



Buck Mountain Central School

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Dear BMC Families,

I hope this email finds you well as we get closer to the start of our school year. I would like to thank our parents and students for your words of encouragement and support this past week and for the excellent questions that have been asked. I have listed below a few of the frequently asked questions and our responses. I am hopeful that some of this information might be helpful to our parents and students as you get ready for the start of school. There will be additional communications being sent to you as we refine our Re-Entry Plan for BMC. Our Office is open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Jon Meyers
Principal

Frequently Asked Questions

Quartering Classes → *I've heard some courses will be quartered. What does this mean?*

By quartering courses, the school year will be divided into four time periods, or learning quarters. High school students may take up to three courses in each quarter. This helps to minimize the contact students have with each other as they move between classes. Student course requests will be scheduled over all four quarters of the school year. Quarters run from September to November, November to January, February to April, and April to June.

Mask Breaks → *What will mask breaks look like?*

Students will take mask breaks regularly throughout the day. For example, teachers may book time to instruct outside where physical distancing is possible and masks do not need to be worn. Within a classroom, they may choose to play a video during which students can remove their masks and sit quietly for a break. Teachers have flexibility to provide mask breaks at their discretion.

Options Courses → *Will we be offering option classes?*

Yes, at this time we are planning to offer option courses to all students. If enrollment changes occur between now and the start of school, this may result in courses being changed.



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Traffic Flow → *What do you mean by traffic flow?*

We are examining ways to limit the numbers of different student interactions. We will be decreasing the numbers of students that are present in our hallways at one time. As part of this strategy, students will be assigned to enter and exit the school through a specific door and may be assigned to a specific area or wing of the school for break times and using the washroom.

Student Timetables → *When will I see my Timetable?*

Our goal is to have Powerschool open to parents and students near the end of the week. We will be distributing to all parents and students when PowerSchool is available.

School-At-Home Learning → *What will School-At-Home learning look like?*

Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools (WRPS) is providing at-home learning through division resources, as well as resources shared with us by other school divisions. Students will remain registered in their current school if parents apply to have their child participate in school-at-home-learning. School-At-Home-learning will be delivered by teachers working as part of a division team. The teacher may or may not work at their community school. In addition, the order of topics learned may not be consistent with the student's home school.