

March 24, 2021

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

We hope everyone has been able to enjoy some outside time during this nice burst of warmer weather! Here is to a happy spring!



In-Person Return to School Plans

We have been very busy working on the transition to 5 days of in-person learning per the DESE mandates.

Park Avenue Elementary Plans

Elementary students will return to in-person learning on April 5th.

The weeks of April 5th thru May 7th, elementary students will be coming to school for in-person learning 4.5 days, Monday thru Thursday and Friday morning. Note: Friday April 9th, 16th, 30th and May 7th will be in-person ½ days for PAE students and students will be sent home with a bagged lunch.

Starting May 14th Fridays will be full days of in-person learning.

April 5 th	PAE students return to 5 days a week of in-person learning
Fridays April 9 th , April 16 th , April 30 th and May 7 th	PAE students come to school for ½ half day of in-person learning
Friday May 14 th	PAE students resume FULL days on Fridays



Webster Middle

Middle school students will continue with the existing hybrid model until they return to school for in-person learning on Wednesday, April 28th.

Middle school students will continue with remote Fridays thru April 16th.

Fridays after April 28th will be in-person ½ days (April 30th and May 7th) and students will be sent home with a bagged lunch.

Starting May 14th Fridays will be full days of in-person learning.

April 28 th	WMS students return to 5 days a week of in-person learning
Now thru Friday April 16 th	WMS students will remain having REMOTE FRIDAYS thru April 16 th
Friday April 30 th and May 7 th	WMS students will shift to in-person ½ days Fridays
Friday May 14 th	WMS students resume FULL days on Fridays



Bartlett High School

High school students will continue with the existing hybrid model until they return to school for in-person learning on Wednesday, April 28th.

High school students will continue with synchronous Friday mornings and asynchronous Friday afternoons thru April 16th.

Fridays after April 28th will be in-person ½ days (April 30th and May 7th) and students will be sent home with a bagged lunch.

Starting May 14th Fridays will be full days of in-person learning.

April 28 th	BHS students return to 5 days a week of in-person learning
Now thru Friday April 16 th	BHS students will remain having synchronous Friday mornings and asynchronous Friday afternoons thru April 16 th
Friday April 30 th and May 7 th	BHS students will shift to in-person ½ days Fridays
Friday May 14 th	BHS students resume FULL days on Fridays



Supports for Students as they transition to a new school model

It is perfectly normal and expected that the transition back to 5 days a week of in-person learning will bring about questions and worry for some students. To that end, the counselors at all of our schools are here to assist.

Webster Middle School Counseling Supports:

Mr. Sweeney is hosting Parent Informative Virtual Meeting every Monday 2:25 to 3:00.

Ms. Pelletier is offering Fitness with Friends on Mondays 2:10 to 3:00

Ms. Keary is offering Be YOU Girls Group on Tuesdays 2:25-3:25

Ms. Keary is offering Yoga on Thursday 2:25- 3:25

Bartlett High School Counseling Supports:

Ms. Granger and Ms. Guiney are offering Counselor/ Classmate Connections on Mondays 2:15-3:30

Mr. Shen and Mr. Diggins are offering Counselor/ Classmate Connections on Thursdays 2:15-3:30

NOTE: The WMS / BHS late bus will run Monday thru Thursday

Looking ahead....

Dr. Noel Foy is working with WMS and BHS administration and counselors to do student interactive workshops to assist our students with their transition back to 5 days of in-person learning. More information will be forthcoming....

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Bartlett High School teachers and staff, Fran Thomas and Gina Nieves for receiving the final designation from DESE as an Innovative Pathway High School. Starting next year, there will be Innovative Pathways in Healthcare and Social Assistance and Manufacturing. This designation is a 5-year performance contract and BHS will have to comply with annual reports. The timing of receiving the Innovative Pathway designation is perfect because we are in the midst of outlining what type of learning spaces we will need for the Bartlett High School building renovation!

Sports Update

Beginning April 5th – BHS Boys & Girls Track

Beginning April 26th – Varsity Baseball & Softball

JV Baseball & Softball

Middle School Baseball & Softball

Boys & Girls Tennis

Middle School Boys & Girls Track

Middle School Real Madrid Soccer

Towns participating = Tantasqua, Auburn David Prouty, Leicester, Grafton, Millbury, Northbridge, Oxford, Quaboag, Southbridge, Uxbridge, and Webster

All safety guidelines are being followed and parents/guardians are asked to sign permission.

Extracurricular Clubs will be starting....See your school principal for more information

WMS Art Club

BHS Medical Careers

BHS DECA

BHS Class Officers

NOTE: The WMS / BHS late bus will run Monday thru Thursday

After-school tutoring will be starting....Be on the lookout for an invitation to attend.

NOTE: The WMS / BHS late bus will run Monday thru Thursday

Upcoming Dates:

No School April 2- Good Friday

April 19-23 Spring Break

COVID Prevention and Traveling

Webster Public Schools will be following the state of Massachusetts Travel Advisory.

The advisory states:

As of Monday, March 22, all visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival. Travelers in the following categories are exempt from this quarantine advisory:

- Travelers who have received a negative COVID-19 result on a test administered not more than 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts. Travelers may also test out of the quarantine advisory after arrival in Massachusetts, as long as they quarantine until receiving a negative test result.
- Anyone who is entering Massachusetts for fewer than 24 hours
- Anyone who is returning to Massachusetts after being out of the State for fewer than 24 hours
- Workers who enter Massachusetts to perform critical infrastructure functions during required commuting to or from work and while at work.
- Travelers who are fully vaccinated (i.e. who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 days or more ago) and who do not have symptoms.
- Individuals who are COVID-19-recovered, meaning individuals who tested positive more than 10 days but less than 90 days ago and who do not have symptoms., are exempt from the MA travel restrictions.

Documentation that students or staff choose to follow the advisory (proof of quarantine or a copy of test results) are no longer required to be submitted to the School Nurse.

Please continue to self-monitor. Staff and students should continue to stay home from school if any of the following are present:

- Symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Known close contact to someone who is positive
- Pending or positive COVID-19 testing

If you have any questions, please contact one of the WPS School Nurses.



Kind Regards, Dr. Goguen