

Bishop Weekly Update – 9/28/2020

Hello Bishop Community ~

First, “G’mar chatima tova” to our families observing the High Holiday. I hope that you are having an easy fast.

This Week's Programming -

We are prepared to enter our second week of Full Remote and Hybrid programming!

There will be some minor adjustments to daily operations and scheduling within the Hybrid program as needed, however, at this time, we are running the same system from last week's arrival and dismissal. As a reminder:

Arrival and Dismissal - There will be multiple meeting areas by grade when you arrive on campus this week. - I have marked all 6 locations with colored spray-painted lines and grade delineations. Kindergarten and 2nd grade are staged in the courtyard, with grade 1 in the grass in front of the school, 3rd grade lined up on the Crosby St. sidewalk, and 4th and 5th grade on the blacktop.

Teachers and staff will be outside at their designated locations with clearly marked signs with their last name on them to greet you.

This arrival format will be in place for the first two weeks of school.

For a more detailed explanation of Bishop’s arrival expectations, you can reference the family information session from September 16th found [here](#): Passcode: .n7q^t.?

Arrival Time: For mitigation purposes, please arrive no earlier than 8:00am. Please refrain from congregating and please wear masks. Students and staff will enter the building at the 8:10 bell. This is when you will say goodbye to your child.

Dismissal will be at 1:45pm daily, with students leaving the building through the doors they entered in the morning. All students must vacate the campus at 1:45pm. If your child is a walker, please remind them that they must go directly home after the 1:45pm bell; thank you.

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE FROM NURSE MARTIN

Dear Bishop Community,

I hope that your children had a great first week back- I sure enjoyed seeing them! This school year is definitely going to be an adventure and there will be some bumps along the way but I am very confident that our community will get through this together!

Some feedback for you based on observations and questions that I have received this week:

Masks

Please ensure that your child's mask fits properly. The mask should cover their face from nose to chin and should stay up over their nose. Generally speaking, masks with adjustable ear loops fit better. The kids did a great job this week with wearing their masks when they needed to!!

Symptom Check

Please remember that it is required that all families do a symptom check of their children prior to sending them to school- the only way that we will be able to be successful with our in person learning is when everyone does this. The symptom checklist is provided for you in the Bishop Parent Checklist. Additionally, an online symptom checking tool can be used like this [ONE](#) that is supported by the state.

Student Dismissal Related to Illness

It is SO IMPORTANT that students be picked up as soon as possible in the event that they are being dismissed due to illness. The expectation is 30 minutes from the time of the call from the nurse/school with limited exceptions.

Power School

The family portal is now working and health information and contacts for each child should be updated as soon as possible.

Flu Shots

Per the new state mandate, all students, whether learning in person or remotely, are required to get an Influenza vaccination before 12/31. The recommendation is for vaccinations to be done by 11/1, when flu season typically starts to pick up (sooner is better). We are not expecting to have Flu Clinics at school this year, if this changes, I will let you know. The Arlington Board of Health will be offering clinics to town residents and children and seniors will be priority. At this time, my recommendation would be to contact your child's pediatrician's office to get a flu shot. Adults can go to most any retail pharmacy (CVS, Walgreens) to get a flu shot.

With Kind Regards,
Katie Martin, MSN, RN - Bishop School Nurse

We look forward to a second week of success!

My Best,
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