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## **BALTIMORE SCHOOL** **RE-ENTRY PLAN** **September 2020**

### **Our Priorities as a Staff for your Children are:**

- 1. Keep them safe**
- 2. Lower their anxiety about the current situation**
- 3. Make them laugh**
- 4. Teach them something**

### **It's Back to School Time**

It has been quite the ride over the past 5+ months. When we left school on the afternoon of March 12 after completing our PI Day activities and having all those teachers on stage with their faces covered in pie, who would have thought that the next school day for students would be September 9. But this is where we are! Covid-19 has literally turned our world upside down, however our task as a school is to hopefully bring a little normalcy to a very abnormal situation. The impact of Covid-19 is difficult to measure on individuals, however it is safe to say that everyone has been impacted. There has been great uncertainty and anxiety for our entire school community about the return to school. Hopefully this newsletter will ease some of those concerns and anxieties. We all need to realize that this re-entry plan is based on the best information we have as of now and it will change as more information becomes available. This plan has been approved by the

District. This plan will not allay the fears of all parents and students however we will work to this goal. We do not have all the answers and we ask for your cooperation and patience. We, like you, will do everything possible to ensure the wellbeing of your children. If you have concerns, issues, questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Social Distancing will be practiced whenever possible.
- Hand sanitizers are placed throughout the school and there will be a hand sanitizer dispenser in all classes.
- Students will be washing hands on a regular basis throughout the day.
- Posters will be displayed throughout the school reminding students to social distance and to wash hands.
- All students will be given a mask. Masks will be required on school buses for all riders. K-6 students who arrive by bus must wear their mask until they are seated in their classroom, at which point it can be removed, stored and hand hygiene completed. Masks are not required to be worn by K-6 students in common areas during the school day. K-6 students will also be required to put their masks on again, in their classrooms, at the end of the day prior to making their way to the bus. Mask wearing will not be required of K-6 students who do not take the bus. Grades 7-12 students will be required to wear masks in all common areas of schools (including hallways), and if seated in their classroom if a one metre physical distance (face

to face) cannot be achieved.

-All grade 7-12 students will be provided with their own Chromebook to use and to take home for their own personal use.

-No parents are allowed to enter the school (unless authorized by the Principal).

-Parent meetings, including Special Service meetings will be conducted by phone or Google Meet.

-There will be no microwaves available for student use.

-Students will need to ensure they bring their own cutlery for recess and lunch.

-Vending machines will not be available.

-More custodial staff is expected to be hired to ensure school cleaning throughout the day.

### **BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO THE BUS**

All staff and students must complete the risk assessment questionnaire before attending school (link is below). Do not send your child to school if they answer yes to any of the questions. If your child becomes sick during the day, they will be isolated in a room and you will be called to come to the school to pick up your child immediately. Before returning to school they will need to complete a medical screening.

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### **BUSSING**

-All students must wear a mask on the bus.

-Buses for now will be capped at 46 students.

-All students will have an assigned seat.

-There are still a few students who do not have a seat on a bus.

-This will be remedied within 2 weeks and all students who are entitled to a bus seat, will get one.

-Please review bus expectations for students and parents at the link below.

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### **DROP OFF AND PICKUP**

All students being dropped off or driving to

school themselves, must enter through the front entrance and proceed directly to their classroom. They must not enter the school until 8:40 am for morning classes and 12:35pm for afternoon classes. Students being picked up at lunchtime (11:55am) or at the end of the school day (2:45pm) will exit through the front entrance.

### **CAFETERIA SERVICES**

As of now, Chartwell's is again scheduled to be our food service provider. The tentative start-up date for Chartwell services is Oct. 5. I realize this is late, however this is the earliest date that we have been given by the company.

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Breakfast Program will once again go ahead this year. Breakfast will be provided for each class and delivered to each room in a basket at the beginning of the first class. Students will eat their breakfast in their classrooms. The breakfast will mostly be pre-packaged items. We are requesting parent volunteers to help organize this program. Also, we are requesting donations as the school is not allowed to fundraise this year and this type of breakfast will undoubtedly be more expensive to provide. This program will begin on Monday, September 28. If you are interested in volunteering for the program, please contact the school.

### **WATER FOUNTAINS**

We encourage all our students to bring a filled water bottle from home each day. They can be refilled at the fountains but getting a drink from the fountain is not allowed.

### **MORNING ENTRY**

-Buses will drop K-6 students at the Kindergarten entrance and students will proceed directly to their classrooms practicing social distancing as they enter the school.

-Grade 7-12 students will enter at the far entrance of the school as in past years. All students will proceed directly to their first period class practicing social distancing. All students not arriving by bus will enter through the main entrance.

## **CLASSROOM SETUP**

\*\*All classroom doors and windows will be open when possible.

### **K-6 Classes**

\*\*We are very lucky in that the largest K-6 class we have is 14 students. Classes will proceed as in past years with the exception that students will be social distanced for most of the day. There will be group work but only on a short term basis. We have removed all classroom items that are difficult to clean such as mats, cloth chairs, cloth toys, etc. There will be no sharing of items such as markers, manipulatives, etc. There will be regular hand washing and hand sanitizing throughout the day.

### **Grades 7-9**

\*\*All Jr. High students will have their own assigned room, along with their assigned desk. They will remain in their classroom for all classes and teachers will move throughout classes. Social distancing will be practiced to the best of their ability.

### **Grades 10-12**

\*\*All Sr. High students will proceed to and from classes as in past years. They will practice social distancing and masks must be worn when moving between classes.

## **RECESS**

-K-6 students will be having recess in their classrooms. Cafeteria orders will be delivered to the classroom as in past years.

-Grade 7-9 students will proceed to the cafeteria at 10:30am for recess pick-up and they will return to their classroom at 10:40am for the remainder of recess period.

-Sr. High students will proceed to the cafeteria for recess at 10:42am as in past years and will be assigned seating.

## **LUNCH**

\*\*K-6 students eat lunch in their classrooms. The K-3 students will be eating lunch during the first half of the lunch period and proceeding outside for second half of the lunch period. The Grade 4-6 students will be outside for the first half, and inside eating lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the lunch period. Please ensure that all containers

and packages can be easily opened by your child.

\*\*Grades 7-9 students and Grades 10-12 students will eat lunch in the cafeteria. The Grades 7-9 will eat lunch during the first half of lunch and the Grades 10-12 will eat during the second half of lunch. All students will eat with their grade level and each student will be assigned their own seat which they will use each day. There will be limited student movement during the lunch hour.

## **DISMISSAL**

Grades 7-12 will be dismissed by grade through the same entrance they entered the building to ensure social distancing. The K-6 students will be dismissed through the Kindergarten entrance.

## **GYM AND MUSIC CLASSES**

Gym and music classes will proceed as in past years with social distancing practices in place. The music classes for this year will take place in the Library to ensure more space. Gym classes will be outside when possible.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

As of now there will be no extracurricular activities. All students must exit the building by 2:50pm. The only exception is that softball practices can go ahead for our Sr. Girl's and Boy's teams. The school is no longer available for community use.

## **CURRICULUM NIGHT**

There will be more information to follow in regards to Curriculum Night.

## **RECYCLABLES**

All in-school recycling efforts will be discontinued. Students will be encouraged to take home any recyclable containers. Parents can drop off recyclables at the MMSB depot in Bay Bulls as Baltimore School has an account there.