



July 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I look forward to welcoming all of our Eagles back to school whether in person or virtually on August 19. We are diligently preparing for the safe return of our entire Eagle family, therefore we are making significant changes to our start-up procedures.

Freshman Orientation will be offered for our incoming 9th grade students. This event will be both face to face and virtual. The face to face orientation will consist of a class meeting in the cafeteria with an opportunity to explore the building. While in the building, students will be required to socially distance and wear a face mask. The virtual opportunity will allow our new Eagles to meet their teachers before the first day of class.

First day of school procedures will be communicated prior to the first day of school.

Masks: As you are aware, BHISD is required to follow the Governor's orders regarding face coverings which requires individuals over 10 to wear a mask when inside a building or space open to the public. Therefore all students and staff at Barbers Hill High School will be required to wear face coverings (mask, shield, or neck gaiter). Good news....BHISD is providing each student a three-sided, plexiglass safety shield for use during classroom instruction. While they are seated in the classroom behind the safety shield, students will be able to remove their masks. However, students will be permitted to wear a mask behind the safety shield if they so choose which could lessen the likelihood of quarantine, if the need arises. Masks will be provided as needed.

Face coverings are required for safety and shall not be worn in a manner that distracts from instruction. Face coverings will be worn to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer, but shall not cover other parts of the face, such as the eyes. Face coverings shall be free of written messages and symbols. "Spirit" face masks that say *Barbers Hill, Eagles, The Hill, BH, or We Can We Will*, will be allowed. We will review these guidelines periodically to determine if additional changes are needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

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