



# Bernice MacNaughton High School

Back to School Memo for Students and Parents

Grades 9-12

August 26, 2020

Dear Highlanders,

We are excited to be welcoming back students at BMHS. The 2020-21 school year will be a new experience for students as well as for staff. We know that the return to school is on everyone's mind and we are going to be working together to make this year as meaningful as any other year.

Since March we can say that it has been an interesting time given the on-going situation with the Global Pandemic. This fall, we will face some new challenges as we move forward, but we are very delighted to return to school this September. We understand that not all students are feeling the same readiness to return to school. Some are very happy to return to a routine and others might have increasing concern. We are confident that the school year will be productive, and we will come through this Global Pandemic stronger and more resilient.

We are communicating with you to share some initial information regarding the provincial safety protocols that all schools must follow under the direction of Public Health. The BMHS Operational Plan will be made public on September 3<sup>rd</sup> but meanwhile we can share some pertinent information to make the start-up successful. Please note that we have attached the latest Return to School information for Parents and the Public where you can get more detailed information. This was emailed out to parents last week by the school district, but we have attached it here as well:

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/ReturnSchool\\_Districts.pdf](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/ReturnSchool_Districts.pdf)

A grade 9 specific message will go out early next week to give you more information.

# RETURN TO SCHOOL

## GROUP A and B Schedules

**GROUP A:** Last names “Abdelsalam to Laxton” (GREEN on the Calendar)

**GROUP B:** Last names “Le to Zou” (White on the Calendar)

High Schools will be structured using Group A and Group B. This allows us to have less students in the building and assure social distancing. Please follow the link to the printable calendar. The calendar will stay the same in the event of a storm day.

## First Day of School

Students will only attend school one day the first week, please refer to the information below:

- Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Group A (grade 9 and grade 12)
- Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Group B (grade 9 and grade 12)
- Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Group A (grade 10 and grade 11)
- Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Group B (grade 10 and grade 11)

## General School Startup Information

### Face mask use

Every student will wear a face mask to school daily in common areas. In Grades 9-12, students and teachers will wear a face mask or shield whenever they are not able to physically distance.

### Bus Information

All busing is completed through the Anglophone East School district office and will be updated on August 31<sup>st</sup>. To find the most up to date bus information for you or your child you will need to go to, <https://asdebp.nbed.nb.ca/Default.aspx>

### Personal safety and screening

Parents will be responsible for screening their child before coming to school daily. Students will be reminded to wash or sanitize their hands regularly, including each time they enter the school or classroom.

## **Parent and Student Portal**

Communication is an integral and important part of the success of our students. With a large high school, we encourage parents at the high school level to visit the school website and the school portal for important and pertinent information. This portal is important as it gives you the ability to go in and view your child's schedule, attendance, and report card marks. You can access the portal through the following site: <https://sisasde.nbed.nb.ca/public/>

## **Microsoft Office 365 and Computer Accounts**

All students in New Brunswick have an account, username, and password. It is in their best interest not to share this information with others. Teachers will use these accounts to communicate with students throughout the school year.

## **Passwords for Students**

Passwords for students will not be reset until after August 31 for the whole district. They are being reset at that time and the schools will receive information about what it means for us moving forward.

## **Student Electronic Devices**

As announced by the province on July 22nd, all high school students will now require an electronic device at school and home to engage in their learning. Information on this announcement, including eligibility for subsidies to purchase a device and device specifications, can be found at: [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news\\_release.2020.07.0414.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.07.0414.html)

## **Signing off on school forms and payments**

All school forms and payments are to be directed to "School Cash" online, <https://angloeast.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>.

## **School Visitors**

As per the provincial 'Back to School Plan', all visitors who wish to speak to a staff member must have an appointment. If you wish to schedule an appointment with a staff member email them directly or call ahead of time at 856-3469.

## **NBIAA Sports/Activities**

The NBIAA Executive Members participated in a virtual meeting to further discuss all NBIAA activities for the 2020-2021 season, in relation to COVID-19 and the current state of our province. You can find the most up to date information about your sport/activity here: <https://www.nbiaa-asinb.org/en/links/covid-19>

### **BMHS High Staff Return to Work**

We understand that students and parents have concerns and questions. Teachers will be engaged in professional learning to enhance their skills and knowledge to educate our students in these uncertain and changing times. We ask you for your patience and cooperation as we too learn along this journey.