

Hereford High School Bull Night – Frequently Asked Questions

Academic Questions

Is there any way one can get a map of the school?

- We will post a map to the school on the HHS website.

Why are kids scheduled for PE instead of an academic course during this online learning time?

- Students are scheduled for all classes that mimic a normal school day. There are many classes that students need to earn credits towards in order to graduate with a Maryland High School diploma. One credit in PE is required for graduation. BCPS has provided a curriculum for PE teachers to follow which includes students keeping a journal of the exercises and activities they are taught to perform and are demonstrated and reviewed in classes, This also clears 9th graders to take weight training and other upper level courses next year as PE is a prerequisite to these.

Is there a school supply list for students?

- Individual teachers will notify students of recommended supplies.

Since the students will be on their device all day, will they also be on their device all evening for homework assignments?

- This question can be addressed by each individual teacher. Across curricular subjects, offline activities have been designed and assigned. But major consideration is being taken by all teachers that students must have “down time” from devices.

How does asynchronous learning work?

- Asynchronous learning will be assigned using our learning management system Schoology. These could be assignments such as taking notes while watching video clips, practicing problems for math, recording and listening to practice speaking in a foreign language class, reading assigned pages in the course textbook, or finishing work started in the synchronous session. Teachers will use the calendar feature in Schoology to help students organize themselves to ensure that they complete work that is needed in preparation for the next day’s learning.

I get notifications when my students have missing assignments. Will those notifications let me know what teacher and class the missing assignments are due? Last year I would get show what you know in several classes and it was difficult to know what subject.

- It is best to navigate into each subject to look at the student assignments. Teachers can be contacted via their email addresses found on Hereford’s webpage and asked to provide their policy for missing assignments and how parents will know what is missing.

Schedule/Calendar Questions

Will school be closed for remote learning on the scheduled professional development days for teachers?

- Yes.

What do you do if you have questions/concerns about your child's schedule?

- Contact your child's guidance counselor
 - A - D Mrs. Slater sslater@bcps.org
 - E - K Mrs. Zegers tzegers@bcps.org
 - L – R Ms. Sanacore asancore@bcps.org
 - S – Z Ms. Fitzkee, Department Chair efitzkee@bcps.org
 - College & Career Readiness Ms. Kovak kkovak@bcps.org
- If your child has an IEP, please contact Mrs. Powers, HHS Special Education Chair spowers@bcps.org

If I have a doctor's appointment during the school day, who do I alert and or give my note to?

- We do not need a note – please email the teacher of class or classes that will be missed.

School Spirit/Clubs and Organizations Questions

Is there any way to purchase spirit wear while the school is closed?

- Yes eventually. We are attempting to create an online store with our vendor. Please check the Class of 2024 Schoology Group and the HHS website for updated information once the site is up and running.

What will be done in the clubs since we won't be there in person to get the full value of the club?

- Clubs and organizations will still be meeting virtually during the school closure. Many upperclassmen that are in clubs have been working hard to create a unique and worthwhile experience for members. School clubs and organizations are student led – teacher advisors are there to assist. Join a club and get involved to make your voice heard!

Is there a list available of people to contact if you are interested in specific clubs/activities? I watched some of the videos, but not all of them listed a contact person. Also, will there be notification when each club is having their first virtual meeting?

- Check the Class of 2024 Schoology group for updates regarding clubs and organizations. We will post one document with the club, sponsor/advisor, and contact information.

Technical questions

We have recently been told by DOiT that they have determined device updates do not have to be completed at this time and will not affect device performance. This is a change from what principals were told earlier. Chromebooks do NOT need to be updated.

Will a tech person be giving directions on computer set up so there is no carpal tunnel or radial nerve entrapment?

- All technology has been centralized through BCPS. Any questions can be addressed through the BCPS helpdesk: (443) 809-4672
- Please see Mr. Jira's principal's message from 8/31 (posted on the HHS website) regarding tips with updating your device.

The building tour and Bull Night video is listed on the frontpage of the HHS website.