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E-LEARNING FRAMEWORK

Our e-Learning process has been underway for four weeks. At this time, we will be implementing a framework that will allow the launch schedule to operate more efficiently. This framework will make it easier for teachers to schedule office hours, conferences, and synchronous instruction with their students.

Office Hours/Conference Windows					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Launch	English/Art/Music	Social Studies	Math/PE/Health	Science	World Lang/Elec.
Due date	Social Studies	Math/PE/Health	Science	World Lang/Elec.	English/Art/Music
eSD Feedback	Math/PE/Health	Science	World Lang/Elec.	English/Art/Music	Social Studies
7:45-8:00	Conferences scheduled as needed				
8:00-8:30					
8:30-9:00					
9:00-9:30	Special Education	Special Education	Special Education	Special Education	Special Education
9:30-10:00	Math	Art/Music	World Lang.	English	PE/Health
10:00-10:30	Math	Art/Music	World Lang.	English	PE/Health
10:30-11:00	Math	Art/Music	World Lang.	English	PE/Health
11:00-11:30	PE/Health	English	Electives	Art/Music	Science
11:30-12:00	PE/Health	English	Electives	Art/Music	Science
12:00-12:30	PE/Health	English	Electives	Art/Music	Science
12:30-1:00	World Language	Science	Social Studies	Math	Social Studies
1:00-1:30	World Language	Science	Social Studies	Math	Social Studies
1:30-2:00	World Language	Science	Social Studies	Math	Social Studies
2:00-2:25	Special Education	Special Education	Special Education	Special Education	Special Education

This schedule is intended to give teachers windows of time when they can hold office hours, conferences, and synchronous instruction for students.

If teachers are scheduling conferencing sessions, they will utilize the set times for their content area.

There are no expectations for teachers to hold sessions during these windows if it is not appropriate as it relates to their launch schedule.

This framework is designed to limit the instances of overlapping online sessions.

E-LEARNING eSCHOOLDATA FEEDBACK

Beginning on April 15th, teachers will begin giving feedback as it relates to each launch through the eSchoolData Portal. Teachers will be giving the following feedback:

- INC-Has not completed assigned work
- Below-Work is not meeting standards
- Meets-Work is meeting standards
- Exceeds-Work is exceeding standards

Teachers will also have the ability to add comments regarding each launch such as “Has not attended online sessions.” Teachers will continue to give feedback on individual assignments and will only be updating the portal based on a student’s work related to the entire launch.

DRIVERS EDUCATION OPTIONS

Students who were participating in PAS Drivers Education have 3 options to continue:

1. Online lectures will be available and the driving portion can be taken in the fall.
2. Wait to take the complete course in the fall.
3. Take the course through another school this summer or next fall.

JUNE REGENTS EXAMS CANCELED

We have received more detailed information regarding the implications of the canceled June Regents Exams:

- Students are exempt from diploma requirements associated with such Regents Exams.

- Students in grades 7-12, enrolled in a course ending in a Regents exam are exempt from taking the exam.
- Students receive course credit based on teacher determination that the student met the standards of the course.
- If a student fails a course this year, takes a summer course, they are exempt from the Regents Exam as well (i.e., they do not need to take the Regents at a later time).
- Students granted an exemption from the Regents exam are not required to pass such exams for diploma requirements.
- For science courses, students do not need to complete the 1200 minutes of lab experience.
- SED has not made a decision regarding the August exams at this time.

Students who were exempt from Regents exams may take subsequent Regents exams if they choose to do so (however, we will not alter the final course grade if they choose to take it in the future).

We have not yet determined how the cancellation of the exam period (June 17th-June 25th) will impact expectations for classroom or virtual instruction for the entire building. It is likely that we would plan to continue working with students in the classroom or virtually until June 25th.

I will share with you any additional information from SED when I receive it. Until then, please reach out to your Chair/Director with any questions regarding the cancellations of the June 2020 Regents Exams.

[NYSED Memo](#)

[Regents Examination and Graduation Requirements Questions Related to COVID-19 Closure](#)

REVISED AP TESTING INFORMATION

The College Board recently announced significant changes to the AP testing administration due to the coronavirus. The tests will now be offered to students in their homes and will be significantly shorter in length (45 minutes). BHHS will be supporting students to take the exam in their homes and our expectations for students in AP classes have not changed. If a student is enrolled in an AP class, they are expected to take the AP exam this year. Students will be instructed to take the earlier test date to ensure all students are able to test. On April 3rd, the College Board will release the test schedule, and we will reach out so that students can plan accordingly. Students were told the portfolio dates were extended.

In addition to limiting the length of the test and the content covered, the College Board is also offering online classes that students can take to help review for the exams. Please look for these classes [HERE](#).

Finally, students were asked to ensure they are still able to sign in to their College Board accounts and to reach out to Ms. O'Connor if they are unable to do so at home.

Parents who have questions about the AP changes can use [THIS LINK](#) to submit questions to Ms. O'Connor.

2019-2020 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

The annual budget presentation will be conducted during each virtual Principal's Coffee, noted below, and will be available at www.byramhills.org for on-line viewing.

April 21
BHHS Principal's Coffee at 9am

April 16
WA Principal's Coffee at 9am

May 7
CH Principal's Coffee at 9:45am

May 13
HCC Principal's Coffee at 9am

The agenda at all meetings will include the proposed budget and tax rates, our budget goals and priorities, our plan for staying under the tax cap, the payment plan for our construction bonds, the costs of health insurance and pension mandates, as well as other topics. Please mark your calendar to join Superintendent, Dr. Jen Lamia, and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Management Services, Mr. Kelly Seibert.

LIBRARY NEWS

What's New at the Library@BHHS - Students have more resources now that so many information providers have opened their portals to allow free access. By visiting the [Library@BHHS](#) web page you can link to these valuable sources of authoritative information specially designed for high school students. Look for the name of the assignment on the

left. Or use the recommended sites on the right that can answer most search queries. If students need search assistance just they can email lnardone@byramhills.net to ask for guidance, how to cite, or just to ask 'what's a good book to read?'

#HEALTHCAREHEROES

Students Serving Soldiers and The Marketing and Media Club have teamed up for Initiative: #healthcareheroes. This campaign was created to help field letters of appreciation to healthcare workers putting their lives on the line during COVID-19. Each day during Mr. Walsh's Morning Announcements, staff members will nominate three colleagues to write letters and students will be pushing this out on social media in similar fashion. Write a letter to show your appreciation today! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELOR

During this time of distance learning, Mrs. Bernice Pagan, Student Assistance Counselor, is available to provide mental health support, not only to the students in the High School, but to the parents, graduates, and other community members who may benefit from support. The Student Assistance Counselor works in the High School primarily providing substance abuse prevention activities, resources, and counseling to students. If you or someone you know needs support during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact her Monday thru Friday at bpagan@byramhills.net. Mrs. Pagan is available to schedule a confidential phone call or virtual telepractice session.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is important that all students take a step back at this time and think about academic integrity. This new way of learning may blur the boundaries. It is much easier to share work, discuss assignments, or misrepresent one own's schoolwork when working virtually. It is important for all students to develop strategies that will help them avoid being put in situations that will question their academic integrity. So, all students should approach all of their work with the idea of academic integrity.

YOUTH 2 YOUTH CLUB MESSAGE

The Youth 2 Youth Club, (Y2Y) is a club that believes in the power of youth to influence their peers in a positive manner. Members of the club conduct activities throughout the year to increase awareness about the dangers of substances and other unhealthy behaviors.

Members of the Youth 2 Youth Club want you to know that we are thinking of you and hope that you are all staying healthy and safe during this difficult time. We have been meeting with our club's advisor, Mrs. Pagan, Student Assistance Counselor, and hope to continue raising awareness and providing prevention messages for our school community.

The Y2Y Club has created a new Google Classroom, "Y2Y Messages," in order to maintain contact with the school community. Classroom code is ifp3ez6. Please visit soon!

APRIL SOFT SKILL

Self Confidence - A feeling of trust in a student's own abilities, qualities, and judgment. Studies have shown that students who have a higher degree of self-confidence, have higher scholastic achievement than those with low self-confidence. Parents can help improve a student's self-confidence by encouraging their children to step out of their comfort zone and embracing mistakes. Another easy way to build self-confidence is to help students own their mistakes and reflect on how they can grow from them.

QUALITY CONTENT



SCHEDULING CHANGES

Monday April 20th

- Choir & Orchestra Concert
Canceled

Tuesday April 21st

- Principal's Coffee @ 9am - *Virtual*

- Board of Education Mtg & Adoption of Budget 7:30pm - *Virtual*

Wednesday April 22nd

- Bands Spring Concert
Canceled

Thursday April 23rd - 25th

- Spring Sports Night Games
Canceled

Wednesday April 29th

- Mu Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony
Postponed

Thursday April 30th

- Byram Blues Jazz Coffee House
Canceled

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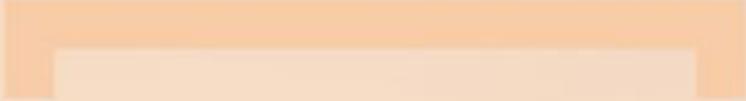
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