Sunday Message to Parents for week of March 22:

 Parents and Students :

 We are looking forward to seeing 9th grade Cohort A students tomorrow and Tuesday and 9th grade Cohort B students Thursday and Friday. Although we had some students in the building last week, this week truly marks the return of over two hundred plus students back to Hereford this week for in-class hybrid instruction.  Of course, we will also continue to provide instruction to the over one hundred 9th grade students who opted to remain in cohort C, home virtual instruction, along with upper class students whose return will not occur until after Spring break, April 6.

 All teachers return to the building tomorrow to provide instruction from their classes.  As 10th, 11th, and 12th grade teachers return tomorrow, many students will be working asynchronously and have been informed of this by their teachers. This will give those teachers time to set up their classrooms and install the technology they will need to provide instruction in the weeks ahead.

 Finally, 9th grade parents –

 One helpful tip for returning students tomorrow that might reduce stress would be to write down on a piece of paper the name of their period 1 through 4 classes along with the classroom number for each and bring that to school.  This information can be found in FOUCS. When you navigate to student schedules, look for the 4 second semester classes.

 We are ready for your children tomorrow. I’ve heard you all loud and clear. Teachers will be outside to greet busses and parent drop-off areas. Teachers will be in the halls directing your children where to go and when. We will have a “relaxed” schedule tomorrow to accommodate all those students new to the building.  And of course, those students remaining in cohort C will continue to receive virtual instruction according to the new bell schedule below.

 Morning bus stops with time for pick-ups has been posted to our webpage. This information comes from BCPS transportation.

 If you are dropping your child off tomorrow, remember busses use the front loop and the auditorium entrance.  Cars dropping off use the cafeteria entrance. When you pull in to the school’s property, drive toward the water tower.  There will be people outside directing you and our own SRO Officer Croft returns and will be around to monitor and assist with morning traffic.  Please leave a little earlier. I expect high volumes of traffic.

 Here are a few items of importance to note for the fourth week of March -

 A **Word About Homeroom Tomorrow**

 9th grade students will report to homeroom Monday morning. 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students have been told they will receive asymmetrical instruction tomorrow by their teachers because they have been given the day to prepare their classrooms for instruction.  **All students still need to report to homeroom tomorrow for attendance purposes.**

**Schedule for the Week**

 Since this is a full week of school, Wednesday is asynchronous, except for those Juniors who will be coming into the building to participate in SAT testing.  Start time for SAT is 8am and all students involved have received information about the test.

**New Bell Schedule**

Starting today, for all students, Cohort A or B (hybrid instruction in school) or Cohort C (virtual instruction at home)  this is the new bell schedule for classes. Please follow accordingly. If you are in Cohort C, you are expected to eat lunch when your period 3 class eats lunch at school. Your 3rd period teacher should have provided you with this information.  And, in the interest of social distancing, Enrichment will not continue through the end of the year.

Also, please note that busses and car drop-off begin at 7am. The building is not staffed and therefore doors do not open until 7am. Plan your arrival accordingly.

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| **Homeroom** | **7:45 – 8:00 AM** |
| **Period 1** | **8:10 – 9:25 AM** |
| **Period 2** | **9:35 – 10:50 AM** |
| **Period 3** | **11:00 – 12:50 PM** |
| A Lunch | 11:00 – 11:30 AM |
| B Lunch | 11:40 – 12:10 PM |
| C Lunch | 12:20 – 12:50 PM |
| **Period 4** | **1:00 – 2:15 PM** |

**PTSA Meeting**

Thanks to all who attended last Thursday’s PTSA meeting. The questions asked ahead of time and during the meeting were excellent and shed much light on hybrid learning, returning to school, seniors, and much more. Thanks to PTSA president Mr. Savas Karas and all of our officers for their continued support. We enjoy the relationship we have with our PTSA and look forward to working with them as we navigate forward.

**Graduation Information and Other Senior Related Information**

I have no new information from BCPS this week. As soon as I hear something, I will pass it on to you. The below information is from last week.

Here are the updates we have for senior graduation:

* Hereford’s graduation will take place Saturday, May 22. Time has not yet been finalized.
* BCPS is working with Towson University’s SECU center to determine if it will be open for graduations.  We should know the answer by the end of this week.
* If Towson University’s SECU center is not an option, BCPS is looking to find an outdoor vender where graduation could take place.
* Hereford High is seeking to find out if the school’s traditional senor picnic can take place outdoors. We will have more information about this soon.

**Senior Information about Graduation Yard Signs**

A note from your senior advisors, Ms. Maffei and Ms. Crue – We heard you and yard signs will soon be an option! There will be with and without picture options and we will be using them as our final fundraiser with the money going towards end of year activities like a Senior Picnic on May 20th (things are looking VERY promising for that to be approved...YAY!). The link to order a yard sign and upload your photo, and to pay was posted in Schoology last week. The yards signs will be $25 and you can order as many as you'd like! One will first be placed at school to celebrate you and then they will be available for pick up. If your family is going through a financial hardship and you'd like a sign but need some help paying for it, please contact me or Ms. Crue and we will make that happen for you!

**Calendar for Return to BCPS Schools for Hereford High Students**

3/15 - Special Needs students return.  Please note, BCPS does not use the wording Special Education students. Parents will be contacted if their child is included as defined by BCPS.

3/15 – Ninth grade teachers return and deliver instruction from their classroom.

3/22 – grade 9 students return for those who chose cohort A or B.

3/22 – tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade teachers return to deliver instruction from their classrooms.

4/6 - grade 10, 11, 12 grade students return who chose cohort A or B.