see, the traditional functions of school remain the same:

1. One teacher per grade.
2. Full day schedule, as in previous years.
3. Chapel, special events, school contests, etc., will remain.
4. Direct instruction using Abeka curriculum workbooks for all subjects.
5. A safe and family-friendly Christian environment for students of all ages.

Even with all the things we know we'll be offering, there are still some unknown elements to the program that we're waiting to officiate policies for. Some of these "unknown" elements are:

1. Social play policies (playground, recess, field trips, group activities).
2. Lunch and snack rules and procedures.
3. Office and reception procedures.
4. School plays, picture days, chapel, and similar events which require multiple students in a room.
5. Personal protective equipment usage plans and classroom space utilization.
6. Procedures regarding positive COVID-19 cases on campus.

As the summer progresses, we will be able to give more details on how we plan on implementing the unknown elements of schooling. Keep us in prayer as we desire to offer the best school experience in the safest possible way.

REQUIRED: NEW ENROLLMENT CONTRACT

Since the changes to the school model are substantial, we need all currently enrolled parents to turn in a new enrollment contract. The way to get an updated contract is:

1. Download on our website: www.brawleychristian.com / find it under enrollment documents. Once completed, it can be scanned and emailed to us using the email on this letterhead.
2. Pick up and/or complete at the school office during summer office hours.
3. Call the school and request it be emailed to you.

Again, due to the significant changes, we're asking that new contracts be completed by July 1, 2020. These contracts will serve as confirmation that parents desire to remain at the school and agree to the new services.

IMPACT OF TUITION INCREASE FOR PARENTS SIGNED UP FOR 12 MONTH PLANS

Families who've signed up for the 12 month plan will not be required to pay the difference for the new increased tuition rate. The new rates will be applied beginning in July.

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NEW SCHOOL-YEAR CALENDAR

The new school calendar for the 2020-2021 is being finalized but should be ready by the end of June. Once completed, it will be posted on our website and Facebook page. We can disclose the beginning and ending dates of school though:

School begins: August 31, 2020.

School ends: June 16, 2021.

In conclusion, being a small school certainly is difficult, however it does have its advantages. Brawley Christian Academy will be one of the only schools in the Imperial Valley that will facilitate a full-day, full-week roster. We're only able to do this because our 65 students are divided in to 8 small, but sufficiently sized, classrooms. Of course, the downside is restricting enrollment, but that's something we have no choice over due to social distancing.

We're thankful to God that we were able to find a viable way to continue to provide Christian education to families throughout the Imperial Valley. If there are questions regarding this letter or any other things please contact us at 760-344-3911, or email at office@brawleychristian.com. Thank you for all the support we've been receiving during these uncertain times and we pray that we'll see everyone back at the school in a few months. God bless and Christ Leads the Way!

In Christ's Service,

Antonio Flores
Principal