

In Case You Missed It...

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT BISHOP GUERTIN'S RESPONSE TO REMOTE LEARNING



“A Model For Schools Across The Country”

EdChoice’s Director of National Research Michael Q. McShane said Bishop Guertin is “a model.” “Bishop Guertin’s philosophy and strategy could be a model for schools across the country.” (McShane, Michael Q. “Private School Profiles: How Bishop Guertin High School Is Responding To Covid-19.” www.edchoice.org, 7 Apr. 2020.)

McShane notes that a key to Bishop Guertin’s success was “preparation.” “Bishop Guertin benefited from both long- and short-term preparation.”

“Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, New Hampshire, sent its first coronavirus-related communication to parents on February 27, 2020.”

“[Bishop Guertin was] looking at trends and thinking about contingencies weeks before many other schools and school systems.”

“Over the long term, the school has been moving to a 1-to-1 (one device for every student) model, which has made transitioning to online learning easier.”

“Over the short term, the school got out in front of COVID-19 and started planning and preparing...before the world became more chaotic.”

“In the first week of March, they started training up teachers on Google Meet and Google Classroom tools and communicating with families about contingency plans.”

“Both this short- and long-term preparation put them in a better position to succeed.”

He writes that he “...cannot speak highly enough about the page that Bishop Guertin set up to communicate with parents.” “I cannot speak highly enough about the page that Bishop Guertin set up to communicate with parents. Not only does it have school-related resources, but it also has everything from updates about COVID-19 to tips about working from home, religious devotionals and campus ministry resources, and mental health resources.”

“Even if you didn’t have students at the school, it would be a good page to read to find out more about getting through the COVID-19 pandemic. It is really worth checking out.”

“The school’s missives are detailed, they are helpful, and they are keeping the Bishop Guertin community connected during this trying time.”

McShane continues that BG has “got their priorities right.”

The Nashua Telegraph heralds Bishop Guertin’s response as a “Success.” (Urquhart, Adam. “Success.” *The Nashua Telegraph*, 23 Apr. 2020.)

“The private Roman Catholic high school has found success in this new way of classroom instruction, and quickly made this transition in just a few days back in March when coronavirus disease (COVID-19) began causing closures across various sectors of the state.”

The Union Leader’s Kimberly Houghton wrote that Bishop Guertin “teachers and students are taking technology to the next level while adjusting to their at-home classrooms.” “With remote learning set to take place...in New Hampshire, teachers and students are taking technology to the next level while adjusting to their at-home classrooms.” (Houghton, Kimberly. “Teachers and Students Adjust to Remote Learning Using Online Tools.” *New Hampshire Union Leader*, 29 Mar. 2020.)

“Students are already exceeding expectations, according to [teacher Leah] Maciejewski, who said she is incredibly proud of how the student body has responded.”

“Teachers are also stepping up by hosting a variety of online shows such as science experiments, an ax-throwing competition, sports talk radio, cooking and cake decorating classes, said Kristie Mullin, an English teacher at Bishop Guertin.”