COVID-19 Coronavirus School Shut-down
Frequently Asked Questions

At the time of this publication, we are still receiving information from the Michigan Department of Education and working on sharing resources that will help our students, families, and community during this time. We will continue to update and share information as it becomes available to us. We appreciate your patience and support and look forward to having our Vikings remain healthy over the next several weeks.

Why are we shutting down for so long?
The Governor of the State of Michigan has declared a state of emergency and has mandated all schools to shut-down. This is not our choice, and there is no option to stay open. The state of emergency shut-down is a preventative measure to help stop the spread of the coronavirus into local communities.

Is Spring Break going to change?
No, at this point, all area schools intend to keep the spring break dates April 6-10th as planned.

Will there be take-home work for the students?
Bronson Schools would like to encourage our students and families to read and keep reading journals during the shut-down. We would encourage all students to read every day, and to keep track of what they read, so they can share that information when they return. There will be no assignments, or required school work during the shut down.

Will the after-school program and other community groups still be able to use the schools to meet?
At this time, all buildings will be shut down, and community groups will not be able to meet on our campuses. The health department guidance has been to limit social gatherings and in this way we are following both the state mandate and the recommendations of our local health officials.

Will our sports schedule change?
During the shut-down, no sports events will take place, and all organized practices are canceled until April 6th.

Will the play be canceled?
At this time we are working to reschedule it. It will not be presented when originally scheduled.

Are any school activities going on during the shut-down?
No. There will be no practices, no games, no kindergarten registration, no clubs or other community activities in the district during this time.

Will there be food available for distribution during the shut-down?
At the time of this writing, we are working with our partners and Chartwells to determine if this will be a possibility and the best way to get the resources where they are needed. We will keep the community updated when plans are finalized.

What about Glen Oaks classes?
All Glen Oaks Community College classes normally held at the high school are being held online. Students should check CANVAS for their assignments.

Can I contact my child’s school during the shut-down?
Staff is being asked to check their emails throughout the mandated shut-down. We will post the emails of key staff who will be able to answer questions while we are shut-down.
Resources:

Health Contact info:
Coronavirus general information

Community updates on the pandemic

How to prepare a homemade hand sanitizer

Isolation and Quarantine Guidance

COVID-19 Facts from the Centers of Disease Control

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Health Department
570 Marshall Rd, Coldwater, MI 49036
(517) 279-9561

Pines Behavioral Health
200 Vista Drive. Coldwater, Michigan 49036
517.278.2129

Food resources:
A complete listing of local food pantries

Meals at Bronson Jr/Sr High - Barb Yearling - yearlinb@bronsonschools.org

Social Media Pages:
Bronson Community Schools
www.facebook.com/Bronson.Michigan
https://www.instagram.com/bronson.schools/

Anderson Elementary
www.facebook.com/AndersonElementaryBronson

Ryan Elementary
www.facebook.com/ryanelementaryschool

Superintendent Steve Wilson
www.facebook.com/SuperintendentSteveWilson
Staff Contacts:

Anderson Principal Kate Wall - wallk@bronsonschools.org

Ryan Principal Ed Dickenson - dickense@bronsonschools.org

Bronson Jr./Sr. High School Principal Wes McCrea - mcreaw@bronsonschools.org

Superintendent Steve Wilson - wilsons@bronsonschools.org

Educational Resources for Students:

K-5:

Code.org

Storyline Online:
Actor and Actresses from television and films read their favorite children’s books with some animations

PBS Kids Games
PBS KIDS creates curriculum-based entertainment. The games site hosts a number of browser-based gaming experiences based on popular literary and media franchises such as The Cat in the Hat, Curious George, Sesame Street, and more. Games are organized by subject-type, which includes math, healthy habits, science, reading, and teamwork.

Poptropica
Under the creative direction of Jeff Kinney, author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Poptropica® is a virtual world in which kids explore and play in complete safety.

ABCYa.com

National Geographic Kids

Odyssey
- Student login: student first name, student last name (separated by only a space)
- Password: a
- School: Bronson
**6-8**

**Code.org**

**OKGO Sandbox**
Music inspired STEAM challenges

**iCivics**

**CSFirst**
Coding with Google single activities for students to try at home.

[https://www.khanacademy](https://www.khanacademy)

This website is a perfect tool to allow middle level students to continue to keep their skills sharp in math, science, and computers while students are out of school.

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**Code.org**

**Concord Consortium**

[https://www.khanacademy.org/sat](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat)
-This website is for SAT prep. Khan Academy is the only official partner of the SAT. Students in grades 8-12 can use this feature of Khan Academy to prepare to take the PSAT and the SAT.