

August 25, 2020

Dear Brunswick Schools Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe we are in the waning days of summer! All of us here at KFS, HBS, BJHS, and BHS are actively working to make sure our return to school is as successful as possible. We want to share with you updates regarding the planning, resources, and next steps:

- ❖ Programming Survey: Now that we have had the majority of families complete the BSD Programming 2020-21 survey, we are able to make follow-up phone calls to the families who have not yet indicated with which plan their student will engage this fall. Each school is working with a team of staff to complete the follow-up phone calls by the end of the day Tuesday, August 25. Once we have that information, the scheduling and grouping begins!
- ❖ Schedules, Cohorts, and Teachers: Each student will receive information regarding his/her schedule for the 2020-2021 school year on September 4, 2020. Each school is working to maintain much of the current teacher/student assignments; some shifts may need to be made at certain schools based on a variety of factors.
- **Family Forums**: Each school will host a school-based Family Forum on the following dates:
 - > September 8, 2020: BJHS from 5:00-6:00pm
 - > September 8, 2020: KFS from 6:30-7:30pm
 - > September 10, 2020: HBS from 5:00-6:00pm
 - > September 10, 2020: BHS from 6:30-7:30pm

More information will be shared in advance of these forums regarding topics to be covered, parent/guardian/student participation, etc.

- ❖ Frequently Asked Questions: There are FAQ documents available on the district website, and linked within that document include school-based FAQ information. We will continue to update the FAQs as questions continue to be asked.
- ❖ September 14, 2020: This is the official first day of school for all students. Each school is planning on providing orientations for students to acclimate to new procedures, new classes, new buildings (in KFS's case!), among other things. Each building will share their orientation plans before students return to school.

- ♦ Outdoor Spaces: We continue to partner with Teens to Trails in order to maximize the use of outdoor spaces. We are excited to share building specific information in the next few weeks, including what students should have to help them feel comfortable learning outside.
- ♦ Supplies: While there are some basic supplies consistent with years past, teachers are still compiling scenario-specific supplies lists that will be forthcoming once we've had a chance to build our cohorts.

Thank you for continuing to reach out to each of us with specific questions. This is a difficult return to school with many changes for all of us. We are excited to partner with you as we work together to provide the best education possible for all students during the 2020-2021 school year.

With gratitude,

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