

FIRST FULL WEEK OF SCHOOL 2020-2021 WELCOME

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



How are the schools keeping everyone safe?

CHANGES TO PROMOTE SAFETY

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.

September 3, 2020 -BHPRSD Begins School Year With Success

After only getting four weeks to determine a path for educating our community because of the New Jersey Department of Education's guidance, we have set in motion safety protocols that promote wellness for our students and staff, while procuring the means and know-how to fulfill the promise of educating our students.

Just as we did last year when we were forced to a remote-only option, we will learn from our mistakes and adjust our plans when and where needed. For instance, on Thursday, the first day of school, for students who attended a class where the assigned teacher was remote-only, we thought it would be a good idea to broadcast the teacher on the Smartboard to the class. That did not turn out to work well because the students could not effectively communicate with the teacher, so we will ask those students to bring headphones to that class. We also learned that our lunch order form did not work properly at first, so we had to correct it. These are two of the minor issues that did not go well on Day One.

It was joyous to see our students for the first time in 22 weeks. Many students were excited to be back in school and the students who attended on Thursday were respectful, wore their masks correctly, and participated while keeping their social distance. We applaud the efforts of our first group from Thursday; they really impressed us.

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

[WHAT DO I DO THIS FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL?](#)

[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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COPING DURING COVID- 19



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, Triton

rbodeur@bhprsd.org

Abigail Altman, Highland

aaltman@bhprsd.org

Ashley Reese, Timber Creek

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.



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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.

FOOD SERVICES

We are serving hot and cold meals to ALL students 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. 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 4th 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 – Around the back of the school's auditorium, near the Organic Garden.

Triton – at the student bus circle

Highland - at the "Diz" Gymnasium Entrance, along Blackwood-Clementon Road

And, since the pandemic has spread and caused severe economic changes, we understand that families may be struggling to eat. **Please do not hesitate to email cafe@bhprsd.org or call 856-227-4106 extension 7777, to let us know how we can help provide food to your family.**

We are so appreciative of our cafeteria workers for providing this service to the community.

- The USDA Food and Nutrition Service website has a map where parents can "Find Meals when Schools Are Closed" (It works best if you change the "Show results" to within 15 miles.)
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>
- Food Texting service :
 - Text 'Food' to 877-877 to find sites near you that are serving free emergency meals to kids and teens 18 years old and under during the pandemic and throughout the summertime.
 - Text 'Comida' to 877-877 to find sites in Spanish.
 - How it works: Users text 'FOOD' or 'Comida' to 877-877 and receive a text back prompting them to enter a street address, city, and state and/or zip code for their desired location. While the service is able to return results for inputs that include only city and state and/or zip code, including a full street address will return results that are more accurate. The service then provides information about nearby meal sites or information about how to access other food resources if no sites are operating in the vicinity.

How do you keep your family safe during this pandemic?

Practice good hygiene and keep at least 6 feet away from others outside of your home.

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching high frequency surfaces.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough in a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect surfaces or materials as often as possible.
- Strongly consider using face coverings in public.

Remaining healthy depends on social distancing. So stay home, stay inside as much as possible, and when you need to venture outside, stay at least 6 feet away from others. Here are some other health tips:

- ✓ Establish routine, eat healthy, get at least 7 hours of sleep a night, and don't sweat the small stuff.
- ✓ Go for a walk, follow your PE teacher's directions, participate in an exercise app, or dance like no one is watching.

In the middle of a storm, it is difficult to find tranquility, but utilize mindfulness breathing exercises to find peace. We will teach you how in our Physical Education classes this school year.

School and District Information Can Be Found:

www.bhprsd.org

www.facebook.com/bhprsd

Twitter Feeds

@HighlandHS

@TimberCreekHS

@TritonHigh

BHPRSD CENTER FOR ALTERNATIVE & RESTORATIVE EDUCATION (C.A.R.E.) OPENS AT CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE

The C.A.R.E. Program is designed to provide students with a safe, supported, and comfortable learning space designed to minimize distractions in a shortened school day while increasing student's abilities to self-regulate emotions, be present in the moment, process information effectively, and demonstrate successful acquisition of knowledge.

Participation in the Center for Alternative & restorative Education requires either an application process with supporting medical documentation, recommendation by the building administration, or placement by the Child Study Team (as a result of an I.E.P. meeting). All recommendations are subject to Superintendent approval. All medical documentation is subject to review by the District's physician.

We designed C.A.R.E. at Camden County College because we wanted to provide an alternative and restorative learning environment for individuals who require additional therapeutic supports in order to maximize their social, emotional, behavioral, and academic potential.

C.A.R.E. Program Highlights

- ❖ Calm & serene learning environment
- ❖ College campus setting
- ❖ Comprehensive multidisciplinary intake evaluations with quarterly reviews
- ❖ Individualized and small group counseling
- ❖ A Hydroponic gardening component
- ❖ Work study program component
- ❖ On-site Director
- ❖ Transition consultation, assessment, and career planning
- ❖ Nursing support
- ❖ Hybrid learning environment with in-person and on-line instruction

For more information, please visit our web link at [C.A.R.E.](#)

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. 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](#)

[Why Social Distancing
Works](#)

What is Google Classroom Anyway?

Want to know what your kids are doing in Google Classroom? Check out this video tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Inif8Khwqp0&feature=youtu.be>

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

https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/approved/eo_archive.html

Other BHPRSD News:

BHPRSD approves budget with a 2.42% Tax Decrease

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/gloucestertownship/black-horse-pike-school-budget-includes-tax-cut-approved>

[Superintendent Repici August 27, 2020 Return to School Letter](#)

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

BHPRSD & Dr. Repici Set Goals for School Year 2020-2021: Safety and Equity in focus.

1. This District Goal is formulated to address the unprecedented health crisis amid our local community, State, and Nation while accomplishing the feat of re-opening our public schools with safety as our first priority.
2. The Superintendent will oversee the establishment, operations, and financial management of a new program at Camden County College that will serve students with behavioral concerns and school anxiety, school phobia, or those students who function better in a non-traditional program.
3. The Superintendent will help develop and support a professional development series of workshops and book clubs for administrative, supervisory, teaching, and non-support staff as a continuation of Equity work completed last school year.

See full [written goals](#) here.