Home of the Boilermakers

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Dear Parents of BBCHS,

As the district begins to put a bow on the first semester, it's hard not to put an end to 2020 and usher 2021 in as quickly as we can. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as the district has navigated its way through the pandemic without blueprints or directions. We are doing all we can to put students in desks in front of our faculty and get back to normalcy. We are looking to find a balance between educating our students in a way we know is best while keeping our students and staff safe. I am very proud of the efforts our faculty and staff have taken this semester to educate our students, and I'm equally proud of our students for their hard work in challenging times.

The last week of our semester and the first week of January will look different from our normal proceedings. As you know from speaking with your child, learning remotely is very difficult, and many of our students have struggled to achieve at the level they have in the past. The district is concerned with that lower level of achievement, and it is with that in mind that I communicate the plan to end our semester. Our goal is to have all students gain credit and make progress toward graduation. With that as our focus, the following will be implemented. Please place this letter in a place where you can refer to it between now and January 11.

Week of December 14 - 18

Monday, December 14	Final outcome assessments will begin online; some may have already begun. Encourage your child to watch their Google Classroom/Canvas for information from their teacher and complete the assessment by the posted deadline. The following class periods will "meet:" 8am (1st); 9am (3rd); 10am (5th); 11am (7th). Faculty will be available for questions from students. Bus transportation will be available to students seeking to be in-person.
Tuesday, December 15	See the information from Monday as our process is the same other than a change in class periods. 8am (0 hour); 9am (2nd); 10am (4th); 11am (6th). Bus transportation will be available to students seeking to be in-person and will pick up students at the normal times at bus stops.
Wednesday, December 16	Our normal bell schedule will be used. All assessments will be turned back to students, and plans for reassessment will be made. For students not reassessing, this is the final day of school for the semester. Bus transportation will be available to students seeking to be in-person.
Thursday, December 17	Faculty will work with students wanting to reassess. Reteaching and relearning will take place. Bus transportation will be available to students seeking to be in-person.
Friday, December 18	This is the reassessment day for the final outcome. Reassessments are online. Bus transportation will be available to students seeking to be in-person.

Students attending KACC will meet their expectations and timelines for classes.

At the end of the day, December 18, the district will be closed until January 4. Our faculty, staff, and students have earned two weeks free of school. As we enter 2021, the beginning of the second semester has been altered to give students who continue to need additional support the opportunity to relearn content information. We are calling this week, "I-Term," which is short for intervention

In order for this to occur, the official start of the second semester will be January 11 for all students other than students enrolled in AP courses and KACC. Students in AP courses will begin coursework on January 5, and all students will be in a remote online setting. Students enrolled in KACC will follow the expectations outlined by their teacher and building principal.

More than 400 students chose to be full-remote during the first semester. The district will be sending out a survey to parents regarding the choice for their child for the second semester. For us to create an in-person plan effectively with the health and wellbeing of all in mind, parents who choose their child to be fully remote will commit to that learning mode for the duration of the semester. No changes can occur until the district is open to all students as the semester plan will be built around that decision.

For all fully remote students, the collection of second semester resources will take place on January 5-7. Teachers will reach out to students if they are in need of materials. Once that takes place, students can enter the building and report to their classroom to pick up the materials. Very few students will be in the school at that time, so risk will be limited.

Week of January 4 - 8 "I-Term" Week - Only students needing reteaching/relearning will be in session.

Tuesday, January 5 Through Friday, January 8 Students needing additional support will attend class for reteaching and relearning. The focus be on students who have a failing grade for the course, and it will be by invitation only. Bus transportation will be available to students seeking to be in-person. Fully remote students may up resources January 5-7.		
AP students and KACC students will begin their second semester on January 5.		

	The second semester officially begins. The mode of learning (in-person v. remote) will be	
	communicated to parents as we have more information closer to this date.	

One final change needs to be communicated. The district is extending the school day by adding ten minutes to each class period. This moves the end of the school day to 1:10. Lunch will be provided to students as they leave the building. The bell schedule is below, and faculty will continue to be available to students in the afternoon based on the following time frames:

2nd SEMESTER BELL SCHEDULE

Hour	Start Time	End Time
0	7:15	7:55
1	8:00	8:40
2	8:45	9:25
3	9:30	10:10
4	10:15	10:55
5	11:00	11:40
6	11:45	12:25
7	12:30	1:10

Intervention Opportunities: 1:45 - 3:20

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go! I hope you and yours enjoy a great holiday season, and it is filled with time to reflect, refresh, and enjoy family. May 2021 be so much more than 2020. Be safe and healthy.