

“MARCH”ING INTO SPRING



There are a host of school and COVID related updates

By Dr. Brian Repici, Superintendent

This week marks the second half of the 3rd marking period, so students should be aware of their personal goals and be able to determine if their grades in the first and second marking periods are aligned to those goals. If not, there is still time to put the work in to improve upon those performance outcomes; there is a need to focus on the end of the third marking period...now.

Spring is symbolically linked to renewal. A time of year in the natural world where there is an awakening. Tree buds blossom, creatures prepare for a summer bounty, and New Jerseyans are ready for warmer weather. Warmer weather marks the beginning of the 4th marking period and a whole host of Spring school events, like the beginning of Fine Arts Performances, Volleyball, Wrestling, and other Spring Sports. We look forward to seeing our students' talents shared with our staff, their peers, and the community over the next few months.

New Jersey continues to have COVID related limitations that will influence Spring school events. For instance, [Executive Order No. 157](#) limits school social functions, like dances. We are still forced to follow social distancing and [capacity limitations](#) imposed by the Department of Health for indoor and outdoor events. We will do everything we can to permit caregivers to observe students' events and ceremonies in person. When not possible, students' performances, events, and celebrations will be observable through a virtual and remote format.

Over 1,050 respondents answered our parent survey. As a result, 60% of respondents indicated that their children are participating in the hybrid learning model and would continue to do so if we increased the number of school days a week students attended. About 80% of those respondents asked to increase the number of half or full days a week students attend. As a result, we are investigating ways to address those survey results.

Even with 48% of our students learning remotely every day, we still have to design in-person learning in a way that mitigates COVID-19 transmission. We still have students and their loved ones who are not vaccinated. We still have educators and support staff personnel who are not vaccinated. The Department of Health, the Department of Education, our own school physician and nurses, and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend six feet of social distancing in secondary schools. In order to increase the number of days students attend school a week, we will deploy additional air purification systems, increase fresh air intake when necessary, purchase additional desk barriers, and work with our transportation vendors to transport students within the bus capacity limitations.

There is no evidence that we are aware of linking COVID-19 transmission between student to adult or between adult to student within our schools. This may be due to our mitigation efforts thus far. Nationally, there are still approximately 65,000 positive COVID-19 cases per day. Regionally, our percent positivity rate is where it was in July, so there is still a risk of contracting COVID-19 within our local communities. It is our hope to get as many of our staff members and community members vaccinated in the coming months, so that we can work towards a greater sense of normalcy. We appreciate your efforts to follow all of the safety guidelines...we are so close to getting back to normal operations.... with your help, we will get there safely.

Thank you.

Please utilize the services that are still available to students, even though we are operating a hybrid learning model. Our school counselors are ready to assist students and parents with college and career planning and providing students with strategies to improve their outlook. We have reading specialists, language arts literacy tutors, math tutors, and over 300 eager teachers to assist students with academic support. As caregivers, please remember to check your child's grades by logging into the Genesis Parent Portal. Please direct any questions to your child's teachers and they will respond in a timely fashion.

In need of internet? We can help. In need of headphones? We can help. Contact your child's vice principal for anything you think will help your child succeed because we are here to ensure the success of all of our students.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, please dial 911 or call Jefferson Crisis Center at 856-428-4357. You can also call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to reach a 24-hour crisis center or text MHA to 741741 at the Crisis Text Line. Additional resources can be found at the "[NJ Mental Health Resources](#)" page.

Please remember to check our website for valuable information and updates about this school year at www.bhprsd.org.

Health Emergency Data and Responsibility

The Department of Health releases a weekly COVID-19 Activity Level Report. It can be found [here](#).

Our District is in New Jersey Southwest Region, consisting of Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties.

Testing Positive

If a student shows symptoms or tests positive, please email the child's school nurse to notify them of the positive COVID-19 test result and include the following information:

- Student Name
- School
- Grade Level
- Date of Symptoms
- Date of Positive Test
- Where Tested
- Contact Information

Highland nurse is Jeanine Trommater, jtrommater@bhprsd.org or 856-227-4100 x 4008

Triton nurse is Christa Moore, cmoore@bhprsd.org or 856-939-4500 x2008

Timber Creek nurse is Monica Coslove, mcoslove@bhprsd.org or 856-232-9703 x6008

OR

Complete this [Google Form](#) to report a positive COVID-19 test result.

Thank you for being responsible and keeping others safe.

[Vaccine Link - Virtua Health](#)

[Vaccine Link - Inspira](#)

[Vaccine Link - Cooper](#)

[Vaccine Link - CVS](#)

[Vaccine Link - Rowan](#)

Travel Advisory

It has come to our attention that some families or individuals have travel plans over the upcoming Spring Break. While we recognize the need to "take a break", we discourage travel outside of the approved states of NY, PA, CT, and DE. Some travel may be unavoidable, however, in the interests of everyone's safety and in accordance with New Jersey Travel Advisories, please adhere to the guidelines outlined by the New Jersey Department of Health, as doing otherwise can impact the safety of other students and staff members. 3-5 days upon returning from traveling, travelers should consider getting a viral test. Travelers and residents returning from any US state or territory beyond the immediate regional (NY, PA, CT, or DE) should quarantine at their home or lodging for a full 7 days. If the test is positive or no test was available, then travelers would have to quarantine for at least ten (10) days after travel. See the links below for all of the details. Thank you for doing your part to keep our students and staff safe if you must travel.

[New Jersey COVID Information](#)
[HUB Travel Advisory](#)
[CDC Travel Advisory](#)
[New Jersey Travel Advisory FAQ](#)

Thank you for your anticipated observance of the guidelines.

Career Corner

Since the Counseling Offices are in the midst of scheduling our students for next school year, I wanted to highlight one of our newer Career Exploration Programs (CEP), our Career Investment Program. Any of our CEPs are open to eligible 11th grade students who at the end of their 11th grade year earned a total of 100 credits.

The Career Investment Program is our newest program and this past school year, we offered Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts and Cosmetology. The Black Horse Pike Regional School District pays the tuition for our students to attend their chosen program. Our students are having a lot of success in these programs and expressed interest in other career programs, so have expanded to offer 10 programs that are listed on the following pages.

The Career Investment Program has an application which requires an essay and 2 letters of recommendation from teachers. This is a competitive program and once applications have been received, then a panel made up of administrators in our school district meet and review the applications, along with the student's transcript, disciplinary records and application. If they are chosen to participate in the program, then they will participate in a meeting with the Career Counselor in their building and will have to pay a \$150 non refundable deposit.

[Click here](#) for a link to the applications for all of the Career Exploration Programs. For the Career Investment Application, just scroll down to "Career Investment (Certificate Programs)" and click on your school building.

If you have any questions about any of the Career Exploration Programs, please contact your school's Career Counselor. Just click on "[Career Counselors](#)" for their contact information.

If any student who is on a remote-only learning model wishes to return to the in-person learning model, please email your respective vice-principal as soon as possible. Once the 4th marking period begins, no student can transition to in-person learning.

If we are advised or observe that health data suggest to return to a temporary, remote-only learning model, we will communicate that decision as soon as possible.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1 7:45 am – 8:42 am	Period 2 7:45 am – 8:42 am	Period 1 8:00 am – 8:30 am Period 2 8:35 am – 9:05 am	Period 1 7:45 am – 8:42 am	Period 2 7:45 am – 8:42 am
Period 3 8:46 am – 9:43 am	Period 4 8:46 am – 9:43 am	Period 3 9:10 am – 9:40 am Period 4 9:45 am – 10:15 am BREAK 30 MIN	Period 3 8:46 am – 9:43 am	Period 4 8:46 am – 9:43 am
Period 5 9:47 am – 10:44 am	Period 6 9:47 am – 10:44 am	Period 5 10:45 am – 11:15 am Period 6 11:20 am – 11:50 am	Period 5 9:47 am – 10:44 am	Period 6 9:47 am – 10:44 am
Period 7 10:48 am – 11:45 am	Period 8 10:48 am – 11:45 am	Period 7 11:55 am – 12:25 pm Period 8 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Period 7 10:48 am – 11:45 am	Period 8 10:48 am – 11:45 am
Afternoons: M-R until 2:40pm, Friday until 2:10pm Teacher Office Hours, Planning and Academic Extra Help... AND...				
Students complete Asynchronous Work for Periods 2, 4, 6 and 8 (20 minutes each)	Students complete Asynchronous Work for Periods 1, 3, 5 and 7 (20 minutes each)	Students work on asynchronous assignments	Students complete Asynchronous Work for Periods 2, 4, 6 and 8 (20 minutes each)	Students complete Asynchronous Work for Periods 1, 3, 5 and 7 (20 minutes each)

Extra-Curricular Program Update

The Black Horse Pike Regional School District will continue to support co-curricular programs where possible dependent upon health conditions and COVID-19 data.

The [NJSIAA has released additional guidance](#), which delays the Winter Athletic Season as per their schedule. **The NJSIAA also released this additional [Winter Season Guidance](#) on December 21, 2020.**

Athletic Directors will be working with coaches, health officials, and school administrators to provide direction to parents and prospective student-athletes.

[See the latest NJSIAA update here.](#)

Those who are advising clubs and other co-curricular programs, except athletic programs, can continue to do so after 2 pm, so long as there is no contact between participants, masks are worn, social distancing is adhered to, and good personal hygiene are followed. We will inform you if that determination changes.

If a student-athlete is not exerting his or herself, they must wear a mask on the sideline. Cheerleaders and any Music participants must do the same when they are not exerting themselves. This is a directive from the Department of Health.

For detailed information on eligibility and forms for your student athlete, please go the following school web links:

[Timber Creek](#)

[Triton](#)

[Highland](#)

Breakfast & Lunch: Free to All Students

ALL students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch every day, whether they are in school or not, so long as New Jersey continues their support of this food service program. This is great news for our families.

Food service will be available to all students even while the school district is operating a remote learning model. **The 7-day meal package will be available for students/families to pick up at each school between the hours of 12 pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm on Wednesdays.** Need a gallon of milk...for free? Get one of our 7-day meal packages.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding food service or have a need for delivery, please call 856-227-4100 extension 4012. **Again, we will deliver food to our community based students**, you just have to call and request delivery service.

Click the links below for the food service form.

[Timber Creek](#)

[Highland](#)

[Triton](#)

IN NEED OF TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE?

Here is a link to solutions to common Chromebook issues. These solutions can help get you back up and running with minimal effort and without the need to come into the building for a replacement/repair.

<https://www.bhprsd.org/cms/lib/NJ01001930/Centricity/Domain/4/Common%20Chromebook%20Troubleshooting.pdf>

If these solutions do not work and your technology issue requires repair and assistance, please follow these directions:

Chromebook Repair Procedures

Chromebook Repairs will take place at your building and will continue to follow the procedures that have been in place.

If your Chromebook is in need of repair, you may come to the school during building hours to pick up a replacement.

You do not need to make an appointment. Loaner Chromebook will be available at the front desk/office.

You will be instructed to fill out a form when dropping off your Chromebook and picking up a loaner.

Technology will contact you when your Chromebook is repaired and ready to be picked up.

Chromebook Question/Assistance

If you have a general Chromebook question, please email:

tritonhelpdesk@bhprsd.org

timbercreekhelpdesk@bhprsd.org

highlandhelpdesk@bhprsd.org

Important Phone Numbers in Case of Emergency
Crisis Mobile Response - PerformCare - Available 24/7 - 1-877-652-7624
Crisis Center - Jefferson Hospital - Cherry Hill - 856-428-4357
DCP&P - Department of Children Protection & Permanency (Formerly DYFS) - 1-877-NJ-ABUSE
Suicide Prevention Hopeline - 855-654-6735
Domestic Violence Hotline - 1-800-572-SAFE

*If you or someone you know is unsafe please call 9-1-1!
They are there to help!*

If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 or need support, Call 2-1-1 for information or text "NJCOVID" to 898-211 or click this [link](#) for more resources.