

August 14, 2020

Good evening, Arbutus Middle School families,

I hope this message finds you well! We have been working on preparations to welcome our Eagles back to school on September 8th. Our AMS school Leadership Team had an opportunity to collaborate regarding our virtual bell schedule for the fall. We carefully considered student social emotional and academic needs, stakeholder input and the impact of COVID-19 on our school community. We will implement a four period, A/B day meeting schedule for our students for the entire school year. A copy of our virtual bell schedule is attached to this message and will be posted on our school website and in Schoology. Individual student schedules will be available in [BCPS One](#) on August 18, 2020.

School will begin for students on September 8, 2020. Teachers will be on duty Monday through Friday with Wednesday held as a day for targeted student intervention, asynchronous (anytime) instruction, individual and collaborative planning, and professional learning. Teachers will take student attendance daily and will adhere to traditional grading and reporting procedures as outlined in the *BCPS Grading and Reporting Procedures Manual*.

More information regarding school supplies and student orientation meeting is forthcoming and will be sent out and posted on the Arbutus Middle School website.

Please save the date for our AMS Virtual Back to School Night on September 16, 6:30pm.

Our goal is to work together to support our students, families and staff during these challenging times. Please continue to provide feedback to teachers, counselors and school administrators about your student's experience and needs throughout the first semester.

For more information, please view the BCPS Reopening Plan on the BCPS website.

We cannot wait to welcome our Eagles back to school!!!!

Sincerely,

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