

# Back to School Night a virtual hit at Greater Lowell Tech



Carpentry Instructor Michael Murphy met with Alexander Langlois, a sophomore Carpentry student, and his mother, Brittany Langlois, via Google Meet, inset photo, during the virtual Back to School Night. Photo courtesy of Greater Lowell Tech

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TYNGSBORO — Superintendent Jill Davis said Greater Lowell Technical High School's recent virtual Back to School Night was well-received by staff, students and their families.

The event was held Oct. 1, and gave parents and guardians an opportunity to meet their child's teachers and learn important information, such as teacher contact information, classroom and remote learning expectations, curriculum and assessment, technology requirements, and extra help and support resources.

"Each fall, we look forward to connecting with students' families in order to provide insight into what their children will accomplish this school year," Davis said. "Though this year's event looked a little different, we were excited to meet with parents to discuss and answer any questions they may have had about our hybrid learning model."

Additional topics covered during the event included Cooperative Education, student activities, Meet the Main Office Team, English Language Parent Advisory Council and Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

Those who participated also had an opportunity to ask questions of teachers, meet school counselors and learn about school activities.

“Although it was very different from past years, Virtual Back to School Night was a success,” said Brittany Langlois of Tyngsboro, whose son, Alexander, is a sophomore Carpentry student. “Alex’s shop teacher, Mr. Murphy, was wonderful. He answered all of my questions and went over what they will be doing this year. We are both very excited about what he is going to learn this year in shop.”

“We had a wonderful experience at the virtual Back to School night,” said Crystal Bewig of Dracut, whose daughter, Catelyn Beaumier, is a freshman. “We were able to speak with each of Catelyn’s teachers without any technical difficulties and hear about how each day is and what is expected in each class. Catelyn is really loving the school, and is happy with each of her teachers so far.”

“I feel like the virtual Back to School night was a bit more personal than the traditional way,” said Cheryl Duarte, a Cosmetology instructor. “I felt like it was nice to sit and chat while displaying my presentation, giving the families a real look inside the typical shop day for both in-person and remote learners. Everyone did a great job with planning and executing Back to School Night, and I think students and their families had a very positive experience.”