

The following information is being provided by Bremen High School Principal Bruce Jennings:

Start Date:

Extra-curricular programs at Bremen High School began on July 6th, and curriculum programs – teaching & learning – is scheduled to occur at Bremen High School on Wed., Aug. 19th with two options for the approximately 500 students – (1) in-person instruction (selected by 85% of BHS students) and (2) remote instruction (selected by 15% of BHS students).

Learning Options:

Remote (virtual) instruction will look different to students in comparison to last spring (March–May). Students opting to receive remote instruction will not be able to work or sleep in during the school day. Instead, all remote learners will be expected to be in attendance (virtually) during each of the five class periods during Term #1 (Aug. 19 – Nov. 13, 2020). Each student's teachers will be expecting to interact (two-way communication; synchronous learning) each day with every student during the regularly scheduled class. Each BHS teacher will inform all of their students (both in-person & remote learners) how, by what method (Canvas, ZOOM, email, etc.), this daily communication will occur. ALL students should start (now) developing a habit of checking their school email daily for information and directives on school-related topics.

BHS Course Schedule for Term #1 of 2020-21:

To reduce the number of classrooms visited by students, and to reduce the number of passing periods each day, Bonus Period (homeroom) will NOT occur during Term #1. The daily bell schedule has been adjusted as follows:

Bell Schedule for M, T, W, & F

1 st period	8:00 – 9:20 (80 min.)
2 nd period	9:30 – 10:45 (75 min.)
3 rd period	10:50 – Noon (70 min.)
Lunch	Noon – 12:45 (45 min.)
4 th period	12:45 – 1:55 (70 min.)
5 th period	2:00 – 3:10 (70 min.)

Bell Schedule for Thursdays

1 st period	8:25 – 9:40
2 nd period	9:45 – 10:50
3 rd period	10:55 – Noon
Lunch	Noon – 12:45
4 th period	12:45 – 1:55
5 th period	2:00 – 3:10

Bell Schedule on 2-hr Delays

1 st period	10:00 – 10:55
2 nd period	11:05 – 11:55
3 rd period	12:00 – 12:45
Lunch	12:45 – 1:25
4 th period	1:25 – 2:15
5 th period	2:20 – 3:10

Lunchtime:

Students will be expected to wear their facial coverings to-and-from lunch, but not while they are eating lunch. BHS will continue to have an open lunch period (45 minutes during Term #1), and social distancing is encouraged/expected during lunchtime. The high school cafeteria will be available to BHS students from noon until 12:25 p.m. each day.

Online Registration:

If you haven't registered your child yet for the 2020-2021 school year, please do so ASAP using the Harmony Family Access Portal: <https://www.bps.k12.in.us/o/bps/page/harmony-portal--2>. Please make any demographic updates to addresses, phone numbers, etc. We must have accurate contact information for the school year!

Harmony Access:

Student schedules and course fee invoices are now available in Harmony. If you forgot your Harmony password, simply enter your ID on the Family Access site, and reset your password. Instructions will be sent to the email you used to set up your ID; however, if you do not know any of your login information please contact Mrs. Meghan Atkins at 574-546-3511, Ext. #3354.

Health Screening:

Please conduct home health screenings with your family members (starting today), and PLEASE DO NOT SEND SICK STUDENTS (or students who are waiting for the results of a COVID test) TO SCHOOL. If symptoms exist, stay home and communicate the reason for absence with the school (with Mallory Ulch mulch@bps.k12.in.us; 574-546-3511 in the BHS Office). When students report to their zero hour and/or 1st period classroom each day, 1st period teachers will use a hand-held thermometer to take each student's body temperature by pointing the device at their forehead for a couple of seconds. If the student records a temperature in excess of 99.4 degrees, the student will be sent to the office for a second temperature check. If the second temperature check remains consistent, a parent will be notified, and the

student will be sent home for the remainder of the day (and at least the next day). Together, with a little cooperation, we will open school on time and stay open!

Face Coverings:

Students and staff members will be expected to wear a facial covering (mask or shield) covering both nose and mouth during the school day. There will be opportunities for students to have mask-breaks throughout the day, depending on the learning environment. Though the school will have a supply of masks (and hand sanitizer) to distribute to students, as needed, we are asking BHS students to provide their own facial coverings when they come to school each day.

Sanitizing and Cleaning Classrooms/Equipment:

Though our evening custodial staff will be working extra hard to keep the school clean and safe for everyone, students may be asked to assist the staff in sanitizing/cleaning their learning environment during the school day. In that regard, the school is accepting donations of paper towels for wiping down students' desks and equipment periodically.

Water Acquisition Throughout the School Day:

Students should plan to bring a water refill bottle to school each day, labeled with their name. Water fountains in the halls of BHS have been converted to touchless water refill stations, and students will be encouraged to bring their filled water bottles to each class with them. Teachers will be reasonable and somewhat lenient with students' requests to re-fill water bottles and/or use the restrooms during class time.

Backpacks in Classrooms:

To reduce the routine need for students to use their hallway lockers, and to reduce the hallway congestion, BHS students will be permitted to take their backpacks/bookbags to their classrooms. The backpacks/bookbags should be placed in a location within the classroom as directed by each teacher.

Assigned Seats in Classrooms and on School Buses:

For purposes of any necessary contact tracing for potential COVID cases, bus drivers and teachers will be assigning specific seat locations to students, and students will be expected to comply with their directives.

BHS Physical Education Classes:

During the 2020-21 school year, students at Bremen High School will not be required to purchase a uniform for their physical education classes. Instead, all physical education students will be expected to bring a set of clean gym clothes from home to wear each day. Locker rooms will be accessible for students.

Music Classes:

Students enrolled in choir classes will be provided a facial shield to wear during classes which will likely be held primarily outside or in auditorium. Band classes will be held outside or split between the band classroom and The Lion Den.

Device Acquisition:

All freshmen and students new to the school will receive their Chromebook (laptop) during 1st period class on Day #1 – Wed., Aug. 19th. Login information will be provided at that time; however, most students should be able to initially login with the same username and password that they have been using. Tech support can be acquired at the BHS Media Center or by emailing studentsupport@bps.k12.in.us.

Books/Resource Acquisition for Remote Learners:

Remote learners should plan to pick up their textbooks and/or devices & resources needed for their courses from 3:30-6:00 p.m. on Mon., Aug. 17th or during the school day (8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.) on Tues., Aug. 18th. Enter the building through Door #1, and wear a face cover.

School-Owned Books:

There are still students with school owned books in their possession. Please return them to the BHS office ASAP.

Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC) & Indiana Online Academy (IOA) Information:

BHS students who are attending the EACC in the mornings will have their first day of class at Elkhart on Mon., Aug. 17th. Temperature checks will occur as students board the bus at 7:00 a.m. in the northeast BHS parking lot. In addition, any BHS student who is taking a course through the Indiana Online Academy must (a) complete an application and pay \$100.00 through the BHS Guidance Office prior to August 21st. In addition, 12% of the online course work must be completed by September 8th or the student will be automatically withdrawn from the IOA course.

National Honor Society Applications:

NHS is accepting applications for Juniors and Seniors. Applications, available in the BHS Office, are due on Sept. 8th.

New Classified Staff Members:

Bremen High School welcomes three new faculty members to our school family – (1) Autumn (Peterson) Schafer, Career & Technical Education – Agriculture, (2) Nick Weimer, Language Arts, and (3) Tricia Witmer, School Counselor.

Extra-Curricular Cancellations (thus far):

- ISSMA has cancelled all interscholastic competitions for the Marching Band season, and field trips during the school day have been suspended indefinitely.
- The BHS Athletic Department has cancelled the following events:
 - Sat., Aug. 15 The Football Jamboree @ Goshen (replaced by a Football Scrimmage @ S.B. St. Joe at 7:00 p.m. on Fri., Aug. 14th with no spectators)
 - Tues., Aug. 18 Girls' & Boys' Cross-Country Meet @ Fairfield and Girls' Volleyball Match @ Goshen
 - Thurs., Aug. 20 Boys' Tennis Match vs. Fairfield @ Bremen
 - Sat., Aug. 22 Boys' Soccer Invitational @ Northwood and the Cross-Country NIC Stomp

Upcoming Extra-Curricular Events:

- Thurs., Aug. 13 Girls' Golf vs. Jimtown & South Bend Washington @ Swan Lake Golf Resort – 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball Scrimmage vs. Westview @ Bremen – 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 15 Boys' Varsity Soccer vs. Elkhart Christian @ Jane's Park in Bremen – 10:00 a.m.
Girls' JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Wawasee @ Bremen – 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., Aug. 17 Girls' Golf vs. Plymouth, Laville, and Tippy Valley @ Pretty Lake in Plymouth – 4:30 p.m.
Boys' Tennis @ Mishawaka – 4:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Boys' Soccer @ Plymouth – 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., Aug. 18 Boys' Tennis @ Tippy Valley – 4:30 p.m.
Girls' Golf vs. South Bend Clay and Mishawaka Marian @ Elbel Golf Course – 5:00 p.m.
Girls' Varsity Soccer @ South Bend Riley – 5:30 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 19 Boys' JV/Varsity Soccer vs. South Bend Riley @ Jane's Park in Bremen – 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 20 Girls' Golf vs. New Prairie @ Swan Lake Golf Resort – 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Laville @ Jane's Park in Bremen – 5:00 p.m.
Volleyball (Frosh, JV, & Varsity) vs. Central Noble @ Bremen – 5:00 p.m.

Bremen Public Schools' New Social Media App:

We are loving our new app! Stay updated with access to real-time sports scores, the daily cafeteria menu, news from administrators, and even emergency notifications. <https://youtu.be/AK-ZwXCNyKg>. You can download the app for free on both Google Play or the Apple App Store. Download for Android: <https://bit.ly/2YbzDga>. Download for iPhone: <https://apple.co/3cW76zF>.

BHS Theme for 2020-21:

"OpportUNITY & CommUNITY Require UNITY To Build A Positive Culture That Goes Viral!"

BHS Mission Statement:

The Bremen Public Schools community works collaboratively to provide a safe, nurturing environment where students are inspired academically and socially to reach each one's potential in life.