There are a few important items to be aware of for this week.  I’ve listed them below:

A Word About This Wednesday, January 13 And Reviewing Your Child’s Work

Because this is a full week of school with instruction Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Wednesday, January 13, is an instructional day for student asynchronous learning. The day is designed to provide social and emotional support for students by connecting with a school counselor or school worker or school psychologist. In addition many teachers will provide reviews and study sessions for final exams and discuss make-up assignments, classwork, and review concepts taught in class.

I strongly recommend parents access their child’s Schoology information and review progress in each of the four classes to see grades and make sure no grade is missing and academic progress is as you want it to be. Teachers have provided multiple opportunities for students to turn in missing work and make up low test scores. THERE IS NO REASON FOR ANY STUDENT TO NOT PASS IN ANY COURSE FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER. I urge you to review your child’s grades and take action by contacting your child’s teacher to see what can be done to make up missing grades. All teacher email addresses are listed on Hereford’s web page and in Schoology. THERE IS TIME FOR STUDENTS TO DIG IN AND TO MAKE UP SOME OF THEIR MISSING WORK. IN ANOTHER WEEK WHEN EXAMS START, THERE WON’T BE.

End of Course Final Exams

Students in all four classes will participate in a final exam. Exams will take place beginning on Thursday, January 21. You can access the exam schedule by clicking the link below. The last day for semester one and the completion of earning the first 4 credits of the school year is Friday, January 30.

[Exam Schedule January 2021.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/g2WwqBJKzsC9tzOqRd1ydg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRh3KyUP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPXhJZ29JbU95Y2xnJm1hbD04NWRmMDFiNTAwNGZmOGQ1ZDNlNGJkNWY4NDExOTJmNWZlNTE1MDExNzU2NDEwNTI4OGI1MGY2MGExNDhhNzlmVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpf9hR5-18GuNDNUg9zdGVubHlAYmNwcy5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

Collection and Distribution of Materials for Students.

Semester 2 and your child beginning 4 new classes starts on Monday, February 1.  More details will be forthcoming on collection days for return of materials from the first semester and distribution of materials for the second semester. But collection of material will occur the first week of February and distribution will occur the third week of February.

Upcoming Schedule Reminders

Monday, January 18, is a school holiday.  Wednesday, January  20, which would normally be an instructional day with Monday being a holiday, has been changed and will now be an asynchronous learning day so teachers can engage in county-wide mandated professional development in the afternoon.  More on that next week.

PSAT at Hereford High School

The deadline for Juniors registering for the upcoming PSAT is end of school day this Tuesday, January 12. As of right now, the PSAT testing is still scheduled to be administered for Juniors on January 26, at Hereford High School.  All COVID protocols and class modifications will be in place and currently about 110 juniors have registered to participate. Contact Tracy Hanley at thanley@bcps.org via an email if you still want to participate.

Student Computer Reimaging and/or Replacement

Over a thousand students participated in the reimaging process of their computers this week.  To all of you, thanks.

Because of the overwhelming success we’ve had with students reimaging this week, the last day for student computer reimaging will be **this Wednesday**. (**Note this change.)**

**Appointments are no longer necessary. DOIT techs are working full time Monday through Wednesday this week.** If you are one of the few who has not had your computer reimaged, plan to stop by on one of these three days between 7:30 and 3:30,  If you drop off after 2pm, you will not be able to get your computer back until the following morning at 7:30.  If you scheduled to have this done on this Thursday or Friday, please stop by Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.  Simply pull around to the cafeteria, drop off your computer and an hour later come back and pick it up when we call you to tell you it is ready.  It's that simple. **Again, no appointment is necessary.**

Remember, every student who has a working BCPS-issued computer (Chromebooks need not participate) must have it reimaged. Eventually you won’t be able to participate in virtual classes unless this has occurred.

**Students with broken devices** should enter a service ticket and should not sign up for a slot.  Broken devices will not be replaced onsite.

**Students who were not issued a computer**should enter a service ticket.  Computers will not be provided to students who don’t already have one.

Please be prepared to stay in your vehicle and wear a face covering as you interact with staff members onsite. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.  All health and safety mitigation strategies including social distancing and the wearing of face coverings will be implemented during all appointments.

Thanks, and have a great week.

Joe Jira. Principal