



August 19, 2021

Dear students, staff, families and community,

I am going to try to address questions that have been coming my way regarding the upcoming school year. Please know that office staff and administrators just returned this week, and they are working hard to get information to students and parents.

Schedules:

First Day for grades 1-12 is September 2nd

First Day for Kindergarten is September 8th

First Day of Pre-school is September 13th

All Elementary Schools: 9:05 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with early dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

MBJH/MBHS: 7:55 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with early dismissal at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 90-minute early releases for professional development start October 6th.

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

School Supplies:

All Pre-school through 6th grade school supplies will be provided. Please do not purchase personal supplies for school. 7th through 12th grade students will receive information from their school and individual teachers regarding supplies because what they need is dependent on their class schedule. Many basic supplies are available, and we will be distributing Chromebooks to students during the first few days of school.

Bus Routes:

Information regarding bus routes will be posted on our [website](#) Thursday, August 26th. If you have questions after they are posted, please call the Transportation Department at 360-383-2060.

Athletics:

High School athletics begin this week and next week. Junior High athletics begin August 30th and during the month of September. Here is the [link](#) for more information and to sign up for sports. There are no fees for students to participate in athletics this year.

Masks:

This summer we have been following [the K-12 COVID-19 Requirements for the 2021-2022 School Year](#). When students have not been present, vaccinated employees have not needed to wear masks inside. Therefore, you may have seen employees not wearing masks this summer when students are not present. This includes employees working in departments with no students present as well as school board members and board meeting attendees when children have not been present. With the mask mandate that came out yesterday during Governor Inslee's press release, the masking expectations will change starting Monday, August 23rd. All adults and students regardless of vaccination status must wear masks in our facilities when interacting with one another or the public. Masks are not required for anyone outside. This means when students are outside for instruction, on a break between classes, or at recess they do not need to wear masks. Inside with the exception of eating breakfast and lunch, students will need to wear masks until guidelines change. If

and when guidelines change is unknown. I have been told there is a possibility for changes sometime in October.

Vaccines:

COVID-19 is not a required vaccination for students. However, students 12 and older are eligible for the vaccine. We post information about vaccination clinics on our website. There are vaccinations that are required. You can obtain information about required vaccinations as well as medical and religious exemptions [here](#).

The Mount Baker School District wall calendar and descriptive guide should arrive in the mail early next week. Please look for it and keep it handy for important information, dates, and events.

Congratulations to all of our FFA students and animals who are competing at the Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden. If you attend the Fair, stop by the barns and displays to see how our FFA members are making us proud.

Go Baker!
Sincerely,

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