

## MID-MARKING PERIOD IS OCTOBER 9TH... HAVE YOU COMPLETED ALL ASSIGNMENTS?

**WHETHER YOU ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL OR AT HOME, STAY  
HEALTHY, STAY FOCUSED, AND STAY POSITIVE**



**Want to stay healthy? Wear a mask and stay 6 feet from another person.**

### WE IMPLEMENTED THE FOLLOWING SAFETY PROVISIONS IN EACH SCHOOL

We have purchased and deployed the following safety measures:

- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ Protective plexiglass barriers
- ✓ Thermometers
- ✓ Hospital gowns
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Hospital grade disinfectant
- ✓ Towels, tissues, and disinfectant wipes
- ✓ HVAC filters
- ✓ Hospital screens

Every day, students and staff are screened before entering the building. The screening process consists of questions and an infrared temperature scan. If a student answers a question that would result in an unsafe entry or has a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the student will be denied entrance.

[Check out our daily screening process.](#)

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.

### BHPRSD is planning Phase II of Return to School Plan

As a result of monitoring the data presented below, we believe our High Schools are in a position to transition to a Phase II of operations, which means we can increase the number of students in school each day and change the student group structure. Additionally, we have recognized that the Phase I Return to School Plan has slowed curriculum implementation, burdened teachers with juggling three methods of instructional delivery, and limits student access to academic extra-help. Therefore, we should shift to better meet the needs of our students and staff.

- ❖ 1,520 (44%) students on remote-only instruction; approximately 549 additional students have decided to learn remote-only since the start of the school year.
- ❖ The Department of Health has confirmed 10 positive COVID cases involving our faculty or students during the first month of school (**Again, you would have received a phone call or letter IF your child was in close contact with a person who tested positive.**)
- ❖ None of those COVID positive cases involved students or staff contracting the virus from someone at school or while at school. Our social distancing and mask wearing efforts seem to be working.
- ❖ Our student and class failure rates indicate that many more students need additional engagement with live instruction or academic extra-help.

We are investigating a few options regarding a schedule change. We want to accomplish the following goals, regardless of the model we select:

- Increase the amount of live in-person and live-streaming of class instruction.
- Offer opportunities for students to receive academic extra-help and social-emotional assistance.
- Offer opportunities for teachers to plan effective live or remote lessons.
- Present time and opportunities to connect better with our remote-only learners.
- Increase instructional time.

Of course, in our pursuit to accomplish these goals, we will want to continue to abide by safety regulations and practices and balance the needs of students and the community with those of our faculty and staff.

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Please remember to check out website for valuable information and updates about this school year at [www.bhprsd.org](http://www.bhprsd.org).

[How Do I Properly Wear A Mask](#)

[How To Strengthen Your Immunity](#)

[Learn Who Is Hiring In Your Community](#)

[Unemployed and Need Assistance](#)

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### A FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH



The outbreak of coronavirus disease may be extremely stressful for people. It is important to remember that everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. Our students, and families are dealing with sudden changes to their regular schedules. According to the CDC, stress during an infectious disease outbreak can include...

- Worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns
- Difficulty sleeping/concentrating
- Worsening of mental health conditions

If your child is experiencing mental health issues we have a counselor in each school prepared to help you with this, please reach out to them via the emails below:

*Rio Brodeur, Trtion*

[rbodeur@bhprsd.org](mailto:rbodeur@bhprsd.org)

*Abigail Altman, Highland*

[aaltman@bhprsd.org](mailto:aaltman@bhprsd.org)

*Ashley Reese, Timber Creek*

[areese@bhprsd.org](mailto:areese@bhprsd.org)

Additionally, these two local resources are offering teletherapy:



Center for Family Services offers

comprehensive outpatient counseling throughout South Jersey. CFS is currently providing teletherapy for individuals struggling with mental health challenges. Students can transition to an outpatient office as they reopen. CFS accepts state and private insurance. To schedule an intake appointment, caregivers should call the access line at 1.877.922.2377.



Center for Family Guidance

Guidance is offering teletherapy services and in-person visits at their locations in Marlton and West Deptford on select days. Clients can be seen at the Marlton office on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's. Clients can be seen at the West Deptford office on Wednesday's and Thursday's. To schedule an intake appointment, caregivers should call 856.983.3900.

## PARENT UNIVERSITY: LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS

**PARENT UNIVERSITY**  
You're invited to participate in Zoom meetings just for parents!  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm\*

**September 23, Christie Doppler, Teacher**  
Google Classroom Tutorial for Parents  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99631723498?pwd=ZlF0d0pJc0VvcEEwcWla2lw73dPUt09>  
Meeting ID: 996 3172 3498 Passcode: 667135

**September 30, Sarah Smith, Counselor**  
How to Help Your Child Get Organized While on Remote Learning  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/7354753847>  
Meeting ID: 735 475 3847

**\*October 7 at 6:00pm, Christie Doppler, Teacher**  
Google Classroom Tutorial for Parents  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94021762818?pwd=TFZXR0l0dlRwaHkrNTlxblV5cnRodz09>  
Meeting ID: 940 2176 2818 Passcode: 012768

**October 7 – Alicia Guida, Counselor**  
Tips for Helping your Student Cope with the Mental Impact of COVID-19  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97522180044?pwd=UkpsTORFbVZpU1oxL3cxZGJMVC9JUT09>  
Meeting ID: 975 2218 0044 Passcode: 2f0sYE

**October 14 – Alicia Guida, Counselor**  
The College Search Process during a Pandemic-Part I: for Senior Parents  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96173226615?pwd=QnlWZFRlUGNSXVUb3dLTHdpYk1lUT09>  
Meeting ID: 961 7322 6615 Passcode: 7bmnwn

**October 21 – Sarah Smith, Counselor**  
The College Search Process during a Pandemic-Part II: for Junior Parents  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99752089365> Meeting ID: 997 5208 9365

**October 28 – Carolyn Hand, Teacher**  
The College Search during a Pandemic-Part III: A Parent's Perspective  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/9316066158?pwd=OHpZeWlVdEd1UzF3Y05WdWZmOV76dz09>  
Meeting ID: 931 6066 1518 Passcode: 474576

## Breakfast & Lunch: Free to All Students

ALL students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch every day, whether they are in school or not, for the first several weeks, so long as New Jersey continues their support of this food service program. This is great news for our families. When students enter our doors in the morning, breakfast is a grab & go...and it's free! For those students in school, if they wish to order lunch, every day they will complete a lunch order form. The food will be delivered to their 4<sup>th</sup> period classroom. The lunch order form can be found on the front page of every school's webpage:

[Timber Creek](#)  
[Highland](#)  
[Triton](#)

In addition, for those students who are on a remote-only model or do not report to school on certain days, lunch will be provided at each school, every day, at these times: **Between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm and between 6 pm and 7pm.** You can pick up the school lunches during those times at each school.

**FOOD SERVICE PICK-UP LOCATIONS:**

[Timber Creek](#)

[Highland](#)

[Triton](#)



The New Jersey COVID-19 Weekly Activity Report for week ending September 26, 2020 can be found on the NJDOH website at: <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/index.shtml>

Please contact the Communicable Disease Service at 609-826-5964 with any questions about the report.

## THE CHALLENGES OF REMAINING OPEN DURING A PANDEMIC: CONTACT TRACING

Positivity rates and contact tracing has been one of the more complex and challenging responsibilities we have had to undertake since students have returned to school.

Whenever we are notified or find out about potential exposure, we immediately consult with our nursing staff, school physician, and the Camden County Department of Health. The Department of Health provides guidance and direction as to who may be or who must be excluded from attending school.

**Either the Department of Health or the School will reach out directly to those families affected by potential exposure.**

### What is contact tracing and who is involved?

Contact tracing is the process of identifying who is positive, when they tested positive, and those that may have been exposed during a period of time. In our high schools, anyone and everyone is responsible for reporting a known or potential positive COVID-19 case. We immediately notify the Camden County Department of Health and gather information from the individuals involved. We or the Department of Health make contact with those who may need to be quarantined and excluded from school as a result of potential exposure. Within our high schools, the school nurses have taken the lead in contact tracing, but several other administrators are involved in each case.

### How many phone calls or notices has the school received thus far?

It is important to understand all of the avenues from which we receive reports. We receive reports from the Department of Health directly about a known positive case. We also receive reports from students, parents, staff members, and community members about information they have about themselves or others. We have received over 40 notices that students or staff were identified as having been in "close contact," lives with someone who has been exposed, or has been a "contact of a contact" of someone who tested positive. Majority of those notices were "contact of a contact" cases, which presents the lowest risk. As you can imagine, this takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to perform the following tasks:

1. Gather pertinent information
2. Call the Health Department
3. Identify close contacts (someone within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes)
4. Identify any special circumstances
5. Discuss context and situation with Health Department
6. Determine exclusion and/or remote learning actions
7. Notify families or students of report
8. Follow-up with families, students, or Health Department

**Any student or staff member who has been identified as having been a "close contact" of someone who tested positive will be notified by the Department of Health or the School.**

The Department of Health will dictate whether or not a school must close. In order for that NOT to happen, we need all students to stay home from school or extra-curricular activities if they are not feeling well, not adhering to social distancing, even with friends, or have been around someone else that has not been feeling well or social distancing. This will help safeguard everyone in our schools.

## ATHLETICS UPDATE

NJSIAA continues to permit schools to participate in Fall Sports. Their message can be found [here](#).

Essentially, there will be a shortened season and limitations on travel and spectators, but student athletes are working hard to prepare for play. If you are coming to the school to watch an athletic contest, please adhere to these guidelines:

- All spectators must wear a mask while on school property.
- Spectators, not in the same household, are to social distance, 6 feet apart or more, on the side-lines.
- There may be limits on how many spectators we can permit. For any event held in our stadium, there will be capacity limitations in place. Only those with passes or tickets may enter.
- We have informed law enforcement and school officials that some are attempting to photo-copy season passes and/or tickets. We have to limit game attendance, so you could be taking away viewing opportunities from another family.
- Spectator Guidance ([Highland example](#))

For detailed information on NJSIAA Phases for Return to Play, please go [HERE](#).

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

[Timber Creek](#)

[Triton](#)

[Highland](#)

## TECH SUPPORT

[The Board of Education Presentation on Return to School](#)

**All of Governor Murphy's Executive Orders can be found at:**

[https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056muphy/approved/eo\\_archive.html](https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056muphy/approved/eo_archive.html)

Contact our School Counseling Offices:

**Highland H.S.** 856-227-4100 ext. 4036 or 4037

**Timber Creek H.S.** 856-232-9703 ext. 6052 or 6053

**Triton H.S.** 856-939-4500 ext. 2021 or 2022

**School and District Information Can Be Found:**

[www.bhprsd.org](http://www.bhprsd.org)

[www.facebook.com/bhprsd](https://www.facebook.com/bhprsd)

**Twitter Feeds**

@HighlandHS

@TimberCreekHS

@TritonHigh

## Gloucester Township Rotary Club Installs Pantry Boxes At Local High Schools

**A Message From The Gloucester Township-Pine Hill Rotary Club:**

COVID-19 has affected most of us in ways we never thought would happen. In an effort to assist our residents in need, the Gloucester Township - Pine Hill Rotary Club created Pantry Boxes to allow residents access to food anonymously. Currently there are three boxes; the first one has been installed in front of Timber Creek High School. A second one has been installed between Pine Hill Middle School and Overbrook High School in Pine Hill. The third box is scheduled to be installed on the Blackwood Clementon Road side of Highland High School.

Although these boxes were handmade and painted by the Gloucester Township -Pine Hill Rotary Club, all three boxes will be maintained by

the Interact Club students at each High School. For more information or to make a donation, please contact the Gloucester Township - Pine

Hill Rotary Club at: [www.GTRotary.org](http://www.GTRotary.org) or email us at: [gtrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gtrotaryclub@gmail.com).

