Hello Bulldog Nation,

We hope that you and your family have had a great summer. It may be more important now than ever that you found some time for a little “fun in the sun” that kept you busy and allowed you to maintain a positive and healthy outlook on our current reality. Throughout the summer our Covid Task Force Team has been working hard here at WHS to reconfigure our protocols and programs to be in compliance with recommendations by the CDC, Flathead City-County Health and the Governor’s office to minimize the acquisition or transmission of Covid on our campus. We’re ecstatic for the opportunity and privilege to welcome our students back to school in an in-person setting.

We know that our ability to keep our doors open to students will be heavily dependent on our ability to minimize the number of positive Covid tests within our population. The brass tacks is that everyone’s personal choices and decision making will be the determining factor of whether or not we can continue to service our students on campus. If we all work together to make some sacrifices to keep our kids in school, we’ll have a chance. It’s imperative right now, that as adults, we model the safe practices that will help keep community spread down so that our students can remain in school and stay in a healthy and productive routine.

Our three goals in the first few weeks are to ensure our students feel welcome, familiarize them with our new Covid social norms and orientate them on what synchronous instruction will look like, both on and off campus. We have devoted time and planned activities to accomplish these objectives. We believe strongly that there is no substitute for an in-person educational experience. However, you should know that our staff is committed to continual training to provide your student with a remote experience that is both relevant and rigorous. We listened to our students, parents and staff last spring when all three audiences shared that we needed more consistency, clarity and standardization within our remote platform to make it more user-friendly and functional. We feel, over the summer, that we have redesigned a remote experience that meets those parameters. There will be more accountability and structure with our synchronous instruction delivery.

The following information should prove helpful as you prepare for the upcoming year. There will be more information sent home on the first day of school and throughout the year to keep everyone well-informed and connected to school life.
Whitefish Reopening Transition Plan

To start the school year, we are going to structure the schedule to keep students, staff, and families safe as we transition back to school. The transition period will go from August 26th through September 25th. The following week, starting on September 28th, our intention is to move to a Phase II model for a daily schedule, up to 100% of students on site for instruction through a five (5) day school week. This will be dependent on the recommendations of the Governor's Office, Flathead City-County Health Department as well as continual monitoring of external and internal metrics.

Again, our objective is to help minimize community spread so that we can get back to phase 3 as soon as possible. This transition plan is designed to provide staff and students the necessary time and structure to:

- distribute student devices, books, packets, equipment and other materials
- receive orientation and training for effectively teaching and learning in a hybrid model
- properly navigate the various components of Google Classroom and how they will be used in each class
- establish a positive climate for engagement in the learning process and a foundation for building relationships
- understand and practice the new procedures needed for personal health and protection from Covid-19

The plan is designed to ease the transition back to school, while providing consistency across the district, by:

- ensuring all Whitefish Schools follow similar plans
- decreasing the student population on campus at a given time for the first month of school
- dividing the student population into 2 groups by last name (A-K and L-Z)
- building a schedule in which each group alternates between on campus learning and remote learning
- delivering synchronous instruction each day so all students receive the same instruction, whether on campus or remote
First Day of School Schedule and Plan
Wednesday, August 26, 2020

WHS will follow a modified schedule the first day of school in which all students will only attend for a portion of the day. The first day is broken into two primary categories:

1) Freshman
   - Orientation and Prep for High School
     • Freshman will be split into 2 groups: Half of the freshmen will attend the morning session, the other half will attend the afternoon session
     • Approx. 80 students per session separated into 5 groups for 5 orientation stations
     • No lunch for students on the first day
     • All freshmen are encouraged to attend their respective session, regardless if they’ve chosen in-person or remote learning
     • Masks are required for all students and staff
   • Freshmen Schedule for the First Day
     8:30-11:00 Freshmen Last Name A-K
     12:30-3:00 Freshmen Last Name L-Z

2) Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
   - ID Photos, Information Packets, Class Schedules
     • Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will only attend during their respective 30 min block
     • Enter and leave through the East Entrance (facing the track) and go directly to the gym
     • All students are encouraged to attend their respective session, regardless if they’ve chosen in-person or remote learning
     • Masks are required for all students and staff
   • Upperclassmen Schedule for the First Day
     • 8:00-8:30 Sophomores Last Name A-E
     • 8:30-9:00 Sophomores Last Name F-K
     • 9:00-9:30 Sophomores Last Name L-R
     • 9:30-10:00 Sophomores Last Name S-Z
     • 10:00-10:30 Juniors Last Name A-E
     • 10:30-11:00 Juniors Last Name F-K
     • 11:00-11:30 Juniors Last Name L-R
     • 11:30-12:00 Juniors Last Name S-Z
     • 1:00-1:30 Seniors Last Name A-E
     • 1:30-2:00 Seniors Last Name F-K
     • 2:00-2:30 Seniors Last Name L-R
     • 2:30-3:00 Seniors Last Name S-Z
WHS First 6 Weeks of School

Week 1: August 26-28 (no remote instruction)
*Special Note About Week 1: All students are encouraged to attend their respective days this week, regardless if they've chosen in-person or remote learning. Important information will be shared to help all students navigate both in-person and remote learning platforms. Chromebooks will be distributed to every student during Base Camp on both Thursday and Friday.

***Please notify our office ASAP if your student will not be attending in-person this first week.***

Wed 8/26  First Day of School (detailed schedule attached on previous page)

Thurs 8/27  Prep for Success - Students Last Name A-K, 8:25 am - 3:32 pm, On Campus

Fri 8/28  Prep for Success - Students Last Name L-Z, 8:25 am - 3:32 pm, On Campus

Week 2: August 31-September 4 (remote synchronous instruction begins)
*Special Notes About Weeks 2-5:
*Students should arrive between 8:15-8:25 and go directly to their first class.
*Congregating in common spaces and hallways is not permitted.
*School starts at 8:25 am and ends at 3:32 each day.
*The entire student population will be split into 2 groups by last name (A-K & L-Z). Each week, A-K will attend in-person for 2 consecutive days while L-Z attends remotely on those days. The groups will then switch so A-K attends remotely while L-Z attends in-person for the next 2 days.
*Students that have chosen the remote learning only option will attend remotely every day.

Mon 8/31  No School for Students. Staff Professional Development Day

Tues 9/1  Students A-K, On Campus Learning
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

Wed 9/2  Students A-K, On Campus Learning
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

Thurs 9/3  Students L-Z, On Campus Learning
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction

Fri 9/4  Students L-Z, On Campus Learning
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction
WHS First 6 Weeks of School....continued

**Week 3: September 7 - 11**

**Mon 9/7**  No School -- Labor Day

**Tues 9/8**  Students A-K, On Campus Learning  
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Wed 9/9**  Students A-K, On Campus Learning  
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Thur 9/10**  Students L-Z, On Campus Learning  
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Fri 9/11**  Students L-Z, On Campus Learning  
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Week 4: September 14 - 18**

**Mon 9/14**  Students A-K, On Campus Learning  
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Tues 9/15**  Students A-K, On Campus Learning  
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Wed 9/16**  Student Independent Work Day, Off Campus  
Individual Student Interventions and Supports, On Campus (by appointment)  
Staff -- Office Hours, Meetings (PLC, Staff, IEP, etc.)  
Midweek Facility Deep Cleaning & Sanitizing

**Thur 9/17**  Students L-Z, On Campus Learning  
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Fri 9/18**  Students L-Z, On Campus Learning  
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction
WHS First 6 Weeks of School....continued

**Week 5: September 21 - 25**
Mon 9/21 Students A-K, On Campus Learning
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

Tues 9/22 Students A-K, On Campus Learning
Students L-Z, Remote Synchronous Instruction

Wed 9/23 Student Independent Work Day, Off Campus
Individual Student Interventions and Supports, On Campus (by appointment)
Staff -- Office Hours, Meetings (PLC, Staff, IEP, etc.)
Midweek Facility Deep Cleaning & Sanitizing

Thur 9/24 Students L-Z, On Campus Learning
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction

Fri 9/25 Students L-Z, On Campus Learning
Students A-K, Remote Synchronous Instruction

**Week 6: September 28 – October 2 (and beyond)**
*Our intention is to transition to a Phase 2 model for scheduling, which would end the rotation of A-K and L-Z in a remote setting. Our hope is to have up to 100% of students on site for instruction each school day.*

*Students who chose the remote learning option will continue to attend remotely each day.*
Whitefish High School
General Information

Freshman Walkabout:
Please Note: The Freshman Walkabout previously scheduled for August 20th has been cancelled.

Student Class Schedules:
All student class schedules will be issued on the first day of school.

Student Photographs:
All students need to be prepared to have their individual picture taken on the first day of school (August 26th), which will be used for student records, student ID’s, the yearbook and will be available for purchase from Swan Lake Studio.

Student Activity Fees:
Student Activity Passes are $50 again this year and is payable to Whitefish High School. This is a one-time cost for the year that covers student entrance fees to all regular season home games. If students are interested in the Student Activity Pass, it would be best to have payment brought to the school office on or before the first day of school so the proper coding can be made on the Student ID card.

Student ID Cards:
All students will be issued photo ID’s the first day of school that will identify their grade status as well as activity fee purchase. These ID cards will be used as activity cards and must be shown to attend events. Student ID cards also indicate whether or not a student is permitted to leave campus at lunchtime. Freshman and sophomore students are not allowed to leave the campus for lunch or any other time during the day unless accompanied by a parent. For sophomores only, we have established a positive incentive program that will give qualifying students an off-campus lunch privilege the second semester. This is explained further in the student handbook.

Early Release Days
Each year, we strive for ways to improve our instruction and professional development to better educate and meet the needs of our youth. As a district, we have been working on finding ways to provide time for our teachers to collaborate with each other, working on ways to best meet the needs of all our students around instructional delivery, student progress, and overall improvement of instruction. In an effort to provide time for this worthy and necessary work, we will be continuing the implementation of early release at all schools beginning Wednesday, September 30th.

When is Early Release? Beginning Wednesday, September 30th: Each Wednesday, only during the weeks that are a full five (5) day school week, students from all of our Whitefish schools will be released from school early--one hour early release. During the hour after students are released, teachers will be working in a Professional Learning Community (PLC) format: a structure in which educators work together to improve student learning.
Information:
You can keep current with all WHS events and activities by going to our website at whs.wsd44.org. If you would like to receive our daily announcements, click on the banner that reads, “Subscribe to Our Email Lists”

Parents:
Your children receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work together as a team. It’s a parent’s enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires young people to do their best; and supports a teacher’s ability to teach at the highest level.

Working together is key to successful achievement. We encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedules to become familiar with our school, participate in and support the various school activities, as well as create a homework-friendly home environment that will allow your children to excel.

Thank you for your commitment to your child’s education. We hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer. We look forward to seeing all of you in the very near future...it’s going to be a great school year. If you have any questions, always feel free to call. We are here for you!

Sincerely,

Kerry Brown, Principal
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