



Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021

Hi Everyone,

It's been a good break from school. Starting tomorrow, we have a long stretch of school before Spring break. But that long stretch will bring warmer weather, vaccines, and Spring. We are excited to learn that the state CDC and Department of Education have revised the guidelines for vocal and instrumental music. We are working on incorporating those guidelines into our practices at school so we may hear some more music around here! We have also had a couple of our teachers receive their first vaccine shot. Between declining case numbers and beginnings of vaccines for some, we are very optimistic about teachers and students returning to the building.

### **EAT AT MOE'S (AND MORE)!**

Support Project Graduation by ordering takeout from Moes' BBQ on February 25, Mason's on March 10 (between 5 and 9 p.m.), and Chic-fil-A on March 17. Each restaurant will donate a percentage of profits for the day!

### **MAINE STATE TRAVEL GUIDELINES**

Maine has reminded everyone of the travel guidelines. This hasn't changed much but as we get ready to return to school, here is a reminder of the guidelines.

- Travel to and from Vermont and New Hampshire is exempt from any restrictions.
- If you travel outside of Maine, even for a single day, you must EITHER
  - Complete a 10-day quarantine as soon as you return, and monitor for symptoms for an additional 4 days. OR

- Obtain and receive a negative COVID-19 antigen or molecular test result within 72 hours prior to your arrival back in Maine. (You must quarantine while you wait for test results).
- FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: All air passengers are required to have a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the United States.
  - Avoid being around people who have increased risk of infection for 14 days. AND
  - Get tested 3 - 5 days after travel AND quarantine for 7 days after travel OR
  - If you don't get tested on your return, you must quarantine for 10 days.

## **NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Monday – Purple Day

Tuesday – White day

Wednesday – Online Day

Thursday – Purple Day

Friday – White Day

## **AP EXAMS**

Issues related to the pandemic are expected to interfere with individual students' ability to sit for AP exams. The school has decided that AP exams will be optional this year. Students are not required to take them. In the coming weeks, we will publish more material on test dates, times, and formats (digital or paper & pencil).

## **FOR SENIORS**

Join me and Mr. MacKay for a **Graduation Planning** Zoom meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. Click on this link to add the event to your calendar:

<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/84904174958>

The cost is \$30 and the three items (cap, gown, and tassel) will be yours to keep. The deadline for ordering has passed. Please let Ms. Kearns know if you need assistance with ordering caps and gowns; she may be reached by calling 947-0313 ext. 114 or by email at [akearns@johnbapst.org](mailto:akearns@johnbapst.org).

The Project Graduation Committee is asking school families to help us give the seniors something special when they graduate. We know we cannot have our usual PG event at UMaine this year. We're hoping you can contribute to the cause. Here are ways you can help:

- Make a monetary donation. Any amount will help -- a gift of \$100 would fully fund one senior's gift bag."
- Sponsor a 'gift' for each gift bag. There are approximately 100 seniors.
- Pick up Clynk bags from the foyer at school, fill them with your returnables and drop them off at any Hannaford. We collect the money.
- Donate a big prize for us to use for the raffle.
- Support our raffle.
- Participate in the PG fundraisers by ordering food from Moe's February 25, Mason's March 10, and/or Chik-fil-a on March 17.
- Find someone to give us a BIG donation

Because of the challenges that PG has had with fundraising during COVID, the school has generously agreed to match cash donations for this year! We need your help and hope you support this effort so that we can make this a special event for every senior. If you are able to support this effort with a financial donation please make checks payable to John Bapst Memorial High School and note Project Graduation in the memo line. Please send them to the attention of Mary Lammert at the school.

## **NHS CALENDAR RAFFLE**

**The John Bapst National Honor Society presents its 2021 Spring Calendar Raffle!**

Click on this link for more information:

<https://www.johnbapst.org/news/the-national-honor-society-march-calendar-raleigh/>

## **YEARBOOK ORDERING**

Go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) to order your yearbook. Deadline to order is April 15.

## **YEARBOOK PHOTOS FOR REMOTE STUDENTS**

If you are a remote student, please submit your photo for the yearbook by February 26.

1. The photo should NOT be a selfie (have someone else take the photo)
2. The photo should be taken against a solid color background facing window light
3. The photo should be VERTICAL and taken from about 6' away and capture about half of the upper body - full shoulders and head
4. The photo should be at least **2MB** and in **.JPG** format
5. The photo should be emailed to [yearbookphotos@johnbapst.org](mailto:yearbookphotos@johnbapst.org) and in the subject line you should type your last name, first name/grade (ex. Kearns, Angela/9).

## **BUY A YEARBOOK AD**

Click here for information on buying a yearbook ad. [Senior Recognition Ad Info for Yearbook.pdf](#)

## **COVID**

If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or comes in close contact with someone who has tested positive, please contact a school nurse ([swaring@johnbapst.org](mailto:swaring@johnbapst.org) or [rolmstead@johnbapst.org](mailto:rolmstead@johnbapst.org) ).

A reminder that we are following the CDC guidelines for out of state travel, the link is here: <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/faqs>

Please contact the school if you are planning out of state travel.

Welcome back!

Go Crusaders!

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