



Chesapeake High School STEM Academy

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the staff of Chesapeake High School STEM Academy, I am happy to welcome you and your student to the 2020-2021 school year! I recognize the circumstances that surround this school year are not what we expected nor hoped for, but as we plan for a year like no other, our focus on connection and academic excellence is only strengthened by this challenge.

We are dedicated to ensuring that:

every day, every Bayhawk is given the opportunity to feel connected

every day, every Bayhawk is being challenged by new learning and experiences

and every day, every Bayhawk knows they have someone they can turn to.

Spring 2020 challenged staff and students to find a new normal for learning, connected us in new ways and required our staff to support and encourage from afar. What I have learned most from our time apart is that our learning community is strong and resilient. We took a difficult situation and continued to work hard and grow. This time has also allowed us to appreciate the little things that we didn't know we would miss -such as - giving a high five for a job well done, being able to laugh out loud in the middle of the cafeteria, or even a smile passing someone in the hallway. For me, even the conversations in the hallway with students that may be a "little late" to class, I miss dearly. **But we must not dwell on the things that are on hold for the moment.**

We continuously hear the cry for 2020 to end, because it has been so painful with a countless number of history-making moments. In a poem by, Leslie Dwight, the question is asked, "What if 2020 isn't cancelled, but rather the most important year of them all?" We have this unique opportunity to reshape our normal and do things in a completely different way to further strengthen our community.

We are excited to welcome our newest Bayhawks the Class of 2024! Many of our freshman were able to connect to our Virtual Orientation in August. Don't worry if you didn't participate! We have a special Schoology Course for all freshman entitled, "Dream it, Do it!" You will find videos, tips and tricks for navigating high school. This course should already be available in your Schoology courses. If not, email Ms. Furst (afurst@bcps.org), our 9th grade Assistant Principal.

We are working diligently to provide devices to students that are newly enrolled and students that returned their devices in the spring to their middle school. Chesapeake has contacted the BCPS technology office and they are fully aware that we need more computers. We are anxiously awaiting their arrival and will contact students ASAP for a time to pick up their device. Students with broken devices must contact the BCPS Help Desk at (443) 809-4672 between 7:00AM and 4:15PM on regularly scheduled school days or online at <https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/>.

Our skilled and devoted staff have worked tirelessly all summer planning and preparing for our Bayhawks virtual return on September 8th. You will find a copy of our daily schedule and monthly instructional calendar in this newsletter. The most important thing for students this fall is to have access to their Schoology account. Student individual schedules and all course material is found on Schoology. Students in need of a username, password or reset can contact Ms. Moseley through Schoology message or email at smileymoseley@bcps.org. Students are asked to come to any BCPS school and

update their device utilizing the WI-FI signal outside. Directions can be found on our website and are posted on the front doors of our school. If you are having difficulty, we are having onsite help days.

All students, grades 9-12 will start classes VIRTUALLY on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Chesapeake's Back to School Activities and Information will be available beginning Monday, September 21st on our website <http://chesapeakehs.bcps.org>.

Supply distribution is scheduled for **September 10th from 3pm to 7pm**. We have general school supplies for each student as well as class specific materials from teachers. Everyone will be receiving our 2020-2021 Chesapeake High School Planners.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, September 3rd from 1pm – 5pm outdoors at Chesapeake High School

- Device Update Help
- Assistance with Residency or Enrollment

Tuesday, September 8th: First Day of Virtual Classes (See Daily Schedule).

Thursday, September 10th from 3pm to 7pm outdoors at Chesapeake High School

- School supply distribution for every student. The bags include a binder, filler paper, dividers, writing utensils, and Chesapeake HS planner.
 - **9th and 10th Grade PICK UP TIMES 3pm to 5pm**
 - **11th and 12th Grade PICK UP TIMES 5pm to 7pm**
- Selected distribution of items for specific classes. This is a very limited number of classes. Most classes will have content or tools online.
- Freshman Class of 2024 Pick UP Swag Bags!
- Device Update Help
- Assistance with Residency or Enrollment

Tuesday, September 15th from 9am to 12pm Outdoors at Chesapeake High School

- Assistance with Residency or Enrollment

Monday, September 21st: Beginning of Virtual “Back to School” Week for Parents.


- Individual communication will be forthcoming regarding offerings and class information.
- Links will be posted on our school webpage <http://chesapeakehs.bcps.org>

Wednesday, September 23rd from 2pm to 5pm Outdoors at Chesapeake High School

- Distribution of materials for students enrolled in ART classes. Teachers will communicate more information to students during class.
- School supply distribution for newly enrolled students or materials not previously picked up. The bags include a binder, filler paper, dividers, writing utensils, and Chesapeake HS planner.
- Device Update Help

Please visit our website at <http://chesapeakehs.bcps.org> for the most current and up to date information regarding specifics regarding grading, links for athletics, and information about clubs and virtual extracurricular activities in the coming month.

Take care and stay well,



Mrs. Amy L. Wesloski, Principal

Important Chesapeake Contacts and Information

Administration

Mrs. Amy L. Wesloski, Principal awesloski@bcps.org

Ms. Amanda Furst, Assistant Principal - Grade 9 and Grade 10 (last names G-N) afurst@bcps.org

Mr. Juan Stepter, Assistant Principal - Grade 11 and Grade 10 (last names O-Z) jstepter@bcps.org

Mr. John O'Brien, Assistant Principal - Grade 12 and Grade 10 (last names A-F) jobrien2@bcps.org

Counselors

Mrs. Michelle Bell, Department Chair (last names O-Z) mbell2@bcps.org

Mrs. Jillian Ganley, Counselor (last names G-N) jganley@bcps.org

Mrs. Lindsey Withrow, Counselor (last names A-F) lwithrow@bcps.org

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Special Education Department

Charles Phelan, IEP Compliance cphelan@bcps.org

Adrienne Dodson, Special Education DC adodson@bcps.org

Content Department Chairs Contact and Information

See our website <http://chesapeakehs.bcps.org> for course description and contacts.

Student Attendance

Student attendance and punctuality are essential to success at Chesapeake High School STEM Academy. Students are expected to be present and on time for instructional days of the week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Period attendance will be taken by each teacher throughout the day. Wednesday is an "asynchronous day." This means that students will not be attending classes with their teachers. Although, there will be not a set schedule on Wednesdays, students **MUST** sign into Schoology to be counted as present for the day. There are several weeks that an instructional day is shifted to Wednesday. The first instance of this is the first week of school. All classes will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 8th, Wednesday, Sept. 9th, Thursday, Sept. 10th and Friday, Sept. 11th since we are closed on Labor Day.

Technology Help Desk Information

This year, any concerns with device use or trouble connecting must be directed to the BCPS Help Desk at (443) 809-4672 between 7:00AM and 4:15PM on regularly scheduled school days or online at <https://bcpsone.bcps.org/support/>. Unfortunately, there are no additional devices in the building to use as a replacement or loaner.

Students in need of a username and password or reset can contact Ms. Moseley through Schoology message or email at smileymoseley@bcps.org

Chesapeake High School Athletics Program

We will have the opportunity to provide student athletes with the time to build relationships with coaches and fellow teammates 100% virtually for the first semester of the school year. The semester will be divided into each of the three athletic seasons allowing coaches to engage with their student athletes virtually. All links to documents needed can be found on our website under athletics.

Fall Season	Winter Season	Spring Season
September 14 th to October 23 rd	October 26 th to December 11 th	December 14 th to January 29 th

All Virtual Coaching will occur at 3:00PM or later to avoid interference with the school day.

Please contact Mr. Shaun Downey, Athletic Director, sdowney2@bcps.org, for any student specific questions.

Chesapeake High School Daily Schedule

Time	Minutes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 8:30am	30	Independent Work/Individual Teacher Check In				
8:30 - 9:20am	50	Period 1	Period 1	Asynchronous Learning and/or Small Group Instruction with Teachers	Period 1	Period 1
9:30 - 10:20am	50	Period 2	Period 2		Period 2	Period 2
10:30 - 11:30 am	60	Independent Study Time			Independent Study Time	
11:40 -12:10 pm	30	Lunch			Lunch	
12:20 - 1:10 pm	50	Period 3	Period 3		Period 3	Period 3
1:20 - 2:10 pm	50	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	
2:20 - 3:00 pm	40	Independent Work/Individual Teacher Check In				

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2020 - 2021 School Calendar

August '20						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September '20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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6	Labor day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	PD	29	30			

October '20						
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11	12	13	14	15	PD	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November '20						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

December '20						
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27	28	29	30	31		

January '21						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- School Day following virtual bell schedule
- PD/Meetings for staff – independent work/coach class for students