Principal’s Message to Parents and Students - Week of June 14:

**Schedule for this Week**

Since this is a full week of school, Wednesday, June 16, is asynchronous, and, as usual and per BCPS, the building will be closed on that day for thorough cleaning.  Teachers and counselors, special educators and Hereford’s social worker and psychologist will work remotely with selected students.

**Class of 2021 Book and Materials Obligation List**

Department Chairs have compiled a list of books and materials that were assigned to our seniors either in September or in January that haven’t been returned. Letters have been sent out and if you are the recipient of a letter, it states what is owed back to the school. Please note that no final transcripts to colleges will be sent until all items have been accounted for. Please work quickly so as not to hold up your required transcripts to college with your teachers, class administrator Ms. Book and school accountant Ms. Liupaeter,  to reconcile your account.

**Underclassmen Material and Book Return**

Underclassman school material and book return will be held on this Wednesday, June 16 from 2-6pm. Please plan to attend this one and only pick-up day. Please ***click the link below to see details****.*  All materials from September and January distribution days will be collected. BCPS will not be collecting Devices from current high school students. Ms. Hickman has been issuing passes for students who are attending school to report to her during the day to verify Device possession and sign them out over the summer.

[Grades 9-11 School Materials Return Event.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/L4-bidFIsS4eiUv7zha4DA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRip6VjP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUdTT01tbW5Kc3RFJm1hbD1lNjVmNzlmNzMyZTQ3Y2Q0ZTQwNDdmYWRhNTMwMmJlZTQ4MTc1YmY0NDhmYjkzNTdhMDE5YzEwZTNlNzU2MDA5VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgwuNxxmAtIM4xUg9zdGVubHlAYmNwcy5vcmdYBAAAAAE~)

**Underclassmen Exams**

Underclassmen final exams will take place this week on Thursday and Friday with a make-up day scheduled for Monday, June 21.  No final exam may be given early ahead of its scheduled date and time. Students who do not take the final exam will receive an E for their exam grade and have their final grade calculated accordingly. If a student misses a scheduled exam, the teacher will call parents and inform them of the make-up exam opportunity on Monday, June 21 or make arrangements over the summer to take the exam.

I**nformation for Juniors scheduling Senior Portraits**

LifeTouch has scheduled senior portraits for Juniors, the class of 2022, on June 1st and June 11th by invitation only. *However, due to the overwhelming response for appointments,  LifeTouch has added another date, Thursday, June 10th.*Contact LifeTouch Customer Service at 410-735-9173 or 9198, or Mrs. Burgess at jburgess2@bcps.org, yearbook advisor, with any questions. Make-up sessions will be scheduled in July and in the fall using the same code you were sent in the mail, but you are strongly encouraged to have your portrait done now.

[Senior Portrait Schedule Form.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/N0uZnWQAzigLLoYQo-LfcA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRip6VjP4QvAWh0dHA6Ly90cmFjay5zcGUuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9mL2EvaVlMRWd2QXRuNURUd2tJSUM3Z3YzQX5-L0FBQUFBUUF-L1JnUmlsU0ZEUDBSMWFIUjBjSE02THk5dGMyY3VjMk5vYjI5c2JXVnpjMlZ1WjJWeUxtTnZiUzl0THo5elBVWnJPVkJYWlhreVFXdzRKbTFoYkQxalpXTXpOVFF6WkRVMllUSmlOak16WkRJNE5URmlPV1V4WTJSaFpXTTRNekF3WWpnMVpqRTJaR1l6WkdFME16aGxNR1ZoT0dSak9UazJZMlZrTlRobFZ3ZHpZMmh2YjJ4dFFncGdzY1B0czJBdkVPVnBVZzVzYW1seVlVQmlZM0J6TG05eVoxZ0VBQUFBQVF-flcHc2Nob29sbUIKYMLjccZgLSDOMVIPc3Rlbmx5QGJjcHMub3JnWAQAAAAB)

**Advanced Placement Testing Information**

Digital AP Exams continue this week.  Best of luck to all our students taking these exams.  Students should log into the College Board app installed on their computer and perform the "setup" one to two days prior to their digital exam.  Reach out to Mrs. Kovack or Mrs. Zane for additional assistance. If you have any questions about this or need assistance, contact Ms. Zane at azane@bcps.org or Ms. Kovack at kkovack@bcps.org.

**Hereford’s Enrichment Period And Bell Schedule**

As we wrap-up this school year and with the 15 mandated minutes BCPS has added to the school day bell schedule for school year 2021-2022, I have created an opportunity for teachers and our leadership team to engage in discussions about how Herford’s Enrichment period can be adjusted and fine-tuned to become a better tool for providing all students with a better opportunity to engage in instructional review and advancement. I feel this review of the Enrichment Period along with how teachers will use the extra class time is essential and necessary given the obstacles our students faced over the last two school years and the delivery of instruction that was necessary because of the pandemic. Here at the school, we all realize that much work will be needed to be done to create the nurturing environment and delivery of instruction that existed and will become the catalyst in moving students in the right instructional direction. I trust you all know me well enough that I try to keep you aware of impending decisions that impact our students and the building and try to be as informative and transparent as I can. But a review of how the Enrichment period and classroom time is used, and how our school schedule is working to optimize student instructional time will take place now and through the summer months, and as I have always done, will keep you updated and informed.  To that end, and as I’ve discussed recently with the PTSA president and a few of its members, I will be putting a group of teachers and stakeholders together over the summer and into the Fall to begin to examine Hereford’s bell schedule to see if we can improve upon its design and/or create some type of hybrid schedule to better serve our students. More on this in my final Sunday message to parents next week. As always, thank you for your continued support.