

August 25, 2020

Dear BHS Freshman Families,

Our summer is coming to a close soon, and all thoughts are on the beginning of our 2020-2021 school year and what exactly that will look like. According to our records, your student is planning to return to school in-person for the 2020-2021 school year. As you can imagine, this school year is going to be completely different from previous school years, and I want to highlight some of the changes that you can anticipate.

2020-2021 Bell Schedule

In order to allow time for teachers to be both in-person and remote instructors, we have adopted a new one hour delay schedule. Below is the student schedule:

8:15	Bus students arrive, grab-n-go breakfast, locker visit, report to HR	
8:30	Drivers arrive, get grab-n-go breakfast, visit lockers, report to HR	
8:35	Morning announcements	
8:40	Dismissal bell to first period	
8:45-9:25	Period 1	40 minutes
9:30-10:10	Period 2	40 minutes
10:15-10:55	Period 3	40 minutes
11:00-11:30	4A	30 minutes
11:35-12:05	4B	30 minutes
12:10-12:40	4C	30 minutes
12:45-1:25	Period 5	40 minutes
1:30-2:10	Period 6 (2:10 Early dismissal)	40 minutes
2:15-2:55	Period 7 (2:55 Dismissal)	40 minutes

You will note that this schedule creates a staggered arrival time and a staggered dismissal time for our in-person students.

Locker/Book Bag Changes

In order to create as much space as possible at lockers, students will be assigned lockers with some social distancing. In addition, to limit the number of times that students will need to visit lockers, we will once again permit students to carry a book bag.

Lunch Changes

In order to facilitate COVID Tracking (which may, unfortunately, become necessary), all students will have assigned lunch seats. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for those seats prior to the school year starting (schedule below).

Freshmen Orientation

There will be a Freshmen Orientation on Thursday, September 10th. In order to have adequate social distancing, Freshmen will be divided up into four groups, each with their own assigned time. ***This is a student only event, so students should attend on their own--again to help with our numbers and social distancing.***

Freshmen must bring two important documents with them to this orientation (enclosed in this mailing): the **Emergency Medical Form** (yellow form) and the **Record of Custody Form** (blue form). If you have previously attended Boardman Schools, your Emergency Medical Form will have last year's information pre-printed. Please update this information with any changes directly on the form. If there are no changes, simply write "no changes" and sign the form. You may have already completed an Emergency Medical Form for a sport, but we need a new copy for our official school records. By law, every student must have the Emergency Medical Form on file with the school. The Custody Form is legally significant because it determines who has access to your student's records and who may have contact with your student at school. Schedules and other materials will be given to students during orientation. The following tasks will be completed:

1. Get schedule and see Guidance Counselors for changes or problems
2. Pick up lunch ID/lanyard
3. Sign up for lunch seats
4. Get locker assignments and practice opening
5. Check transportation times and bus numbers
6. Practice walking schedule with Link Leaders

Here are the days and times for these schedule pick-up opportunities:

Freshmen Last Names A-D	Thursday, Sept. 10	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Freshmen Last Names E-K	Thursday, Sept. 10	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Freshmen Last Names L-R	Thursday, Sept. 10	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Freshmen Last Names S-Z	Thursday, Sept. 10	11:30- 12:30 p.m.

Students who cannot attend orientation will receive their class schedule on the first day of school in homeroom.

Other Safety Procedures

We have incorporated many safety measures to our day here at Boardman High School. In addition to the staggered arrival and dismissal times, new locker assignments/procedures, and assigned lunch seats, we will also institute the following:

1. Mandatory mask policy and social distancing (as possible)
2. Desk barriers and increased hand sanitizer areas
3. Increased cleaning schedules
4. Controlled traffic during class change
5. Water fountains limited to bottle-fillers only

(Note: Open House which was scheduled for September 2nd will be rescheduled. We will share that date with you as soon as it is available.)

We look forward to meeting you all.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Fernback
Principal, BHS