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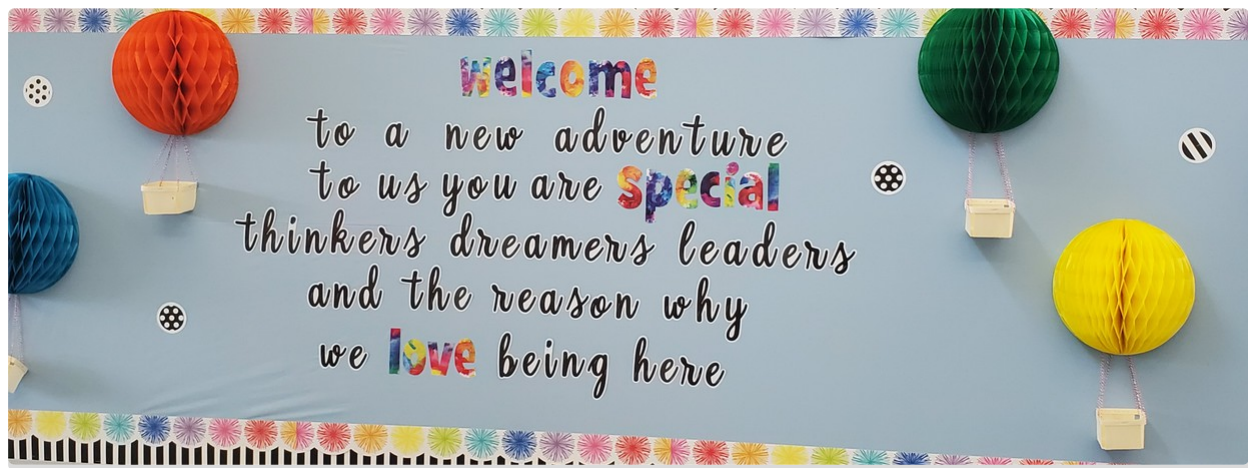
September, Back to School Edition: September 20, 2020



Newsletter

This Newsletter updates on all matters connected to Cohasset Public Schools. This letter is sent as part of a District initiative focusing on communication.

KEEP THE JOY!



The protocols are created. The safety signage is in place. The tents are up. The rooms are prepared. Custodians and facilities have worked tirelessly to create a new landscape for our students, keeping safety and optimal learning paramount. Our principals and leaders continue to inspire, lead, reflect, and collaborate. Teachers, Counselors, Support and Service Staff have learned the protocols, received professional development (which will be ongoing) in safety, social-emotional support of students, trauma sensitivity, our curricula, cultural competency and antiracism, and Remote Learning. WE HAVE GOT THIS!

Over the next week students will be entering our buildings, and the heartbeat of our schools will once again begin. We missed the students beyond words, and everyone is excited to see them. Our schools are joyous and warm places filled with learning, social and academic growth, growth mind-set development opportunities, empathy, and joy. This year is certainly a new adventure for all of us, but we pledge to provide safe environments for our students and staff, opportunities that promote innovative learning, thinking, and problem solving, and we will keep the joy in everything we do! Welcome to the 2020 - 2021 School Year.

Please click on this link to access the [COHASSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS FALL SCHOOL RE-ENTRY ROAD MAP, 2020- 2021.](#)

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Please click on the link to access the [2020 – 2021 calendar](#). The vacation, holiday, and professional development days have been balanced to create equitable in-person time for each cohort throughout the year. In addition, here is a link to the basic schedule (times and cohorts / grades) for [the week of September 22- 25](#). Detailed information regarding these schedules was communicated from building principals and can be found in this newsletter as part of the information posted for each individual school.

SCHOOL START AND ENDING TIMES FOR 2020-2021

Start of School Year and Daily School Start Times

We are keeping the start times that were voted on by the School Committee in November.

| School | Duration of Student School Day | Teacher Start Time | Student Start Time | Student End Time | Teacher End Time | Early Release |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| CHS | 6 hours 40 minutes | 8:15AM | 8:15AM | 2:55PM | 2:55PM | 12:30PM |
| CMS | 6 hours 40 minutes | 8:15AM | 8:15AM | 2:55PM | 2:55PM | 12:30PM |
| DHS | 6 hours 20 minutes | 9:05AM | 9:05AM | 3:25PM | 3:35PM | 1:15PM |
| JOS | 6 hours 20 minutes | 9:10AM | 9:10AM | 3:30PM | 3:40PM | 1:20PM |

MASK POLICY APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- is unapproved;
- is unapproved;
- is unapproved; or
- is unapproved; or

Exemptions to this policy may be made under certain circumstances, such as for an individual with medical, behavioral or other challenges who is unable to wear a face mask or face covering, or for whom it is unsafe to wear a mask or face covering. A written note from the individual's physician is required for a requested exemption. Parents/Guardians may not excuse their child from the face mask requirement by signing a waiver. Any such exemption must be approved by the building principal in consultation with the school nurse or local Health Officer. Face shields or physical barriers may provide an alternative to face masks.

Face masks or face coverings will not be required when appropriate social distancing is maintained during the following activities:

- during meal breaks;
- while eating or drinking;
- during physical education classes while outside.

While the School Committee acknowledges the developmental challenges associated with mask wearing by children in grades 2 and below, we prioritize the overall health and safety of all who learn and work on school grounds and on school transportation. For this reason, more frequent mask breaks will be scheduled for these students, and building

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SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Cohasset Public Schools Safety Pledge & The Important Roles Families Play in Stopping the Spread

The Important Role Families Play in Stopping the Spread

Families will play an important role in helping to create a culture that prioritizes health and safety. Families should check their children daily for signs of COVID-19 and should keep them home from school if they are not feeling well or if they have been in close contact with a person who has been recently diagnosed with COVID-19. It is also important that families support students wearing masks in school and on the bus. We are strongest when we work together to stop the spread (Initial Fall School Re-entry Guidance, 2020).

CPS Pledge: Healthy and Responsible Behaviors Regarding COVID-19

By coming into Cohasset Public Schools, I pledge I am following:

- State expectations for social and physical distancing
- Regulations regarding the wearing of facial coverings over your nose and mouth when in public settings (for students from grades PK– 12 and for all staff)
- Quarantine directives put forth by the Massachusetts Department of Health and the Cohasset Department of Health

- Guidance that has students and staff stay home from school / work if they are experiencing symptoms of fever, fatigue, difficulty breathing, or dry cough or if they have exhibited any symptoms relating to COVID-19

PROTOCOLS REGARDING COVID-19

The following information was compiled by our district nurses and provides supplementary information to the protocols stated in the Cohasset Public Schools Fall School Re-Entry Road Map. A big thank you to Kelly Gildea (lead nurse) and our district nurses for compiling this information and for their leadership and guidance during this difficult time.

[Cohasset Public Schools Medical Frequently Asked Questions](#)

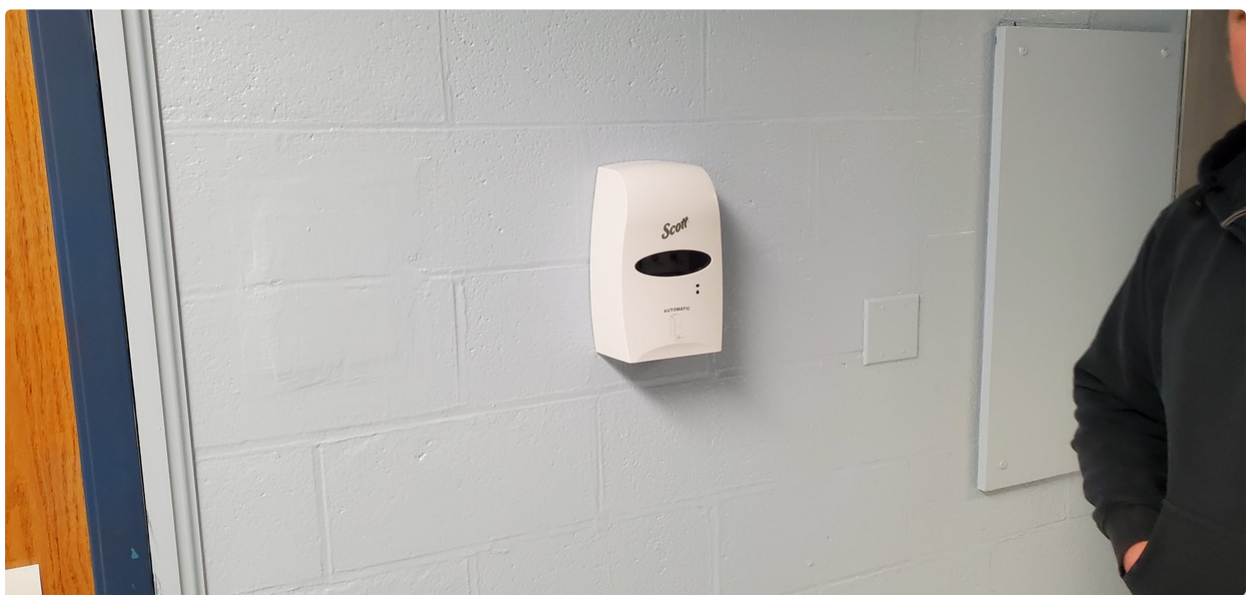
[Cohasset Public Schools Decision Tree Regarding Health Situations Related to COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Symptom Checklist for Parents and Guardians to utilize with their children](#)

Here are some useful videos regarding [Mask Wearing](#), [When to Stay Home](#), and [Hand Washing / Hand Sanitizing](#) prepared by the National Association of School Nurses (NASN).

Sample Safety Signage and Hand Sanitizer Placement





All of the hallways in our schools have safety directional signage to enhance social distancing practices





ALL Schools and Busses are Outfitted with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Masks will be readily available to students if needed, and staff have been outfitted with protective equipment as needed. Thank you to Glenn Pratt, Cohasset Director of Emergency Management, and to all the school and town leaders who worked to outfit our students and staff so well. Below is a picture of a portion of the first shipment of PPE that was delivered to the schools.



All Schools now have Medical Waiting Rooms for students or staff who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, which are separated from the nurses' offices

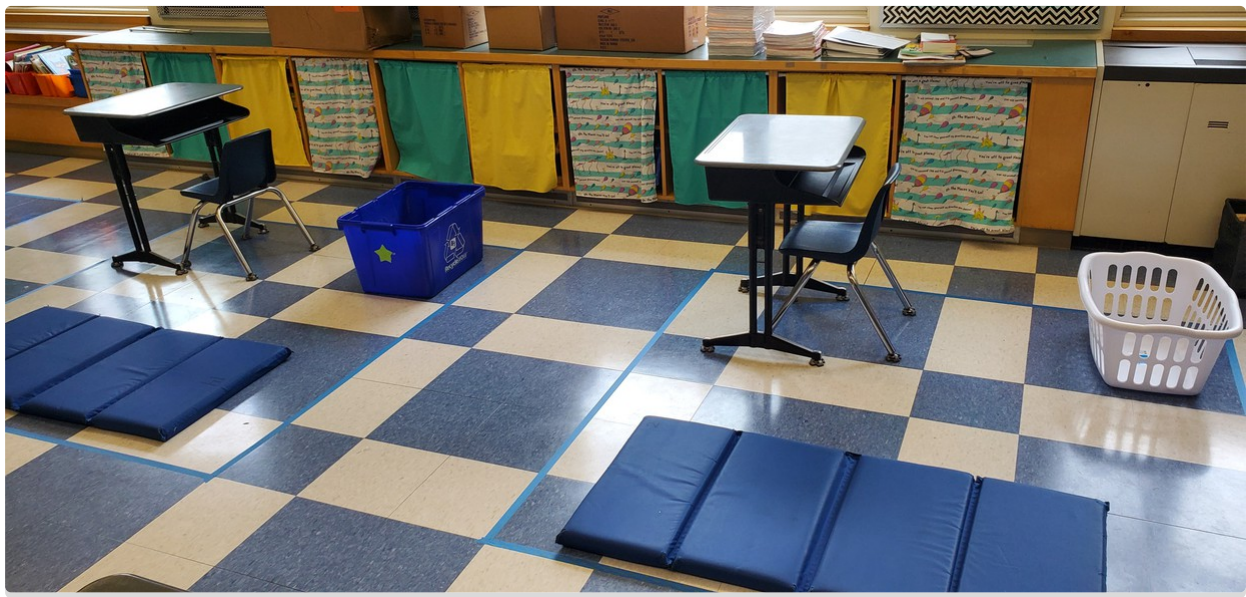


Tents are up at all schools to facilitate mask breaks and outdoor dining and learning when possible





Our Classrooms are Ready and Student Desks are Social-Distanced.



Our cafeterias are prepared and students will be safely socially distanced. All seats are marked with a number and we are tracking students seating at lunches in all schools for contact tracing purposes





Our amazing bus drivers have placed social distancing signage at each bus stop. Thank you, Bus Drivers!





INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PLANS AND COMMUNICATIONS

OSGOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

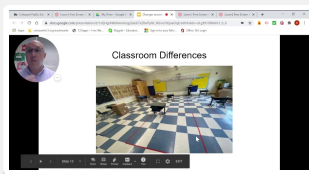


Thank you, Principal Farrell and Mr. Vinton for making the videos linked below for students and families to show that although there are some changes, the caring, empathy, learning, and joy remains the same at Osgood School.



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[Changes around the ...](#)

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Here are some of the communications sent to Osgood families regarding the start of school



Dear Osgood Kindergarten Families,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying this beautiful weather. Mr. Vinton and I are looking forward to seeing our kindergarten friends when they come for their screening next week. Please arrive for your screening 15 minutes early. Park in the front lot and walk up to the front door, there will be a staff member and myself there to greet you and direct you to your child's screen, screened through the outside. The screening will take about 10 minutes. If you forget your assigned time please call Lisa Dowell, in the front office.

As we progress through the week you will receive informational emails from my office, which will guide you through the process of starting this exciting, albeit different school year. Please enjoy this video with your child, Mr. Vinton does a fabulous job bringing calmness and joy to the adventure ahead.

[kindergartenscreenin...](#)

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Dear Osgood Families,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying this beautiful weather. Mr. Vinton and I are looking forward to seeing our 1st grade students when they come for their screening next week. Please arrive for your screening 15 minutes early. Park in the front lot and walk up to the front door, there will be a staff member and myself there to greet you and direct you to your child's screen, screened through the outside. The screening will take about 10 minutes. If you forget your assigned time please call Lisa Dowell, in the front office.

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Snack Protocol for Elementary Schools 2020-2021

- Students will be required to bring a snack and water to school.
- School Tables will be provided for students to bring their snack.
- "Snacks will be limited to 4 choices"
- Foods
 - Pretzels
 - Popcorn (Shaved or Hard)
 - Chips (Any or Cane Cook)

*** please no bottled water ***

Please send a snack with your child next week, we will have snack on the 1st day.

NOTES:

All students in the Osgood will be wearing masks to school this year. The students should wear their masks on the bus to school, in your child's living space to school, please have them wear their mask as they enter the car. Please pack a few extra masks for your child. This will help if they need to replace the one they are wearing. We will have extra masks available for students if they need them. Please see the attached School Committee Mask Policy. Mask breaks will be given throughout the day as needed.

[second update.pdf](#)

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Happy Friday! I hope everyone is excited about the weekend! This afternoon I would like to share with you a few more "Back to School" topics. Safe Space, Zoom Expectations and Changes around the Osgood School (a video by Mr. Vetter)

SAFE SPACE:

At school we are referring to social distancing as SAFE SPACE, this is a more child friendly term. We are moving back at school that we are doing it for space. We would appreciate it if you could practice this language and wearing a mask over the next few days.

Zoom Expectations:

Here are a few schoolwide expectations while using Zoom:

1. Please remember to be on time.
2. When on the Zoom camera please be school ready (materials ready, no distractions visible) and behavior should be as if you were in a physical classroom.
3. Please to talk in a quiet, well lit area.
4. Please display your first name on the screen, not a nickname.
5. If the name reason you do not see your teacher or an Osgood teacher on the Zoom screen please let Mr. Vetter and I at 401-444-4444.

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The Osgood Teachers and Staff miss the students. We are excited to see you this week!



DEER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Please see below for an excellent video made by senior Jake Gowell and some Deer Hill friends. One note on this video, we have adjusted our cafeteria routines so that lunches will be placed on cafeteria desks for those students who are buying lunch. The same protocol will be implemented at Osgood. Thank you, Jake, Principal Sullivan, and Deer Hill friends for this excellent video.



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Here is some coverage of school re-openings that includes Deer Hill in the Patriot Ledger.

[Wicked Local](#)

www.wickedlocal.com

Deer Hill Band Keeping the Joy! We are so excited to see our students!

<https://twitter.com/D...>

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Principal Sullivan explains the Deer Hill Remote Team Schedule in this useful video on Loom (please click on the image below)



Here are some communications sent to Deer Hill families regarding the start of school

Communication 1 on ...

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0-2% Absenteeism will be taken, Open links will follow.

- On the two remote days this first week, your student's classroom teacher will provide independent assignments on your email or on Google Classroom and will get them turned in through iLinc.
- On the two remote days this first week, there will be no remote specials.
- On Monday, 9/14, we will begin our full fall schedule on our District Roadmap.

To Do:

- Please read the attached [Lockdown Drill Protocol](#). We are significantly increasing our safety training this year in conjunction with the Covid safety protocol. Thank you for your compliance.
- Please print and complete the [Classroom Communication Request Form](#).
- Please print, review, and sign the [COVID-19 Student Absence Request Form](#) (per child).
- If applicable, please print and complete the [Tutor and Student Learning Agreement](#).
- Please return all completed forms to your child's classroom teacher on their first remote day of school.
- If your child is in a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio, you do NOT need to return information from the Classroom Pledge or Classroom Educational Foundation (CEF), please complete the last section of the [COVID-19 Student Absence Request Form](#) and drop off or mail it to Deer Hill School.

As you can see, this is a lot of information to digest and make complete. I will do my best to share future needs to know and to do with you in bite-sized pieces. The most important part

Communication 2 on ...

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September 15, 2020

Dear Deer Hill Families,

This email contains important information about our remote learning schedule at Deer Hill. I know many of you have been eagerly awaiting a better understanding of our plan, which remote days will look like. Thank you for your patience! In addition to the link to the Deer Hill Remote Learning Schedule, I've also included a link to a video where I walk you through the currently complete schedule. I strongly encourage you to watch the video, especially before meeting with your questions.

Please remember that for the first four days of school (9/14-9/18), remote specials will not be held. However, your child will be in Morning Meeting each remote day. As noted in the document, classroom teachers will communicate your child's remote time before the end of the week.

Dear Hill Remote Team Schedule
[Remote Learning Schedule](#)
[Remote Learning Schedule](#)

Happy reading and viewing!

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and carry over from in-person learning days.

- It is not feasible at this time for teachers to teach 10 periods and deliver uniform assignments, which is how the schedule, as you know, has been set for the last two years. I am confident in the ability of teachers to build a classroom community with care and across both classes. Additionally, I believe our students will enjoy the interaction with their remote peers.
- And the reality that this remote learning schedule is a work in progress.
- We are trying our best to balance the interests of families who prefer a very structured schedule, those who prefer more flexibility, and the educational setting considerations. The "time to between" the special time is meant for students work, lunch, time to eat, and additional enrichment opportunities that are also a priority. Please see the [Classroom Communication Request Form](#) for more details.
- The [Classroom Communication Request Form](#) is due every Monday (page 15) for what the right look like.
- After the first week of the schedule, I expect to have the closing meeting to report to the community. That has been updated. It will also be an opportunity, similar to what is in the current schedule, to have a meeting to discuss questions, a different format, regarding the use of open days or flexible constraints in our new school policy. Typically when students

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Hello Deer Hill Families,
Tonight's email is the second of two and a bit of joy. The news is that I posted on Canvas a message from students expressing their excitement. Please take a moment to read the student comments. I am sure a parent will smile.
The goal is that Deer Hill staff is getting more excited by the day to see our students! Here is a message from our staff to you on FlipGrid.
[https://www.flipgrid.com/DeerHill](#)
Looking ahead, you'll soon be receiving information about accessing Google classrooms, remote assignments, and how to access the first day of school, and other communications as deemed appropriate by your child's teacher.
All the best,
Matthew L. Johnson
Principal, Deer Hill School

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- An email from me on 9/5 that shared our [Deer Hill Remote Learning](#) and accompanying open office. [https://www.flipgrid.com/DeerHill](#) and [https://www.flipgrid.com/DeerHill](#). Please see also a follow-up email that came during our virtual open office.
 - An email from your classroom teacher that an individual shared your child's assigned remote team for example "SB Blue" for a 3rd grade in Cohort B with a list name at the end of the list.
 - An email from me on 9/5 with Deer Hill's welcome back FlipGrid. [https://www.flipgrid.com/DeerHill](#)
- If you and students in 4th and 5th grade that are new to Deer Hill also received emails from our IT department with information on setting up Google accounts. Here is an additional link to our IT Services. We'll share that may help with that process.
- What's Next:**
- An email from your child's classroom teacher by 1pm Monday that includes her Google Classroom code, remote learning assignments for the week of 9/14/20, and a daily schedule (both in person and remote) that will begin the first full week of school on 9/14.
 - This information will be posted to each teacher's Google classroom. However, teachers recognize that some students may need support to build independence with Google Classroom and all of their remote assignments and this is an email to families for the first couple of weeks of school.

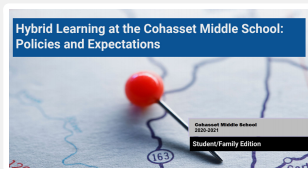
The Deer Hill Teachers and Staff miss their students and they are excited to see them this coming week. Please click on the image below to enjoy a FlipGrid video, which shows the Joy the Deer Hill staff has for their students.



COHASSET MIDDLE SCHOOL



The link below shows a concise presentation regarding Hybrid Learning at CMS.



[Hybrid Learning CMS...](#)

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The link below shows the CMS schedule rotation

2023-2024 CMS Weekly Rotation Schedule

Effective 10/12/2023 to 9/30/2024

2023-2024 CMS Weekly Rotation Schedule

Effective 10/12/2023 to 9/30/2024

Week Three Roll Schedule

Preval Data: 250/121

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
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The following weeks will use the schedule above:
October 12, November 16, January 18,
March 8, April 26, and June 14.

The following weeks will use the schedule above:
October 18, December 7, January 29, March 13,
May 5, and June 14.

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Sixth Grade Information



Please remind your student to arrive with his or her face covering on. Students are expected to keep their face covering on unless directed to remove it by a staff member.


Remote Learning: Wednesday, September 23rd and Thursday, September 24th 8:30-11:30AM

On Wednesday and Thursday, all on-grade students will be learning remotely. **On Friday, September 25th, your student will have a full day of remote learning via Zoom starting at 8:30 AM.** Your child can find the link for the full day of remote learning at the top of the schedule. To assist students in getting their service learning correctly, we have attached all Zoom information for each subject. Please email us about changing the way we connect with individual learners.

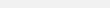
Remote Learning Friday, September 25th 8:30-11:15

On Friday, your student will meet with all their regularly scheduled classes using the 1 - 2 student schedule shown below. Each class will be approximately 25 minutes long, so please make sure your child properly arrives at each of each class. We take the Zoom session for each student once the teacher is provided before the schedule. **On Friday, we will ask students to sign into their classes or have Zoom join, instead of waiting.**

We have focused on ensuring directly back to our building and meeting in person with parents to keep them safe, happy and engaged in learning. Thank you in advance for your support.




Grade 6 Orientation...



[Click here to order the recommended grade 6 supplies on Amazon!](#)

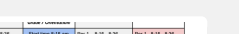
- Desicc & charger (Chromalock recommended)
- Small (2 oz) bottle of hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol)
- Dry erase tip board with markers and eraser
- Binder with pocket dividers for each class or an accordion folder
- Pencil case
- Pencils (in excess) and refresh every trimester
- Colored pencils
- Frix pens
- Multicolor highlighters
- Colored marker set
- Clipboard (STEAM)
- Plastic Storage w/ snap or elastic Closure (STEM)
- Composition book (Science)
- 3 Composition books (Math)
- Earbuds or headphones (no AirPods please!)



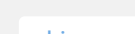
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Seventh Grade Information



7th Grade Orientation...



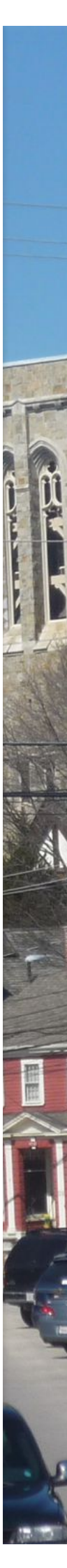
Eighth Grade Information

This is the schedule for the first week of school.

| Tuesday 9:02 | Wednesday 9:04 | Thursday 9:04 | Friday 9:05 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
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| Per 1 8:30 - 9:00 | Per 1 8:30 - 9:00 | School time 8:15 | Per 1 8:15 - 9:30 |
| Per 2 9:00 - 9:20 | Per 2 9:00 - 9:20 | Schedule TSA | Per 2 8:42 - 9:03 |
| Per 3 Does not meet | Per 3 Does not meet | | Per 3 9:09 - 9:30 |
| Per 4 9:30 - 9:50 | Per 4 9:30 - 9:50 | | Per 4 9:36 - 9:56 |
| Per 5 10:00 - 10:20 | Per 5 10:00 - 10:20 | | Per 5 10:03 - 10:24 |
| Per 6 10:30 - 10:50 | Per 6 10:30 - 10:50 | | Per 6 10:30 - 10:50 |
| Per 7 Does not meet | Per 7 Does not meet | Release at 11:15 am | Per 7 10:50 - 11:15 |

200M L&HS - Use these links to zoom into your scheduled core classes on Tuesday 9:02 and Wednesday 9:03

ENGLISH - Ms. Carmody
<https://zoom.us/j/3042086?pwd=ZWt1cXZlbnRlcUJkYVZkdGlnaDZkdz09>



- Colored pencils
- Colored marker set
- Multicolored highlighters
- Dry Erase Marker
- Spiral notes
- Blue sticks for count
- Science bubble gum
- 1/2 Kaler
- Eraser
- Clear transparent tape
- Calculator (G120)
- Photo Envelope w/ flap for notes (G120)
- Math class 1 inch binder with a tab dividers
- Spanish/French class binder with dividers or notebook with folder
- English/reading spiral notebook and folder
- Research class spiral binder with dividers (at the end of 8th grade they will bring their Research binder to fill with their own research)
- Health A notebook
- Science notebook type composition notebook 1 inch binder or accordion

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Cohasset Middle School Faculty and Staff missed their students, and they are so happy to see you this week!



COHASSET HIGH SCHOOL



The Safety Video below (created by senior Jake Gowell and friends) shows some of the safety considerations that will be in place at Cohasset High School. Nice job, Jake, Assistant Principal Noyes, and everyone who worked on this video.

Cohasset High School Safety Procedures Fall 2020



Principal Scott's Newsletter Explaining Protocols and More...

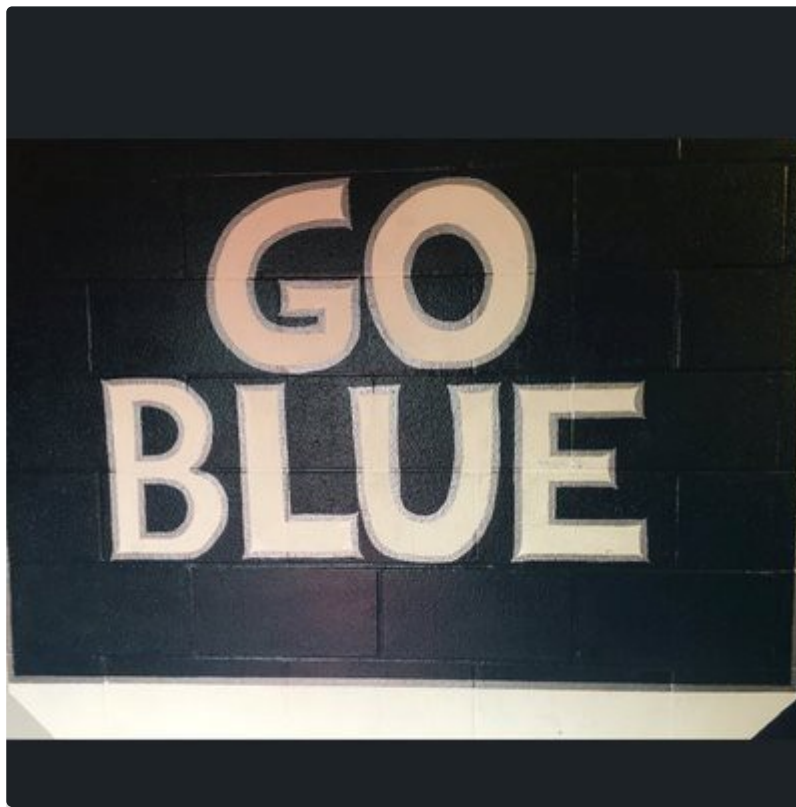


 **Cohasset High School...**

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COHASSET ATHLETICS



We are excited for the year to come in sports! Thank you to Athletic Director Steve Rotondi and all of our amazing coaches for the work they have done to prepare for the upcoming season.

COVID-19 Safety Standards

Fall Sport Offerings and Risk Categories

Massachusetts has specifically classified high school sports under three levels of risk:

- **Lowest Risk**
 - Sports or activities that can be done with social distancing and no physical contact
 - Sports or activities that can be done individually
 - All fall sports currently in the lowest risk category: Golf and Cross Country
- **Moderate Risk**
 - Sports or activities that involve intermittent close proximity or limited, incidental physical contact between participants
 - All fall sports currently in the moderate risk category: Field Hockey, Soccer
- **Higher Risk**
 - Sports or activities for which there is a requirement for a substantial likelihood of routine close and/or sustained proximity or deliberate physical contact between participants and a high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants
 - All fall sports currently in the higher risk category: Football, and Competition Cheer

In Phase II, Step 1 (our current status as of 9/14/2020), our sports are subject to the limitations and

[2020 Covid Guideline...](#)

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Fall 2020 Sports Registration Communication

Registration information for our fall season can be found at the bottom of this page. However, it is important that all CHS fall athletes/families read important details below prior to registering.

FALL SEASON DATES: The first day of fall sports is Friday, September 25th. It will include a two-week pre-season (golf will be slightly less). The season will wrap up the week before Thanksgiving.

The sports that we can offer this fall will all play under new, significant modifications and guidelines. Highlights of these guidelines include:

- All participants must wear a face covering when unable to socially distance (this includes during play)
- All participants must complete a Covid-19 screening daily
- No more than 25 people may work together at a practice. This will limit roster sizes
- No more than 24 (including coaches) people may be on a school bus. This has caused us to temporarily amend our transportation policy
- No more than 50 people may attend any athletic contest as spectators. We are working to come up with a plan as a school and within the South Shore League. A message will go out families regarding game attendance prior to the first contest.

[Fall 2020 Sports Regi...](#)

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STUDENT SERVICES

The following communications have been sent by Barbara Cerwonka, Director of Student Services

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for working with us regarding your child's special education needs and services. We appreciate your input regarding your child's progress and experience during the period of remote learning in the 2019-2020 school year. Our district is committed to continued family engagement and collaboration, and we appreciate your participation in our family forums in June. As you know, the district will be implementing a hybrid instructional model this school year. Details regarding this model have been communicated by the school district.

This notification is intended to document specific information about how Individualized Education Program services may be implemented differently than as outlined in your child's current IEP due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that a change in the delivery of special education services due to a school's change in learning model as a result of COVID-19 does not result in a change to your child's IEP. You will find specific information about your child's rights within the [Individualized Education Program](#), which the district provides to parents at least once annually. This document includes services that you may contact for assistance in understanding your rights.

If you have any questions, please reach out to myself at the email and phone number listed above.

Sincerely,



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Hybrid instruction in the proposed model for the Cohasset School District, per the Boarding School of South Family Forum on July 28, 2020, and August 3. Feedback was collected and addressed in these forums as well as via family surveys. Additionally, there has been individual outreach and response with families through the Office of Student Services.

Students will attend sessions in cohorts, A & B, live in person two days/week and remotely 3 days/week. Students who attend P & A, and/or fall into the high needs category described in the July 9 Guidance have been tentatively assigned live in person four days/week. While all accommodations, modifications, and services for the IEP will be delivered, they may be delivered differently than a typical work-week schedule of any type of learning. For example, services may be checked into any type of service such as GIEC support on the two live days and another type of service such as GIEC support on the two remote days. While remote days will not be live, they may have a combination of synchronous, asynchronous, check-in, check-out, and independent work. If your child is attending all live days, their services also may be checked into different settings on different days (similar to what is described above).

Communication will be regular and ongoing between families and special education teachers, therapists, social workers, and the director. You can expect to hear from your child's direct service provider weekly in a format that best meets your needs/schedule (phone call, email, Zoom). From the time that an email has been sent, and from the director to school and as things continue to develop via the Student Services web page, email/blackboard, or other means.



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FOOD SERVICE

Message from the Director of Food Service, Marilyn Haraden

2020-21 School Year Meals Information:

The Office of Food and Nutrition has been working hard to prepare for the year and to safely welcome back students into our school buildings. During this unprecedented pandemic closure, we have been busy providing meals for families and elderly residents in town to ensure that every person who needs a meal receives one.

We are excited to announce that the USDA has extended **free meals for all** through December 31, 2020, or until we are notified of a change in federal policy. This allows every Cohasset Public Schools student access to breakfast and lunch at no charge. We encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity that will provide nutritious meals to both in-person and remote learners.

Menus will be posted on our website, www.cohassetk12.org, under the "Nutrition" tab. Students can choose either a hot meal or cold meal for lunch each day. All meals will be pre packaged and placed in bags for easy grab-and-go service. Each meal bag will contain the entrée, fruit, vegetable, and drink.

In-person learning. When students are in the buildings, they will come to the cafeteria to get their meals. Because meals are now free for all students, they will move through the lunch line without having to enter their ID numbers into the computer. Grab-and-go breakfast will be available in every building daily.

Remote learning. When students are on the remote schedule, families have the option to pick up free to-go meals (breakfast and lunch) Monday-Friday. Pick-up for all students will be at the Middle/High School, 143 Pond Street, at the loading dock behind the Middle School, each day from 12:00-1:00.

Although meals will be free at the beginning of the year, families should still fill out the free or reduced price eligibility forms so that information is on file if the USDA switches back to the traditional system

of charging families for meals. Forms were sent out to parents by each school, and they are available on our website under the "Nutrition" tab.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marilyn Haraden, Director of Food Services, at mharaden@cohassetk12.org or 781-383-6107.

BUSES, BUS ROUTES, AND BUS STOPS

Bus Routes are posted on the website's [Transportation Department Tab](#). Families of students signed up for buses have been mailed information, including bus routes, bus stops, and bus passes. Thank you to Mrs. and Mr. Laird, Missy Parfumorse (Transportation Supervisor), and Lisa Tokarz for their amazing work with these bus routes and bus stops.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Information Regarding Before and After School Programming

We are excited to announce our collaboration with the Cohasset Recreation Department to provide Before and After School Care through their RISE program for students K-5. The RISE program is available for Osgood and Deer Hill students on their in-person days only. This program will take place at the Osgood School 7:00am – 9:00am and 3:30pm - 6:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Recreation Department is also providing a Before School program at the middle and high school from 7:00am-8:00am in the middle and high school gymnasium. This program will be available for middle and high school students on their in-person days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Please see the [Cohasset Recreation Department website](#) for more detailed information and registration process.

BE THE CHANGE

We will continue to engage students and staff in the meaningful discussions necessary to promote change. We are committed to promoting anti-racism and cultural competency.



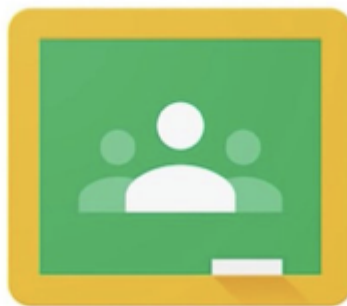
Fight for the things that
you care about, but do it
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others to join you

– *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*



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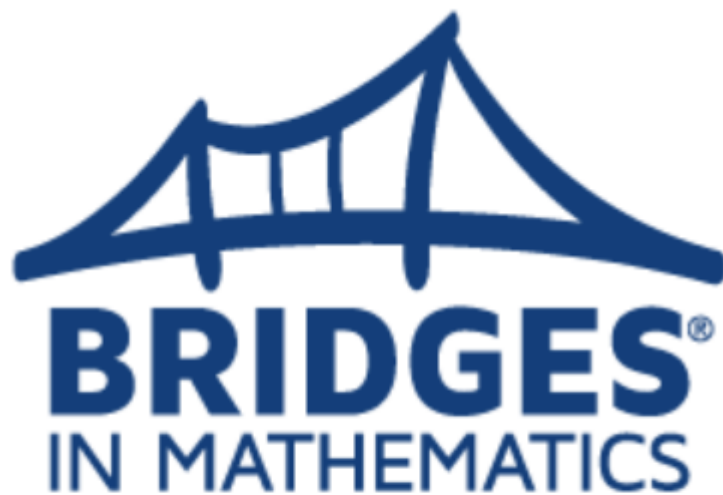
Google Classroom



Google Classroom

Google Classroom is the learning management system (LSM) that all teachers are using. All students K-12 have Google accounts. All assignments and work are housed in Google Classroom. Teachers will provide information for students and families. If you need some help logging into Google account click on this [link](#).

Math Center Bridges Elementary Math Program



PK–5 curriculum

The elementary schools will be using the [Math Learning Center Bridges](#) program. Teachers will provide resources for families. The website is family friendly and offers great resources. The Math Learning Center worked with staff virtually for 2 days and also provide a library of trainings for staff to use to create professional development geared to their needs.

Parent Workshop on Remote Learning



Wondering what remote learning will look like this year? Join us virtually on Tuesday, September 29 as [Grea Kulowiec](#) from EdTechTeacher.org gives an overview of remote learning and the pedagogy

behind it as well as answers your questions.

Elementary Families at 6:00pm

Middle and High School Families at 7:00pm

Access information will be sent this week.

Professional Development Update



These times have presented many challenges, but also have presented many opportunities. One such opportunity are the additional days for more professional development for the staff before the start of school. We appreciate this delay may have been difficult for families, however the additional days were filled with presenters, time for collaboration, and adjusting to the changes needed to teach this year.

The CPS Professional Development Committee worked over the summer to assess the needs of the staff and then create a First 12 Days of Professional Development Calendar. The three areas that stood out in the staff survey were Remote Learning, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) related to trauma from COVID-19 and the civil unrest in the country, and Cultural Competency.

Dr. Steven Golden, the District physician, along with Mary Goodwin, the Town Nurse and Pam Fahey, from the Board of Health shared some current information about COVID-19 and its relation to the schools as well as answered questions for families and staff. Here is the [parent presentation](#).

CPS partnered with [EdTechTeacher.org](https://www.edtechteacher.org/) to learn about remote learning and teaching in a digital world. All staff participated in 3 two hour workshops which included an introduction to remote learning, Google Classroom set-up and design as well as creating engaging lesson for students within a digital platform.

[Dr. Bonuato and Dr. Plummer presented](#) to both staff and families about strategies to help children

school for both staff and students and gave strategies to aid all as they come back to school.

In addition, Monica Belton from [R.E.C.E.T.org](https://www.receet.org) also worked with staff to discuss the trauma of racism and foundational information about trauma and racism. Our last presenter, Dr. Kalise Wornum of [KW Diversity Inc.](https://www.kwdiversity.com) engaged staff in meaningful dialogue about racism and how do we address it by making sure we know our students through building relationships and reflecting on our own implicit bias that impact our daily interactions with people. We will continue our work with Dr. Wornum on October 30th when we have a full day of workshops on learning to become more culturally competent.

Take Care of Yourself and Take Care of Each Other



Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can do anything to help your student or your family during this difficult time. Most important is the physical and mental health of everyone, and we will stay focused on making that a priority. Please take good care.

**CPS STUDENTS, WE ARE EXCITED TO BEGIN THE SCHOOL
YEAR!**

I hope you feel
welcomed + loved...
because you are ♥

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