BEREA ARTS AND SCIENCES HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Academic year 2019-2020 has ended and, despite the less than conventional way it ended due to circumstances beyond our control, it has been another good year for Berea. This is due in no small part to your continued support and cooperation with us to provide the best education for your children. The Berea faculty will definitely continue to mold its students into competent and responsible individuals ready to serve the country.

With this in mind, we have also strived to keep informing you in a timely manner all matters concerning the academic development of your children as well as events in the school. Towards this end, the teachers and administration have heard all of your comments and feedback and we can definitely see that there is still room for improvement. If you have seen that there were times that the school was lacking in communicating information to you, then we sincerely apologize. Due to the large workload our teachers have, we at times may not be able to give information in a timely fashion or in a consistent manner. This was not our intention and rest assured that we here at Berea are persistently trying to improve ourselves in this field. The administration continues to develop best practices and to plan ahead and advise our own teachers regarding this.

As you know, Berea is planning the start of next school year with a heavy emphasis on online learning due to the continued quarantine measures being implemented in the country. We can tell you that we are streamlining the platforms we will use to deliver lessons and assessments like in Edmodo, and Zoom. We are also still in the process of defining what the roles and duties of the teacher and student are in this type of system. Additionally, Berea has opted to start the first quarter online classes earlier than the suggestion given by DepEd. This is to give ample time to students (especially those with academic deficiencies), to catch up and prepare for normal classes. Other private schools have also opted to start their school year earlier as well. Practically speaking, Berea is also looking into ways we can help the students acquire a laptop or tablet so that they can participate in online discussions. Berea has already received some good suggestions but we are still open to any help you are willing to give us.

Finally, with regards to your questions about the tuition fee and refunds. Berea Arts and Sciences High School has operated under the same tuition fee ever since its founding in 2005. The institution has continued on this path despite the ever-changing economic conditions of the country. As a result, all funds are practically used up every year and the institution has slowly acquired a large amount of debt. The school has looked into and will implement an incremental increase to tuition sometime in the future. But, at present it has become hard for Berea to process refund requests due to our financial situation. We will however realign/lower our miscellaneous fees this year and we will try to see what other concrete measures can be taken in this regard.

Thank you very much for your support and we look forward to another fruitful year with you.

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