A Word About Wednesdays

* Because this is a full week of school with instruction Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, according to BCPS established policy, Wednesday is an instructional day for student asynchronous learning,  It is a day for students designed by BCPS to first and foremost provide social and emotional support for students by connecting with a counselor, social worker, school psychologist of their choice or by invitation from a teacher who thinks a meeting would be beneficial. It is also a day for students to set up an appointment to work with teachers or for teachers to invite a student or students to work with them.

Important Procedures for Student Attendance on Wednesdays

* Since Wednesday is a school day without teachers' virtual instruction, students‘ attendance will be recorded by their logging in to Schoology to scan their courses for assignments and communications from their teachers by 11am.  No homeroom with the teacher will be conducted.

Technical Support Resources for Parents and Students

* A number of documents providing technical support addressing many of the problems with devices and connectivity were published  last week. We’ve created a link on Hereford High School’s website (right side at the top under the pictures) called Technical Support Resources.  Please take a look at the information as it describes how parents can contact BCPS technical assistance, read information about Schoology and download a mobile app, see device updates, etc.

Pick up of Books, Materials. And Equipment

* Last week over 1250 parents and students stopped by the school and picked up books, materials, replacement devices, guitars, keyboards, t-shirts for Freshman and any other information necessary for first semester instruction. It was great to see students and parents. We will set up two more days next week, Tuesday and Wednesday from  2 to 4pm for those 50 parents who did not stop by last week and pick up materials.  This will be the last scheduled pick-up.

Last Week’s Back To School Night Event

* Back to School Night was a success. We designed it so at parents’ convenience, they could log in and watch a pre-recorded presentation by each student’s teacher. Clicking on the folders of each department, and then accessing the teacher made it easy for teachers to see my message, a message from our PTSA president and your child’s four teachers for the first semester.  We’ve corrected a few videos that were not accessible and have left the event up so if you missed it, you can access it by clicking the link on the website’s cover page just below the link to Principal’s Messages.

Updating our Student Records

* Last week along with the material pick-up all maroon bags contained an Updating Student Data forms. Please complete these forms and return them to us.  Updating contact information is something we do at the beginning of every school year and is essential.  You can return these forms via email to [cfrancis@bcps.org](mailto:cfrancis@bcps.org) or [dmadigan@bcps.org](mailto:dmadigan@bcps.org), regular mail, or placing the form in the drop-box from 7am to 2:45pm at the front entrance to the school.

Principal’s Messages

* I know it can be overwhelming but I am committed to providing you with information and updates and my best way to communicate these is to use BCPS’s Contact System, specifically the emails that I attach to my voice messages.  If you are not receiving these, let me know with an email to me and we’ll try to make that happen, or my messages are always posted on Hereford High’s website on the cover page in the lower right hand white box in the link Principal’s Messages.