Welcome to Week Four

Monday, September 28 - Systemwide Professional Development Day

* Schools are closed for students on Monday -  Because of this, students are not required to sign-in or check Schoology for class assignments.  No attendance will be taken. Teachers will be involved in professional development throughout the day and therefore may not be able to respond to emails until Tuesday.

A Word About Wednesday, September 30

* Because Monday schools are closed for students, Wednesday will be a regularly scheduled school day for all. Students need to report to all classes beginning with homeroom at 8am.

First Quarter Interims

* First quarter interims will be mailed home on Wednesday, October 14. They reflect the progress your child has made in his/her four classes at the half way point through the first quarter. In preparation, it would be a good idea for parents to look into Schoology and make sure grades are not missing and all assignments have been completed, turned in, and given credit. Remember, according to the BCPS Grading and Reporting Manual which was made available to all parents and who were encouraged to review at the beginning of this school year, all course grades are calculated using the traditional letter grading system. There is no pass/fail system in place.

Homeroom Begins at 8am

* Every student  is expected to report to homeroom at 8am daily.  Attendance for the day is taken, teachers do a check in, announcements are made, and on Tuesday and Friday’s Mr. Fellows and his tv crew present the morning announcements via a video. Parents, please assist us with making sure your child is logged in at 8am for homeroom and present for every class on time.

Updating Student Records

* Updating contact information is essential. Forms were included in your materials pick-up bag. Forms can be returned 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. You can also request these forms from these two people also.

Student Handbook Talks

* Those students who have not completed the Behavior Handbook presentation along with the acknowledgement form must do so by the end of this week. This is required for all BCPS students.  At this point there are only a handful of students who have not done this.  Homeroom teachers will be reminding students to complete the handbook presentation. Parents will be contacted for assistance with this if not done by the end of the week.

Principal’s Message

* As I visit classes I am so proud watching the instruction taking place with your children and the teachers. This is definitely not how instruction was meant to be delivered but in lieu of walking the halls of Hereford High and receiving instruction face to face in the building, as long as the wifi connection is strong and the device is working, instruction is taking place. I am impressed with so many teachers and students making this happen. Thanks to the teachers who never expected to have to work to create a virtual environment where teaching could take place but a greater thanks to all of you parents who are assisting us with working with your children to attend classes and complete assignments. As I scan teacher grade books and monitor attendance, we are making this work. Remember if you are still experiencing technical problems with connectivity or device breakdown, please contact Ms. Hickman or me via email (find our addresses on the website). Our BCPS Department of Instructional Services (DoIT) is working hard to connect families with hotspots and replace broken devices for students in the Hereford Zone. Also, as of this message and regardless of the governor's announcement this week regarding high school sports to begin mid-October, no decision has been made by BCPS officials.  It is currently being discussed by a number of stakeholders with a decision to be announced in the next week.