



Hi Everyone,

It was a great first week of school. Kids were fantastic. Teachers were enthusiastic and ready to work with kids again after this 5 month hiatus. Kids and teachers all seemed happy to see each other again and I know I was delighted to see everyone and to see school happening again! There were some minor kinks to work out, but those have been, or will soon be, fixed. Next week is our first week in our regular schedule for this year. I've attached a graphic to help understand it here. [Graphic of Weekly Schedule.pdf](#) I've also attached the bell schedule for Monday and Thursday (Purple Days) here [2020-2021 Purple Day Schedule.pdf](#) , Tuesday and Friday (White Days) here [2020-2021 White Day Schedule.pdf](#) , and Wednesday (Online Days) here [2020-2021 Schedule Online Wednesdays.pdf](#) . Also, in case you still need it, here is the link for ordering school lunches.

<https://johnbapst.school lunchchoice.com/index.php?login=not>

**COVID Update (classes):** Along with all schools in Maine, John Bapst continues to receive frequent updates from the state's Department of Education and CDC. The state just released protocols for schools to follow in the event that there is a positive case within the school. It states clearly who should be tested, who should quarantine, (and for how long), and at what point the school must shut down. We will incorporate those protocols into our reopening plan.

**COVID Update (Sports):** You may already have seen that the Maine Principals' Association is recommending a process by which competitive school sports could resume on a regional level while conforming with state requirements for schools and outdoor activities. The next step, as we understand it, is for the Maine Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services to review the MPA recommendations. We eagerly await those developments.

### Other notes for the coming week...

- **SYMPTOM CHECKS ARE REQUIRED EVERY DAY** – The symptom check form is on our website, and also attached here. [Daily Screening Questions for COVID-19.pdf](#) By the end of next week, we expect to have an electronic option to replace the paper version.
- **If your student needs a laptop or wireless tablet** – Please contact our school librarian, Mr. Emerson, to sign out a laptop if you need one. We also have tablets that work as both a device on which to do work, and as an internet hotspot. Those include prepaid US Cellular internet service. They are intended for students who have difficulty accessing reliable internet. Mr. Emerson's email is [jmemerson@johnbapst.org](mailto:jmemerson@johnbapst.org).
- **If you have a study hall** – All study halls are now in the auditorium. If you were scheduled for a study hall in the library, that has been changed.
- **Some homerooms will be moved to the auditorium for lunch.** Students will be informed when those changes are made. We expect about 6 homerooms to be relocated.
- **Please call in if your student will miss class** – We need to take attendance at all student meetings – EVEN if a student is attending remotely. Please call in to the school if your son or daughter will be missing school. That includes those students who are working from home. If they are going to miss class, please let the office know.

Have a great weekend!

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