



March 25, 2020

Dear BHR Students and Families,

I hope you are all well. I want to touch base with you about assignments and activities that have been posted this week, and about some supports we have put in place for you as we go forward.

As you may have heard today, Governor Baker announced that the earliest reopening for schools will be on May 4, 2020. This raises many questions about the school year, online learning, extracurriculars, and end of year events - we don't have answers yet to many of these questions. We have been in contact with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and we are expecting more guidance this week. For now, we will continue with the plan laid out last week. The work your teachers have been posting and will continue to provide is meant to keep you **learning and engaged** with the curriculum. Take advantage of these opportunities and focus on the learning you can do from home.

Make sure you also take some time to **engage with your immediate family, those in your household, and friends and relatives** through online platforms. Finding the positive in a difficult situation can be hard, but the benefits of working on your relationships with those around you will stick with you long after these days are a memory.

Here are some mid-week highlights and information for you all:

- Continue to login to X2, your google classroom sites, and our website for up to date assignments and information. Teachers will be sharing two assignments per week with you. Since we are unable to access the building and our full curriculum, the goal of these assignments is to ensure a "continuation of learning" for each of you.
- If you are struggling with wifi/internet access at home, please check out these amazing resources from Comcast: <http://wifi.xfinity.com/>.
- We have been able to locate a few chromebooks that students left in the building. If you left your chromebook and need it to complete work, please email myself and Matt Eisan (meisan@bluehills.org) with a specific location and your name. If we can find it, we will leave it in the front lobby and you can schedule a time to come in and pick it up.

- Guidance counselors, adjustment counselors, and school psychologists are ready and able to talk with you and assist you in any way that they can. Email is the best method of getting in touch right now. Parents - if you feel that your child would benefit in any way from speaking with or communicating with their counselor, please reach out to him/her. The guidance listings are at the end of this letter. Counselors will also be reaching out to many of you as we work towards selecting courses for next school year.
- If any of you were struggling academically when we suspended normal school operations, I would encourage you to take the next few weeks to dig in to your school work, assignments, and to communicate with your teachers to see how you can improve your grade.
- Give yourself a routine! Believe it or not, we all need routine and consistency in our lives. Your major source of routine has been interrupted. Try to get yourself on a schedule that includes your schoolwork, physical activity, social interaction, and rest.
- Please reach out directly to your teacher if you need help with something. If you need additional support or have general questions, please contact the appropriate administrator:
 - Dr. Bavuso - Academics - pbavuso@bluehills.org
 - Ms. Sylvia - Vocational - msylvia@bluehills.org
 - Mr. Dimitriou - Special Services - adimitriou@bluehills.org
 - Mr. Cavanaugh - Student Activities - tcavanaugh@bluehills.org
 - Ms. Poliseno - Co-op - kpoliseno@bluehills.org
 - Mr. Zini - Principal - gzini@bluehills.org

Be well and stay positive!

Sincerely,

Geoff Zini

Principal



Guidance Counselor Caseload Assignments 2019-20

Emily Burns, Guidance Counselor, ext. 2264 (eburns@bluehills.org)

Automotive Technology
Collision Repair and Refinishing
Engineering
Health Assisting

John-Henry Davis, Guidance Counselor, ext. 2261 (jdavis@bluehills.org)

Computer Information Systems
Culinary Arts
Electrical
HVAC & R
Metal Fabrication

Laura O'Reilly, Guidance Counselor, ext. 2263 (lo'reilly@bluehills.org)

Design & Visual Communication
Drafting
Early Education
Graphic Communications
Legal & Protective Services

Sarah Titus, Guidance Counselor, ext. 2262 (stitus@bluehills.org)

Construction Technology
Cosmetology
Electronics