

BBHMS Town Hall “Back to School” Meeting Notes – 8/16/21, 7pm

Hosted by PSO - Updates from Todd Rings, BBHMS Principal

1. Welcome back to school – the best year ever!
2. If you missed locker day on 8/13, you may come in on 8/17 between 1-4pm
3. School day: 8:10am – 3:05pm
4. Arrival
 - a. Can arrive as early as 7:20am
 - b. 5th graders go to the gym upon arrival to school
 - i. dismissed at 7:55am - they have 15 minutes to get to their classroom
 - c. 6-7th graders go to the cafeteria and dismissed at 8:00am for class
 - d. 8th graders go to Auditorium and dismissed at 8:00am for class
 - e. Breakfast – students can get free breakfast before school in the cafeteria.
 - f. Drop off procedures
 - i. Busses will line up and drop off along the front of the school parking lot (Mill Rd side) - 6th grade wing
 - ii. Parents driving their student – line up along the east side of the building – PLEASE pull as far down the sidewalk past the drop off door as you can and have your student walk a few feet! This will help alleviate the huge back ups that occur along Mill Rd in the morning.
5. Homeroom
 - a. 1st period is considered homeroom – it is not a separate classroom
6. Chromebooks
 - a. \$25 fee if it needs to be fixed for any reason.
 - b. Go to library if repairs are needed
7. Lockers
 - a. Kids cannot carry backpacks to class. Everyone is assigned a locker. Teachers will help students with locker as needed, especially at the beginning of the year.
8. Cell phones – not permitted in class or during the day. Must be kept in locker with ringer off.
9. Red and Gold teams – each student is assigned as Red or Gold, they will generally have all their core classes within their team. Specials are generally mixed Red / Gold. Lunch is with your Red or Gold team.
10. Lunch / EI
 - a. Lunch is still free – at least through calendar year (will update for beyond that). Extras can be purchased.
 - b. 5th and 6th graders eat together during 4th period.
 - i. 5th graders will then have recess (outdoors, weather permitting)
 - c. 5th period is 7th grade lunch / EI, 6th period is 8th grade lunch / EI.
 - d. For grades 6-8: Red and Gold teams have lunch and EI at opposite times within the period; Red team goes to EI first then to lunch 2nd. Gold team goes to lunch first then to EI.
 - e. EI stands for Enrichment Intervention, students go to the Auditorium.
 - i. No food or drink allowed.
 - ii. During this ½ EI period, teachers may have students come in for extra help, or additional testing time as needed. They will also use this time to build relationship with students.
 - iii. Other days students use this period as a study hall.

- f. Parents can sign their student out during lunch period if they would like to – come to Main Office.
11. Gym
 - a. ALL grades will NOT change for PE (*this was a change the day after the meeting on 8/17*)
 - i. Teachers will let you know if this changes at some point during the school year.
 12. 8th Period study hall
 - a. Student can be picked up early if they have 8th period study hall– but sign out at office
 13. Pick up at the end of the school day
 - a. Same place as drop off in the morning
 - i. Busses line up in the front parking lot
 - ii. Parents picking up should line up all the way down the side of the building and pull down as far as you can. This will help alleviate the traffic that gets backed up on Mill Rd.
 14. Diagnostics
 - a. Will be done at the beginning of the year to assess where kids are – ie, iReady
 - b. Testing will help evaluate where additional review is needed and continue to “catch up” academics missed due to COVID
 - c. It will be an on-going process – school estimates it will take 2-3 years to fully catch up
 15. Building Construction
 - a. Many improvements have been made or started over the summer – Electric panels, HVAC, Univents, A/C, Roof
 - i. A/C throughout the school now. 20 classrooms that could not have regular A/C have “run and cools” which are portable A/C units and they vent out the windows
 - ii. 6th grade wing still being worked on and 4 other classrooms do not yet have A/C due to shipping error – will be installed asap
 - iii. The systems have ionization to help clean air for COVID and other viruses – they allow the air to be continuously cleaned
 - iv. Roof improvements are not yet complete – expect it to go on until Oct. Workers may be on the roof during the school day but school will monitor to see if too disruptive
 - v. Work that is being done inside the building – no workers inside the school until after 3:30pm

COVID RELATED DISCUSSION

1. In-Person vs Remote
 - a. All enrolled students will be in-person
 - b. No online / remote option offered by the District
 - i. For anyone who wants an online option, there are online schools available. Family must withdraw from district and enroll onto the platform of their choice. Can re-enroll in the District at a later date anytime.
 - c. District may be allowed to go remote for a very short period of time if there are a high number of cases
 - d. 20% of population is the threshold for closing schools for any type of illness
 - e. Lessons cannot be attended by Zoom at home, even if on quarantine
 - i. District is not allowed by State to do live remote instruction

- ii. Teachers may record lessons at their discretion.
- 2. COVID Dashboard
 - a. District will update the online dashboard 2-3x per week
 - b. Not necessarily sending emails out with case numbers – check Dashboard for that info
- 3. Flowchart: Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings
 - a. [covid-19-fact-sheet-k-12-exposure-and-quarantine-flow-chart.pdf \(ohio.gov\)](#)
 - b. Families should familiarize themselves with guidelines – this flowchart was discussed at length during the Town Hall meeting as well, with notes as follows.
 - c. Flowchart will be posted on the District website and likely emailed to all families as well
- 4. Masks - Not mandatory. But they are **recommended** by the school
 - a. Teachers will not be tracking or writing down who is wearing a mask
 - b. Please talk to your student about wearing a mask if you want them to wear a mask – teachers will not be able to make sure your student is wearing their mask
- 5. Mask on Bus
 - a. Masks are mandatory on the bus for all individuals
 - b. Schools are included as part of public “conveyance of transportation” order by the CDC which requires masks
 - c. Includes transportation for athletics, all school activities, band, field trips
- 6. Distancing Protocols
 - a. School will keep kids apart as much as possible
- 7. COVID Vaccinations
 - a. Schools cannot require students to be vaccinated – if FDA fully approves the COVID vaccinations, then State of Ohio “MAY” require students to be vaccinated (as with other required vaccinations) but we do not know that yet
 - b. School will not ask if your student is vaccinated
 - c. You may share the information if you choose to:
 - i. Email school nurse: Kim DiRocco, diroccok@bbhcsd.org, send a copy of vaccination card with student to school, mail a copy to the school or upload in Final Forms
 - ii. School is NOT making any decisions on quarantines based on vaccination status
- 8. Positive COVID Case
 - a. If school is notified that a student has tested positive:
 - i. Positive case individual will isolate for at least 10 days – starting from when symptoms first appeared or tested positive if there were no symptoms
 - ii. School is required to report case to Cuyahoga Board of Health (BOH)
 - iii. School is required to identify Contacts and share with BOH
 - 1. “Contact”: a student or staff who is within 0-3 ft exposed to a positive case in the classroom setting for a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24 hour time period → this includes traditional classroom and also PE, music, lunch and anywhere in the building, as well as the bus.
 - 2. It doesn’t matter if the person was wearing a mask – they are considered a contact either way
 - iv. Families will be contacted by the school that their student has been identified as a close contact
 - v. The school will recommend that families follow the suggested BOH Guidelines.

9. Decision Tree

a. If the contact is vaccinated,

- i. They should wear a mask indoors as much as possible, for either for 14 days or until they receive a negative test performed 3-5 days after exposure
- ii. They can remain in school and participate in extracurriculars as long as no symptoms

b. If the contact is not vaccinated,

i. Were they wearing a mask consistently?

1. If yes, then contact should wear a mask indoors as much as possible, either for 14 days or 7 days if they receive a negative test performed at least 5 days after exposure
 - a. They can remain in school and participate in extracurriculars as long as no symptoms
2. If no, then contact should not attend in person school and should not participate in sports or extracurricular activities
 - a. They can return to normal classroom and extracurriculars after 7 days if they test negative performed at least 5 days after exposure and they have no symptoms

10. Absence from school due to quarantine

- a. Counted as an absence
- b. Cannot “zoom” into classes
- c. Teachers will give work to student as the case with all absences