

Well the long summer of uncertainty comes to an end on Monday, August 24th as we officially open our doors and digital windows for instruction at 8:45 AM sharp. Our teachers have been working tirelessly preparing for a hybrid combination of in-person on campus students, and elearners who will be engaging in classes in real time. In communicating with you today I hope to answer some lingering questions about what our opening looks like and how the hybrid model might work. In trying to build in as much flexibility as we could to accommodate both in-person instruction concurrently with our elearners we must now put these wheels in motion. We are really looking forward to serving our families and while I like to think we have thought of everything, I am a realist and know that there will be many things yet to work through. As we get more information about school operations we will send them out as timely as possible. I wish to again thank all of our parents and community for your ongoing patience as we all deal with the effects of COVID-19 on our school functions. Please note the bulleted FAQ information below:

- **How do I sign up for FOCUS?** The first thing that will need to happen is for parents to; if you have not done so already, activate your FOCUS account. Call our guidance office if you need your log in information (321-779-2000x26505) It is essential for you to be able to monitor student progress and communicate with teachers. Students who are new to Satellite High School and who were already part of Brevard Public Schools will have active accounts that will roll up automatically. Any students new to Brevard Public Schools altogether can call our guidance office to get your activation procedures.
- **How do I sign-in to ELearning?** Students choosing our elearning or synchronized learning option will simply follow the directions at this link: <https://www.brevardschools.org/domain/8376> (Titled: Secondary Student Access for First Day). Students will be in each class for 90 minutes each day and must be in class for the duration, whether in-person or elearning from home. Attendance will be taken both in-person and elearning as they are synchronized in real time.
- **Will ELearning be like last year?** Unlike the last 9-weeks of last year whereby it was simply survival mode for students, teachers, and parents, deadlines in completing assignments will be in real time as the model is that students will be in class each day whether they are physically present or working from home as an elearner. We must adhere to the pacing and completion of timely work to ensure mastery of the standards.
- **What do I do if my child is taking a BVS Course?** If your child is taking a course through Brevard Virtual School, he/she must complete it in the same timeframe as the other courses they are taking for the grading period. Same time periods but different in that those classes are not synchronized as they are taught by a BVS teacher and not a Satellite High School teacher.
- **How should I prepare at home for my child to do ELearning?** If your child is elearning, please set up a school space at home that is free of distractions.
- **What are the requirements for ELearning and are they the same as In-Person Instruction?** At this link <https://www.brevardschools.org/domain/8376> (Titled: BPS e-Learning Agreement) you will find the Brevard Public Schools elearning agreement. Please sign it, scan it, and email it to our attendance clerk Ms. Snyder at snyder.carolyn@brevardschools.org .

- **What do I do about textbooks for my child if we are doing ELearning?** For most courses our curriculum is equipped with ebooks and access is readily available online; however, for a few courses we do not have access to an eBook. ELearning students should communicate directly with their teacher regarding textbook options for each class.
- **Will the school be taking students temperatures?** Some teachers may be checking student temperatures in class and will adhere to FERPA laws to ensure confidentiality. If you do not want your child's temperature taken by the classroom teacher please send your request in writing to Mrs. Miles our school secretary.
- **What should I do if I want to meet with a teacher, guidance counselor, athletic/activities director or administrator?** Unfortunately we must limit any parental walk-ins to meet with school personnel to appointment only. Our staff is readily available by phone, email, skype, or Zoom in the event you would like to discuss anything. In the event of an emergency drop-off, those can be made at the attendance window.
- **What should I do if I want a schedule change for my child?** Given the transition to Block Scheduling we realize that there may be many schedule change requests and that all are important to us and our families; however, the need to add an 8th class to all students meant having to cram additional limitations to the master schedule of classes within the school. This challenge equates to a very tight schedule with little movement allowed. We are asking that schedule change requests be made only in the most profound of circumstances, for example, if your child has two of the same courses, or they are missing a graduation required course. Moving periods and electives, or having a Block a certain period or time of year are not things that we have flexibility on. For appropriate schedule changes, fill out the schedule change form found at the following link: <https://www.brevardschools.org/domain/9738> (Titled: Schedule Changes).
- **What do I do if I am an eLearner and want to participate in breakfast or lunch at school?** Breakfast and lunch meals for e-learners enrolled at Satellite High School may be picked up if your child is attending school in-person, the cafeteria will be serving nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and a la carte items daily with the utmost attention given to safety and social distancing. For sanitary reasons, **we request that you prepay for your child's meals using www.mypaymentsplus.com** to minimize cash handling in the cafeteria. If your child is eLearning, meals will be available for pick-up each school day. Curbside Pick-Up will be available between **9:30 to 10: 00 in the car loop at front of the school**, Breakfast is free for all students, and lunch is based on your child's eligibility (free, reduced or paid). **There will be no cash accepted in the Curbside Pick-Up line**, so please prepay for meals at www.mypaymentsplus.com. Parents can pick-up meals without their child being present **as long as they provide a form of their student's id at the time of pick-up.**

An important clarification about Brevard Virtual and Florida Virtual students: They are not eligible for curbside pick-up. However, if they are enrolled in a few classes part-time at Satellite High they may eat in the cafeteria IF they are physically on campus during meal service.

We are eager to start this school year and look forward to serving your child a healthy breakfast and lunch every day, whether it is in-person or via Curbside Pick-Up. Please contact your cafeteria manager, Patricia Nauyo at (321)779-2019 Ext. 26511 if you have questions regarding the cafeteria.

- **What should I do if I am an in person on campus student and get sick at home or at school?**
Late check-in/check-out? We ask all parents to please self-screen your child each day before sending them to school by taking their temperature and screening for any symptoms of illness. If your child has a temperature or is not feeling well, please keep your child home from school until they are temperature and/or symptom free for 24 hours. You will be able to receive an “excused” absence for that day without a doctor’s note provided you contact the school on the same day by either e-mailing our attendance clerk, Mrs. Snyder at snyder.carolyn@brevardschools.org or by calling the attendance office at 321-779-2000. In an effort to help keep the number of people inside the front office to a minimum....Students who are late coming to school for any reason will check in by using the attendance office check in window on the north side of the front office. Students will provide their reason/note for being late, given their pass to class and then given access to the gate to enter school.

If you need to check your student out of school during the day, please go to the attendance window on the north side of the front office building, show your ID and our attendance clerk will then call the classroom to dismiss the student. We ask that you not call your student’s cell phone since all cell phones should be off during the school day and they might disrupt the learning environment.

- **What should I do if my child takes medication and I need it administered at school?** Our school nurse will be here to collect medication on Friday, August 21st from 8:00am to 12:00 PM. And daily starting on Monday, August 24th from 8:30am – 2:00pm.
- **What should I do about a parking pass for my child?** Parking passes will be available for purchase during the 1st week of school. Students are to park in the east and west lots only. The north lot near the gym is for staff only so please do not park in that lot, even if there is an empty space, we have staff that arrives throughout the day and they will need their space!