



Friday, Dec. 4, 2020

LINKS

Lunch Order: <https://johnbapst.schoollunchchoice.com/index.php?login=not>

COVID Forms:

<https://www.johnbapst.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Daily-Screening-Questions-for-COVID-19.pdf>

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday – Purple Day

Tuesday – White Day

Wednesday: Online Day

Thursday – Purple Day

Friday – White Day

Hi Everyone,

We are expecting 4 – 10 inches of heavy, wet snow this weekend. It'll be a good weekend to hunker down watch the snow fall. Fortunately, we are not expecting any big storms on school days (yet!). In early November, we were averaging 15 – 20 active COVID cases in Penobscot County daily. Today that number is 345. Both COVID and the onset of winter storms threaten to move us into remote status with short notice. The COVID spike has caused a

lot of movement with regard to students and teachers who are moving to fully remote status. The school is committed to remaining open as long as possible, but equally committed to respecting the very real concerns of staff and students. That makes the day to day population of the school extremely fluid. It is remarkable, given all the moving pieces that this year has given us, that our kids and teachers are able to show up, either in person or online, and keep plugging away at the academic and social life of school. These are hard times, but this community has some real grit. A few announcements are below as we head into the weekend.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT WINTER SPORTS FROM COACH O'CONNELL

“Winter Sports at John Bapst are still set to begin on January 11. While we are unable to assemble for organized practice and competitions, all of us can take some very productive steps to be prepared for our January start. We are unable to workout in groups, but it doesn't mean we can't better ourselves individually. Follow protocols with regard to distance and face coverings, but start to get moving. Do what you can to get yourself in shape. Work on your individual skills where and when you can. Safely, go for a run, hit the treadmill, get some shots up in the back yard, find an area to work on some agilities, or even grab a jump rope and skip! Every minute spent improving your body will help you perform in January.

We will be organizing sign ups for all winter sports and ImPACT concussion testing next week so keep an eye on your emails. Soon we will be announcing a virtual meeting schedule for each program. In the meantime, keep working hard on your academics, continue to support each other and your families, and now start getting in shape!

Good luck, GO CRUSADERS!"

Coach O

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- **PROGRESS REPORTS:** At the midpoint of each quarter, we send progress reports to parents of students who are earning below 77 in any class. While we recognize that parents can see students' grades online at any time, we like to send a paper reminder of specifically where those trouble spots are and notes on how to get caught up. Those will be mailed next week on Thursday or Friday.
- **JOHN BAPST UNLEASHED:** We all miss our regular assemblies. They always highlight some of the incredible talent among our student body. In an attempt to capture that spirit. We will be regularly posting music from our students on social media. The first of these will come out on Monday.
- **LUNCH CHANGES:** We made some changes to our lunchroom assignments this week. We combined the homerooms into larger groups so that students have a better opportunity to meet with their classmates during lunch. It was great to hear the chatter today and yesterday as kids got to hang out with friends in their grade.
- **SNOW DAYS:** We are not planning on cancelling classes on snowy days this fall. However, if the roads are dangerous, we will cancel in-person instruction and move to remote instruction for the day. Parents and students will be notified via text message if there is any sort of cancellation. To make sure you receive these text messages, there are three steps.
 - **1) If you have received text messages from us in the past, and you have the same phone number – you are already set.**
 - **2) If you have never received a text message from the school, first you must be sure that we have your correct cell phone on file – This is included in the forms that parents are asked to submit on PowerSchool. *If you have to change your phone number with us, you have to wait at least 24 hours for the system to record it before you do the next step.***
 - **3) Once your cell phone is on file with us, text the word “yes” to 67587.** You will receive a confirmation text informing you that you have given us permission to send you future text messages.

- **Yearbooks:** All yearbook purchases are online only and now available. To place your order, go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and enter John Bapst Memorial High School as your school name. Follow the prompts on the website to complete your order. The deadline to order a yearbook is February 25, 2021.

I hope you have a great weekend!

GO CRUSADERS!

Dave

Dave Armistead

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