Black Horse Pike Regional School District

MAY 3-7, 2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE #15

CELEBRATE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Health Emergency Data and Responsibility

The Department of Health releases a weekly COVID-19 Activity Level Report. It can be found <u>here</u>.

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 Tromater, <u>itrommater@bhprsd.org</u> or 856-227-4100 x 4008

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

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

Take some time to thank a teacher.

By Dr. Brian Repici, Superintendent

May 3-7 marks Teacher Appreciation Week. We honor all of our educators for their pledge to professionalism, commitment to children, and the inspiration they provide to all of our learners. Over the course of the last 13 months, our educators have adjusted numerous times to make a really bad situation into something more promising. Their resilience, patience, and enthusiasm have served as the spark for so many adults and students to keep going during the course of the Pandemic. Please take time over the course of this week to thank an educator. I am humbled by their dedication and am deeply grateful for all of the sacrifices they made over the last 13 months. Thank you, Black Horse Pike Regional School District educators.

Our students, in school and at home, have really adjusted miraculously given the circumstances over the past 13 months, as well. The fortitude that they have exhibited is a testament to their resiliency, especially when they are given support at home and school. However, students may need some extra support, guidance, and someone to discuss prevailing concerns or uncertainties. That is normal. That is part of the learning process. So we encourage all of our students or parents to reach out to our school counselors, teachers, child study team case managers, and school administrators to let us know how we can help.

Our faculty and staff will continue to encourage our students to strive for their best self in the month of May, so that they can stay on a path towards their goals...goals, remember them. As I wrote in the last newsletter, the Spring is a great time to rejuvenate a focus on short-term and long-term goals. Focus on skill building, like reading stamina. For example, I will increase how many minutes I read for enjoyment each night by 5 minutes over a 21-day period.

Vaccinations for Students 16 years of age and older

At the close of last week, we had 406 respondents who answered our parent survey. As a result, 84% of respondents indicated that their children would participate in getting vaccinated at our schools if it were made available. I contacted the County Education Office and provided our results in hopes of getting them to assist us in a partnership. Additionally, Walgreen in Glendora and Lindenwold, had 100 Pfizer vaccinations available last week, which prompted me sending out the email to students. I have also attempted partnerships with Inspira Health Network multiple times, but have not heard a response back from that organization yet.

Graduation Ceremonies and Proms

The NJDOE and Governor's Office have put out guidance for Graduation Ceremonies and Proms.

Strategic Planning Process

In the near future, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District will be engaging the community, faculty, staff, and students in a Strategic Planning Process. The purpose of engaging in this process is to re-center our organization following the most disruptive Pandemic we have faced in our life-time. Simply stated, we want to ensure our focus, goals, and services are aligned with the needs of our students and community. More information will be forthcoming.

Equity in Education

Rowan University is helping several school districts work towards their equity goals. Rowan can help our District build a sustainable equity focus that includes the following services:

OR

Complete this <u>Google Form</u> 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

- A standing two hour monthly administrative and supervisory meeting designed to educate leaders on identifying issues of equity and developing actions to tackle disparities.
- A monthly two-hour District Equity Council collaborative. These can involve members of the community and are usually held after school hours.
- A Student Voice Group that is teacher and student-led. The student group identifies an equity problem based on their experiences in our schools. The teachers receive monthly training. The students receive monthly coaching. They investigate a problem relative to issues of organizational inequity and present solutions to the school. I believe there is real strength in the Action Research Project completed by students.

Regionally, our percent positivity rate is in the Moderate Risk category, 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 and community members vaccinated in the coming months, so that we can work towards a greater sense of normalcy. Try to find pharmacies and locations that use the Pfizer vaccine. 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.

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Week of Memorial Day Schedule Shift

Tuesday (June 1) and Wednesday (June 2) schedules will change that week.

Monday, May 31: OFF

Tuesday, June 1: Periods 1, 3, 5, 7

Wed., June 2: Periods 2, 4, 6, 8

Thursday, June 3: Periods 1, 3, 5, 7

WE CAN HELP. REALLY, WE CAN SUPPORT 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.

BE PREPARED – YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT

Career Corner RESUME TIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A resume is an important tool to utilize not only for college, scholarship applications, or trade schools, but also for your job search. It displays the experiences, skills, and qualities you've learned from school, extracurricular activities, volunteerism, and any previous jobs you may have had.

A resume is important because it is the first "snapshot" an employer (or school/organization) has of you, and is what they use to help make decisions about whether or not they'd like to interview you, and ultimately, hire you. It is the perfect opportunity to be able to highlight your accomplishments and hard work!

The Career Counselors found a great article on Indeed.com that lists several tips for high school students who are creating and/or adding to their resumes:

Resume Tips for High School Students

Some of the tips provided are:

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- Include a Career Objective
 - Highlight any experience (at a job or within school or community programs and clubs)
- Provide a detailed education section
- List Awards and Achievements
- Share Hard and Soft Skills

The Black Horse Pike Regional School District Counseling Departments utilize a program called **Naviance**, which is a platform for students (and parents!) that helps to provide them with essential information, research tools, and skills in order to help them find success both during and after high school. College and career readiness, interpersonal knowledge and skills, and academic skills are just some of the areas covered within the Naviance platform.

Naviance has a great **resume builder** tool that aids students in building and adding to their resume, step by step, and helps to format the resume in a way that's easy to read. Typically, we start resume building in grade 10 and continue to encourage and work with students to add and make changes throughout high school. If you need any assistance with accessing your Naviance account and creating/updating your resume, please contact your school counselor.

STUDENTS CAN LOG INTO NAVIANCE HERE!

STUDENT SCHEDULE

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

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 (60 min periods)	Tuesday (60 min periods)	Wednesday (28 min periods)	Thursday (60 min periods)	Friday (60 min periods)
Announcements 7:25 am -7:31 am	Announcements 7:25 am -7:31 am	Announcements 7:25 am -7:30 am	Announcements 7:25 am -7:31 am	Announcements 7:25 am -7:31 am
Period 1 7:31 am – 8:31 am	Period 2 7:31 am – 8:31 am	Period 1 7:30 am – 7:58 am Period 2 8:02 am – 8:30 am	Period 1 7:31 am – 8:31 am	Period 2 7:31 am – 8:31 am
Period 3 8:35 am – 9:35 am	Period 4 8:35 am – 9:35 am	Period 3 8:34 am – 9:02 am Period 4 9:06 am – 9:34 am	Period 3 8:35 am – 9:35 am	Period 4 8:35 am – 9:35 am
Period 5 9:39 am – 10:39 am	Period 6 9:39 am – 10:39 am	Period 5 9:38 am – 10:06 am Period 6 10:10 am – 10:38 am	Period 5 9:39 am – 10:39 am	Period 6 9:39 am – 10:39 am
Period 7 10:43 am – 11:45 am (2 extra min for announcements)	Period 8 10:43 am – 11:45 am (2 extra min for announcements)	Period 7 10:42 am – 11:10 am Period 8 11:14 am – 11:45 am (3 extra min for announcements)	Period 7 10:43 am – 11:45 am (2 extra min for announcements)	Period 8 10:43 am – 11:45 am (2 extra min for announcements)
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)

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 ''<u>NJ Mental Health</u> <u>Resources</u>'' page.

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Extra-Curricular Program Update

The NJSIAA put out a message last week concerning mask wearing, outdoors, when fully vaccinated.

The CDC has indicated that fully vaccinated individuals may participate in outdoor activities and recreation without a mask, except in certain crowded settings and venues. Because outdoor sports activities are conducted in a crowded outdoor environment, the New Jersey Department of Health's guidelines requiring masking of spectators at sports practices and competitions remain in place.

NJSIAA will continue to follow all NJ DOH guidelines and will not be updating its COVID-19 spring guidelines for face coverings at this time.

With this in mind, we remind all of our student athletes and families that you must be wearing a mask, or face covering, when you are attending our athletic practices and competitions. This includes when entering the facility and when you are seated. We also ask that you follow appropriate social distancing at all times.

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

Timber Creek

BE PREPARED – YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT

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, 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 <u>or have a need for</u> <u>delivery</u>, please call 856-227-4100 extension 4012. <u>Again, we will deliver food</u> <u>to our community based students</u>, 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.

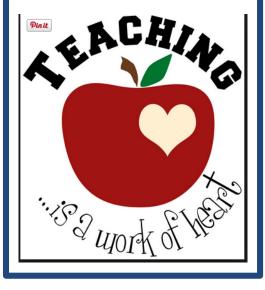
You do not need to make an appointment. Loaner Chromebook will be available at the front desk/office.

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.

Triton

<u>Highland</u>



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

If you or someone you know is unsafe <u>please call 9-1-1</u>! 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 <u>link</u> for more resources.