Black Horse Pike Regional School District

OCTOBER 12 - 16, 2020 SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE #4

BHPRSD IS ENTERING INTO PHASE II STUDENT SCHEDULE OCTOBER 19, 2020.



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.

In the new schedule, while we are increasing the number of students in the school each day, we will make available physical barriers for teacher and student use and placing air purification systems in classrooms, if necessary. Masks continue to be mandatory.

Check out our daily screening process.

Phase II of Return to School Plan Starts October 19, 2020

We are hopeful that your families remain well and wish you good health as we enter the Fall season. To better serve our students and teaching staff, we believe a change to the teaching & learning schedule is necessary. We are changing the structure of our school schedule, which will begin October 19, 2020. This affects ALL students, including those learning remotely. Here are the reasons we believe this Phase II instructional model will improve student learning:

- 1. There are approximately 1,545 (43%) students on remote-only instruction. Increasing access to remote, yet live instruction will benefit all students. Additionally, the proposed schedule will provide time for extra-academic help.
- 2. It is difficult to balance the needs of some learners with the anxieties and fears surrounding COVID-19, especially for students or staff that may go home to medically fragile individuals. However, we should consider a model where we increase instructional time and the number of days in school, in a fashion that still protects those in the school. A half-day schedule decreases class changes, which reduces contact tracing variables.
- 3. There are a high number of students with a failing grade in at least one class at mid-marking period. This is concerning and suggestive that our instructional model may need to better address the learning needs of ALL students. This instructional model increases instructional time and provides opportunities for extra-academic support. The ability to "live stream" in-class learning will allow greater access to curricula and increase at which curricula is explored.

We believe that the Phase II schedule proposed below will improve student performance outcomes without sacrificing safety standards in our schools.

- Students will be placed into two groups
- Students will be reporting to school two half-days a week
- The Wednesday remote, live synchronous learning schedule will be the same.
- When in-school or while "streaming into" the class, students will participate in 57-minute-long classes.
- For those students attending in-person, they will be in school two days a week and they will be logging onto their computer and streaming live classroom instruction two days a week.
- Remote only students will be required to log onto their computers every day for live instruction.
- Students will have to complete posted assignments on Google classroom.
- Teachers will test live streaming between now and the Week of November 2. Starting the week of November 9, full live streaming integration is expected.

Remote Learning

Parents and students may continue to opt for remote learning only. We believe, teachers will have the planning time to develop and deliver "live streaming" of their classes, so all students learning remote-only will be required to log into their classes each day, each period, at the direction of their teachers. If you would like to return to in-person instruction, please inform the School Principal or the grade-level Vice-Principal as soon as possible, but that notice must be before October 23, 2020.

Live Streaming into Classes

In this instructional model, students who are not attending school in-person will be logging into the "live-streamed" lesson, so it is imperative that students are logging in at the appropriate time so that they are marked present, can participate in the lesson, and prepare themselves for the posted Google classroom assignments. If families are struggling with reliable internet access, I encourage them to reach out to the child's Vice-Principal to obtain information on how the school can assist with supplying families with hot spot internet access.

Transportation

The morning transportation pick-up times will remain the same, so students should be at their bus stops, ready for transportation to the school just like they were, but for two days a week, instead of one. Students will be released from the half-day schedule at 11:45 am and bused home.

The schedule is posted on Page 2. Please remember to check our website for valuable information and updates about this school year at www.bhprsd.org.

PHASE II SCHEDULE STARTS OCTOBER 19, 2020

When Do I Report to School In The New Schedule?

Current <u>Green Group</u> will now be Group A and come to school Monday and Tuesday.

Current <u>Orange Group</u> will now be Group A and come to school Monday and Tuesday.

Current <u>Red Group</u> will now be Group B and come to school Thursday and Friday.

Current <u>Yellow Group</u> will now be Group B and come to school Thursday and Friday.

Current Remote-Only Student Group will be streaming in (logging in) every day, every period.

Attendance will be taken based on your presence in the class, whether you are inperson or on-line. Please be on time and ready to learn.

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.

Seasonal Flu Shots

The Camden County
Department of Health has
developed a schedule for
seasonal flu shots. For
detailed information please
visit the <u>Camden County</u>
<u>Department of Health</u>
website.

Please check our website:

www.bhprsd.org
for more information.

NEW SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Half-Day Schedule	Group A In Person Group B Streaming In @ 7:45 am Remote-Only Students Streaming In @ 7:45 am		All Students Synchronous Wednesday	Group B In Person Group A Streaming In @ 7:45 am Remote-Only Students Streaming In @ 7:45 am	
Time	Monday Class Periods	Tuesday Class Periods	Students will follow the Synchronous	Thursday Class Periods	Friday Class Periods
7:25 - 7:45 am Announcements 7:45 am - 8:42 am (57 minutes)	1	2	Wednesday Bell Schedule All students log in at	1	2
8:46 am - 9:43 am (57 minutes)	3	4	8:00 am.	3	4
9:47 am- 10:44 am (57 minutes)	5	6		5	6
10:48 am -11:45 am (57 minutes)	7	8		7	8
12:35 pm- 2:10/2:40 pm	Extra Help, Teacher Planning	Extra Help, Teacher Planning		Extra Help, Teacher Planning	Extra Help, Teacher Planning

When does this schedule start? What are the calendar changes?

<u>Thursday, October 15 and Friday, October 16</u> – Testing District-Wide "Live Streaming." Students may be asked to log on at the start of each class to test the "live streaming" capabilities.

<u>Week of October 19</u> – start new schedule; all teachers will be testing "live streaming" capabilities and practices; professional learning opportunities for teachers.

<u>Week of October 26</u> – testing of "live streaming" continues this week. All teachers are encouraged to test live streaming with all class periods. Teachers will provide direction to students.

<u>Week of November 2</u> –Monday, November 2 is an asynchronous learning day. Teachers will report to school and professional learning opportunities will be offered. Wednesday, November 4 remains a synchronous, remote instruction day.

Week of November 9 – Full "live streaming" integration is expected.

<u>Week of November 23</u> – Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 – teachers will report to school. Students are home doing synchronous learning with the half-day bell schedule. Wednesday, November 25 is a half-day, so this will be an asynchronous learning day. Teachers will offer extra help and office hours until 11:45 am.

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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 (<u>Highland example</u>)

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:

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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.

Breakfast & Lunch: Free to All Students

<u>ALL</u> 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 last period classroom in the new schedule.** The lunch order form can be found on the front page of every school's webpage:

Timber Creek

Highland

Triton

Once the lunch is delivered, students will take that lunch home with them. On some days, students will get lunch items that will last multiple days of the week.

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:

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Highland

Triton

WE HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING OUR MID-MARKING PERIOD FAILURES

There are students who have still not completed assignments in Google Classroom and are not responsive to our phone calls and emails at mid-marking period. We are concerned.

If you have not checked the Parent Portal to view grades or have not had a discussion with your student about educational progress, please do so.

Despite our teacher and staff attempts to communicate via phone calls, Google messaging, and emails, we have too many students not completing assignments and participating in the educational process. We just do not want to see students perform poorly, but especially in the first marking period, where they place themselves in statistically precarious position to improve that grade over the course of the school year. For example, look at these calculations:

First Marking Period Grade	Second Marking Period Grade	Third Marking Period Grade	Fourth Marking Period Grade	Final Grade
0%	100%	100%	100%	75%
20%	70%	70%	70%	57.5%
50%	80%	80%	80%	72.5%

Your participation matters. Your grades matter. You can do this!