



August 14, 2020

Hello Everyone,

Kids have their schedules and we are gearing up for the first week of school. Please look over the following information carefully, there are multiple important attachments and forms.

Parent Volunteers Needed! We are in need of many classroom volunteers this year. Please use this form to sign up to help. <https://forms.gle/gG42Tfy54sQsHUGd6>

Schedules: Students and parents can now see class schedules for the year. Schedule changes are possible, but the counseling office cannot have drop-in appointments. If students need or want a schedule change, they should contact their counselor for an appointment. Homeroom assignments will be done on Monday next week.

Counselors: As a reminder, Michelle Walsh is the counselor for all students whose last names begin with A-K (mwalsh@johnbapst.org), Nick Umphrey is the counselor for all students whose last names begin with L-Z (numphrey@johnbapst.org)

Alternate Schedule Requests: Last week we sent out our hybrid plan. It is as follows

- Last names beginning A-K attend in person on Monday and Tuesday
- Last names beginning L-Z attend in person on Thursday and Friday
- On Wednesday, all students are online.
- For hyphenated names, we use the name before the hyphen.
- Students may choose to be 100% remote, please use the form below to inform the school of your choice.

Some parents have requested alternate arrangements for transportation or other personal reasons. We will try to honor these. ***Please use this form to request alternate arrangements (even if you have already informed the office, please do it again. This keeps all the names in the same place!):*** <https://forms.gle/xLsm8LiZradvXtL38>

Please note: *at this time we cannot honor requests to change days just to be with friends.* We will review how things are going within the first couple weeks of school and make changes as necessary and/or possible.



Lunch: We are using an online system for ordering and paying for school lunches. Students may bring their own lunch, but if you want to purchase lunch from the school, you must use this form and order in advance. Please use this link to order lunches for the first week. *On the form where it asks for “Teacher Name” it specifically means the student’s homeroom teacher.* Homerooms will be assigned on Monday.

Instructions for creating an account are attached here. [Lunch Sign up for Parents.pdf](#)

The link to set up the account is here. While you can make a lunch order immediately, the payment system won’t be activated until Monday. ***Lunches for the first week of school must be ordered and paid for by Wednesday, August 19.***

<https://johnbapst.schoollunchchoice.com>

The deadline for ordering lunch for the first week of school is ***August 19***

Masks/Face Shields: *The Maine DOE stipulates that “Adults, including educators and staff, are required to wear a mask/face covering. Students age five and above are required to wear a mask/face covering that covers their nose and mouth. Maine DOE also stipulates that “face shields may be an alternative for those students with documented medical, behavioral challenges who are unable to wear masks/face coverings. The same applies to staff with medical or other health reasons for being unable to wear face coverings. Face shields worn in place of a face covering must extend below the chin and back to the ears.” Students and staff who request to wear face shields are expected to provide documentation for their need. Anyone who is not using an approved mask or face shield will be asked to leave the building.*

Symptom Check: *According to the Maine Department of Education, “Students (parents/caregivers) and staff members must conduct self-checks for symptoms prior to boarding buses or entering school buildings each day. Schools should provide information to families in their primary language to support them in conducting this check. Any person showing symptoms must report their symptoms and not be present at school. Schools must provide clear and accessible directions to parents/caregivers and students for reporting symptoms and absences.” We are still researching the best method for assisting with that symptom check.*

Bus Transportation: Students who attended Glenburn, Veazie, Holbrook, Center Drive, and Dedham middle schools may have bus transportation available, please contact your school to let them know if you need to take a bus to school.

Bus Transportation for Blue Hill: John Bapst contracts with Brown Busing to provide transportation to and from school for students in the Blue Hill peninsula and Ellsworth areas. Although current guidance from the Maine CDC is that parents should transport their own children



to school where possible, we realize that this is not an option for all families who live at a distance from Bangor. If you would like to take advantage of this bus service for your student, please contact Louise Aponte at louiseaponte@gmail.com.

Schedule for the first week of school:

- **Tuesday, August 25** – First Day for New Students (schedule will come next week)
- **Wednesday, August 26** – First day of school for all students whose names begin A-K (*other students remain home*) Schedule is attached here: [Wednesday, August 26 Schedule.pdf](#)
- **Thursday, August 27** – First day of school for all students whose names begin L-Z (*other students remain home*) Schedule is attached here: [Thursday, August 27 Schedule.pdf](#)
- **Friday, August 28** – First online for all day. All classes will meet online (*following normal Wednesday schedule*) Schedule is attached here: [Friday, August 28 Schedule.pdf](#)
- **For students who will be 100% remote** – schedule will come next week.

Specific schedule for in-person classes, after the first week of school:

- Monday (A-K) & Thursday (L-Z): [2020-2021 Purple Day Schedule.pdf](#)
- Tuesday (A-K) & Friday (L-Z): [2020-2021 White Day Schedule.pdf](#)

Schedule for remote classes

- Monday & Tuesday (L-Z): Work is online in Schoology, online contact scheduled by individual teachers
- Thursday & Friday (A-K): Work is online in Schoology, online contact is scheduled by individual teachers
- Wednesday-all students attend online. Schedule is attached here:
- Students who are 100% remote: All work will be online in Schoology

Rotation Schedule for the first quarter: Attached here. [First Quarter 2020-2021 Rotation Calendar.pdf](#)

Parent Teacher conferences: *will take place in the week of October 13 – 16, as will the PSAT for all juniors. All Parent Teacher conferences will be online.*

There is quite a lot to digest there, but plans are moving along very nicely for the beginning of school. I hope your kids are getting ready and are as excited as we are to get back to school!

Thanks,

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