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 Dr. Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs, Principal

Dear Patapsco Families,

We have been working hard over the last few weeks trying to prepare for the virtual learning this fall. We know that the decision to go virtual will make things difficult for many of our families. We have been doing everything we can to try to make this as smooth a process as we can for students, families, and staff. Below you will find a lot of information about how virtual learning is going to work for students. Please review all the information below with your student so they are aware of expectations and plans as we move into the virtual environment.

Contact/Assistance:

Currently there is one clerical and one administrator in the building each day from 7:30am to 2:30pm to answer phone calls. At this point parents are not allowed in the building, but we can assist if you need to pick something up or drop something off. Below is the contact information for the administrators and counseling should you have any questions. You can also contact me at shobbs@bcps.org.

Grade Level	Assistant Principal	Email	Counselor	Email
9	Natahsa Counts	ncounts@bcps.org	Ginger Patron	vpatron@bcps.org
10	Darrell Wheeler	dwheeler4@bcps.org	Tina Baran	tbaran@bcps.org
11	Heather Miller	Hmiller2@bcps.org	Melissa Geigley	mgeigley@bcps.org
12	Mark Matthews	Mmatthews7@bcps.org	Andrew Mininsky	amininsky@bcps.org

Technology:

Each student will need to have access to a computer and internet to be able to attend classes. There will be no paper pathway offered this year. Each student should have a device that was issued to your student either at Patapsco or at their previous school. If your student does not have a device, or their device is not working, please contact the school as soon as possible so we can work to secure another device for them. BCPS is also offering free hot spots for families that do not have internet at home. If you are in need of a hot spot please contact the school so we can order one for you.



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Semester-based schedule:

To help students as we move to virtual learning Patapsco will be going back to a semester schedule. This means that students will only be taking 4 classes at a time. The benefits of this is that students will only need to focus on 4 classes at a time instead of 8. When students log-in to Schoology they will see all 8 of their courses. The classes that are labeled as A-day will run from September 8th to January 29th. The classes that are labeled as B day will run from February 1st to the end of the year. With this schedule there will be some seniors who complete all their graduation requirements in January. These students will not have to attend school in the spring but will still be able to attend all senior events and activities and participate in spring sports.

Class Schedule:

Below is the schedule that students will be following for the fall semester. There are times each day labeled “independent work time”. During this time students will be able to complete assignments for their classes. Teachers will also be available to answer questions for students, meet with small groups of students, or do one-on-one instruction with students. Wednesday is also designed for students to complete work for their classes. Teachers will be in meetings in the morning on Wednesdays but will be available in the afternoons to meet with and assist students.

We understand that some of our students will be assisting with younger siblings at home. We tried to work with our feeder elementary schools to so that our students would be able to help get siblings started in their classes and so that all students would have time to pick up lunches from the various distribution sites in the community.

<i>Time</i>	<i>Minutes</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
8:00-8:30	30	Independent Work		Asynchronous Learning & opportunities for small group instruction	Independent Work	
8:30- 9:15	45	Period 1	Period 1		Period 1	Period 1
9:25-9:45	20	Advisory	Advisory		Advisory	Advisory
9:55 – 10:40	45	Period 2	Period 2		Period 2	Period 2
10:50– 11:40	50	Independent Work			Independent Work	
11:50 -12:30	40	LUNCH			LUNCH	
12: 40 – 1:25	45	Period 3	Period 3		Period 3	Period 3
1:35 – 2:20	45	Period 4	Period 4		Period 4	Period 4
2:30-3:00	30	Independent Work			Independent Work	

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Student Schedule:

Student schedules will be available via Schoology the week of August 17th. Students will need to log into their accounts to view their schedule. Students who need schedule changes can submit a request at <https://tinyurl.com/PtapScheduleChange>. Schedules will only be changed for students who are enrolled in a class they have already passed or who have gaps in their schedule. The deadline for requesting a schedule change is August 28th.

Accessing Classes:

Classes will be conducted using Google Meets as they were in the Spring. To access the class, go to meet.google.com using google chrome. Click where it says, “join or start a meeting” and enter the teachers access code. Codes for Periods 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be found on your teachers Schoology page. The code for Advisory will be found in your advisory group in Schoology. Students have the option of turning their camera on or off during classes. Students are asked to keep their microphones muted unless answering questions or communicating with the teacher.

Grading:

Grading for virtual learning in the fall will not be like grading in the spring. Students will once again receive letter grades for their work as they would during in-person schooling. Students grade levels were adjusted based on their credits. Students who do not pass courses will not advance to the next grade level. Since courses will be running on a semester schedule, final grades will be calculated differently. The information below shows how grades will be calculated for courses.

Grades will be calculated as follows:

- Convert the two marking period letter grades to numerical equivalents:
 - A = 12
 - B = 9
 - C = 6
 - D = 3
 - E = 0
- Convert the final evaluation activity letter grade to a numerical equivalent:
 - A = 4
 - B = 3
 - C = 2
 - D = 1
 - E = 0



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- Add the three numerical equivalents. Convert the sum of the numerical equivalents to a letter grade for the report card using the following conversion scale:

A = 25–28 points

B = 18–24 points

C = 11–17 points

D = 4–10 points

E = 0–3 points

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken for students each day and during each class just as it would during the regular school day. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday- Daily attendance will be taken during the first google meet of the day. Each class will take period attendance. On Wednesday attendance will be taken based on whether a student logs into Schoology to complete work.

Meals:

BCPS is offering free lunches for students. Below are the sites in our community that offer lunches.

- Bear Creek Elementary- 11 to 11:50am
- Charlesmont Elementary- 12:10 to 1pm
- General John Stricker Middle- 11am to 1pm
- Grange Elementary- 12:10 to 1pm
- Gray Manor Park, 7607 Parkwood Rd. 21222, 11-11:50am
- Sandy Plains Elementary- 12:10 to 1pm

Grade Levels:

Grade levels were adjusted to align with the BCPS Promotion and Retention Policy. At the high school level student grade levels are based on the credits that students have earned. Below are the requirements for students to be considered in Grade 10, 11, or 12. Students who are missing credits can potentially make up credits through our after-school Patriot Academy. Please contact your child's counselor to discuss options.

Grade 10 Have a minimum of 4 credits AND pass English 9 *OR* American Government 9

Grade 11 Have a minimum of 9 credits, pass English 9 *AND* American Government 9 *AND* pass English 10 *OR* World History 10

Grade 12 Have a minimum of 13 credits, meet requirements for Grade 11, pass English 10 *AND* World History 10, pass English 11 *OR* U.S. History 11 *AND*, be scheduled to meet the 21 required credits for graduation.

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New Staff:

We are excited to welcome several new staff members to our building. Some are coming from other schools, while some are just taking new positions within the building.

- Assistant Principal- Ms. Natasha Counts
- English Department Chair- Ms. Christina Kerr
- Tech Ed Department Chair- Mr. Dustin LePla
- Music Department Chair- Mr. Christopher Bunn
- Vocal Music Teacher- Ms. Angela Richardson
- English Teacher- Ms. Melanie Jones
- PE Teacher- Mr. Matthew Golden
- Special Education Teacher- Dr. Francis Lando
- Nurse- Ms. Sheila Hammie

We know that the next few months are going to be different from we are used too, but together we will make it through and come out even stronger on the other side.

Sincerely,

Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs, PhD
Principal