

# Chesapeake High School STEM Academy

## Newsletter

### Week of February 19, 2021

Greetings Bayhawk Families,

We are sending you warm greetings as we prepare for a phased-in reopening of school buildings. Information regarding assigned cohort for students was sent home on Friday afternoon.

#### **Cohort Overview**

- Cohort A: At school on Monday and Tuesday / Virtual on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Cohort B: At school on Thursday and Friday / Virtual on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Cohort C: All virtual learning

#### **Phased-in Hybrid Learning Timeline for Students.**

##### ***The week of Mar. 15 (Phase III):***

- Students in Grades 9-12 in our Functional Academic Learning Support (FALS) program.

##### ***The week of Mar. 22 (partial Phase IV)***

- Students in Grades 9

##### ***The week of Apr. 6 (remaining students in Phase IV)***

- Students Grades 10, 11, and 12

*\*\*Chesapeake students involved in Career and Technical Education programs will return with their grade level.*

**Cohort A and B** students will continue to have the option to transition back to virtual learning throughout the spring. At any time, students can immediately transition back to virtual learning by contacting their grade level assistant principal or me by calling school or email.

**Cohort C** students will continue to have the option to transition to hybrid (in person) learning. Families must complete the request at this link, [CLICK HERE](#), to indicate they would like their student to return to in person learning two days a week. The link is also posted on our website. Be mindful of the date that the survey is completed. There is a request date window for information to be collected and an official start date for students. At any time, students can immediately transition back to virtual learning from in person by contacting their grade level assistant principal or me.

Our daily schedule will change on March 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the return to the building. The new schedule is included in this packet. The meeting times during the day will be adjusted to meet the needs of our in-person students and our students working virtually.

## BCPS FOCUS (Access to COHORT, Schedule, and Report Cards)

All students NOW have access to the **Student Portal**. This is a new system that includes a student's full schedule.

For access, using Google Chrome, go to

<https://baltimore.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/Modules.php?modname=misc/Portal.php>

- Students will select (Sign in with Microsoft) and enter their BCPS username (with @bcps.org) and password.
- In the upper right-hand corner, make sure the year selected is 2020-21 and the screen is outlined in blue.
- On the main page when you log in there will be a tab to click that says Reports and that is where your report card/grades can be found.

### BCPS Devices

All students should complete a technology ticket on [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org) for all computer issues. We are scheduled to receive devices at Chesapeake by the end of this week to swap out for students. A device cannot be swapped if a technology ticket has not been entered. Please reach out to your grade level administrator or counselor if you continue to have tech issues.

### Upcoming Important Dates

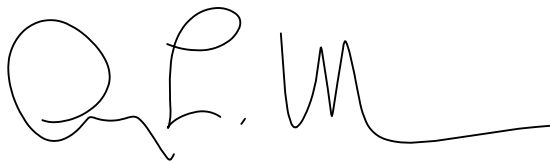
**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>: Asynchronous Learning Day**

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Asynchronous Learning Day**

**Pantry Distribution 11am to 1pm (first come, first serve)**

Please never hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. All staff is available via email/Schoology. You may also call school to leave a message at 443-809-0100. The message has various extensions to direct your call.

Take care,



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Principal

Chesapeake High School



# COVID-19 Information

Office of Health Services 443-809-6368

## How BCPS is Protecting Students and Staff

For more information, see our Reopening Plan at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org)

### School Nurse / BCPS Health Services

- Registered Nurse in each school trained in recognizing and responding to symptoms of COVID-19
- Contact tracing for students/staff with COVID-19 in cooperation with Baltimore County Health Department
- Designated isolation area for persons with COVID-19 symptoms who are awaiting pick-up

### Daily Check for Symptoms

- All employees and parents/students expected to monitor themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19
- Stay home if not feeling well (per current Health Department guidelines)
- Staff or students with positive test or symptoms of COVID-19 excluded from school

### Healthy Behaviors

- Appropriate face coverings must be worn by staff and students (unless developmentally/physically unable)
- Providing job appropriate PPE for all staff including face shields for classroom staff
- Handwashing reminders and lessons provided
- Supply of soap & paper towels enhanced, and hand sanitizer stations in school lobby and outside cafeteria
- Students and staff encouraged to maintain safe distance from each other to the extent possible
- Signage used to remind students and staff of health behaviors

### Changing How We Teach

- Alternative scheduling and use of virtual learning to reduce class size and promote social distancing in the classrooms/buses
- Maintaining the same student groups whenever possible
- Eliminating or modifying higher risk activities, such as singing indoors
- Encouraging outdoor activities when possible
- Ongoing virtual option for families

### Bus Safety

- Increased ventilation on buses by opening roof vents and windows whenever possible
- No shared seats unless from same household
- Buses to load from back to front to minimize contact between students

### Building Safety

- Use of disinfectants that kill COVID-19
- Daily cleaning of schools and offices; high-touch surfaces will also be cleaned mid-day
- Disinfecting areas used by person with COVID-19 infection per CDC guidelines
- Ventilation systems configured to provide maximum air exchange

### Education

- All BCPS employees required to complete a training module on COVID-19
- Age-appropriate information given to students to promote healthy behaviors
- More information for staff and students at [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org)

11/2020 - *Subject to change as guidance, recommendations and school reopening plans are updated.*

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## **Bell Schedule**

**STARTS on March 15, 2021**

Time	Period	Class Duration	
7:15 – 8:00	Student Arrival/Grab & Go Breakfast (Report to Auditorium)/Transition		
8:00 – 9:00	Period 1 All Cohort Instruction	60 minutes	
9:00 – 9:20	Study Hall/Social Emotional Learning Cohort A & B	20 minutes	
9:20 – 9:25	Building Class Transition	5 minutes	
9:25 – 10:25	Period 2 All Cohort Instruction	60 minutes	
10:25 – 10:45	Study Hall/Social Emotional Learning Cohort A & B	20 minutes	
10:45 – 10:50	Building Class Transition	5 minutes	
Group #1 Lunch Before Period 3	10:50 – 11:25	Lunch Group #1: Period 3	35 minutes
	11:30 – 12:30	Period 3 All Cohort Instruction	60 minutes
	12:30-12:50	Study Hall/Social Emotional Learning Cohort A & B	20 minutes
Group #2 Lunch After Period 3	10:50 – 11:50	Period 3 All Cohort Instruction	60 minutes
	11:50-12:10	Study Hall/Social Emotional Learning Cohort A & B	20 minutes
	12:15 -12:50	Lunch Group #2: Period 3	35 minutes
12:50 – 12:55	Building Class Transition	5 minutes	
12:55 – 1:55	Period 4 All Cohort Instruction	60 minutes	
1:55 – 2:15	Study Hall/Social Emotional Learning Cohort A & B	20 minutes	
2:15	Dismissal		

\*\*Period 3 lunch times will be shared in March. \*\*