



GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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June 8, 2020

Good Afternoon GNBVT families,

We hope this letter finds all safe and healthy. This week's assignments were posted today for all freshman, sophomore and junior students and we will be following the weekly schedule included at the end of this letter.

Seniors: Class of 2020 Information

First, senior student pickup is scheduled to begin tomorrow, Tuesday, June 9th. Students will pick up materials outlined in the prior newsletters by entering through the Ashley Boulevard campus entrance and will then be instructed to drive through the back of the school.

Students must bring their school ID's with them to the drop-off and pick-up.

Parents/guardians who are coming in place of their student, must bring a valid ID AND must also be listed on the student's 10A contact form.

Senior students in Academy A - Tuesday, June 9th between 9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Senior students in Academy B - Tuesday, June 9th between 12:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Senior students in Academy C - Wednesday, June 10th between 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Senior students in Academy D - Wednesday, June 10th between 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Senior students who miss their allotted time can drive through on Thursday, June 11th from 9:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Secondly, the survey sent to senior students last week has confirmed that graduation will be held August 8, 2020 consistent with all healthcare guidance at that time. Further information will be sent as we move closer to that date. **Diplomas will be issued at graduation.** We are also aware that some students are seeking recognition of their high school completion for job opportunities. The school will issue completion of studies letters to all senior students who have met the graduation requirements during senior pickup and official transcripts will be available in the coming weeks as we await the August 8, 2020 ceremonies where diplomas will be issued.

Trimester 3 Class Assignments for ALL Students/ Promotion and Credit Recovery Information

Today we begin the final week of our remote Trimester 3 learning plan. Students are reminded that all assignments will be scored using the school wide grading rubric distributed in early April. Assignments will be posted on Monday, June 8th, but will conclude on Wednesday, June 10th (see modified schedule below for the week of June 8th). The last four days of the school year, June 11th through June 16th, will be utilized as make up days for all students to improve their Trimester 3 averages. **Students are strongly encouraged to make up any assignments by the end of this week— June 12th – to ensure teachers can provide feedback and the opportunity to improve**

their grade. Absolutely NO assignments will be accepted later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16th, as teachers will use the remainder of the day to complete and post final grades for students. Our education plan has consistently recognized both the hardships that families may be facing today due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the reality that students are attentive to the critical skills and knowledge needed for the next grade level. **At the conclusion of the school year after final grades have been submitted, the school will provide information on credit recovery options for students who do not meet grade level requirements.**

Virtual Summer School / Summer Enrichment Opportunities

Next week the school will provide information regarding summer school credit recovery for Voc-Tech students (look for information in the June 15 parent letter). Due to the continued uncertainty regarding the COVID pandemic, summer school will be exclusively online in a remote learning classroom. The school district is also planning to offer academic enrichment and MCAS preparation courses over the summer in anticipation for the 2020-2021 school year to assist students in their preparation for next school year and remediate any skill gaps that may have occurred as a result of this healthcare crisis. Information will be provided very soon.

Benefits/Assistance Available

Finally, **families should note that if finances have been impacted by the current COVID-19 healthcare crisis, you do have the ability to apply for assistance (SNAP) through the State of Massachusetts.** Please visit <https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/> to apply for SNAP benefits or <https://www.myschoolapps.com> to complete the application for free or reduced pricing of school provided breakfast and lunches.

Please remember that we are here to assist you. All teachers are available during the workday and will be all available specifically from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily to provide more immediate assistance via email. If you have any questions, please contact a member of our team. Best wishes to you all, remain safe, and know we are thinking about all of our GNBVT students and their families.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Watson
Academic Principal



Robert J. Watt
CVTE Principal

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, homelessness, immigration status or veteran status in its education programs and activities, including admission to or employment in such programs or activities.

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Superintendent-Director

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Principal

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GNBVT - REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE

JUNE 8th – JUNE 12th

MONDAY

Grade	Classes	Classes	Classes
9th Grade Students	English	Social Studies	Strategies classes (20 min/each)
10th Grade Students	Science	Trimester 3 Course	Math
11th Grade Students	English	Social Studies	Related

TUESDAY

Grade	Classes	Classes	
9th Grade Students	Science	Trimester 3 Course	Math
10th Grade Students	English	Social Studies	Strategies classes (20 min/each)
11th Grade Students	Math	Science	Related

WEDNESDAY

Grade	Classes
9th Grade Students	Shop
10th Grade Students	Shop
11th Grade Students	Shop

THURSDAY

Students can work on assignments posted for any of their classes. Students can improve any of their assignments from the week using feedback provided by teachers. This will give all students a chance to review/complete assignments and provide the opportunity for students to earn full credit. Teachers will be available during the workday by email.

FRIDAY

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Senior End-of-Year Events

Here is a quick update on the current plan for each of these:

Graduation exercises. We recently sent out a survey to the seniors of two plans for graduation this year.

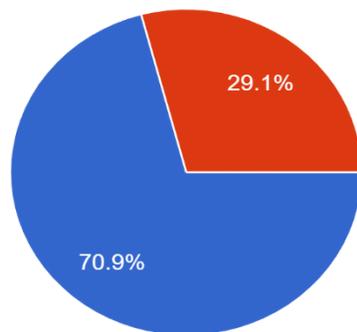
Option 1: The school would hold four (4) separate graduation ceremonies that day recognizing each Academy. This plan can only move forward if health guidelines allow for events of 300-400 people as our plan involves both students and two (2) adults to join them. The ceremony would be held outside on the football field as originally planned and we are looking at live streaming capabilities to reach others at home.

Option 2: A drive-through ceremony that will be held at the back of the school grounds at the end of June.

After receiving 460 responses, the overwhelming majority voted for **Option 1**. This is of course under the understanding that either of these options must be compliant with social distancing and health guidelines. Please see the below chart for the responses we received:

Please select the graduation option you prefer:

460 responses



- The school would hold four (4) separate graduation ceremonies by Academy. This plan can only move forward if health guidelines allow for events of 300-400 people as our plan involves both students and two (2) adults to join them. The ceremony would be held outside on the football field on Saturd...
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Senior Prom. We have tentatively reserved **Friday, July 31, 2020** as an alternate date for the senior prom. **Again- this is contingent upon state health guidance and the number of people permitted in any venue at one time.** We will update you as information becomes available but would urge all to avoid making any financial commitments, plans, or substantial investments for that day at this time. We really need additional clarity from state officials on health guidance before proceeding with this plan. This is a very challenging healthcare situation that changes by the day.

Senior Awards Night. Senior Awards Night will be done virtually on **Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m.** Families of senior students who are being awarded scholarships or receiving special awards should have been notified.

Senior Drop-Off/Pick-Up. Seniors who have any Chromebooks, calculators, library/textbooks, shop items (any school-issued items) must return these during their drop/off and pick-up time. Yearbooks, cap, gown and tassels, cumulative and medical records will all be distributed during this time. If you want to purchase a yearbook you will be able to do so at this time. If you owe money to the school, please be sure to have a bank check or money order ready with the student's name, ID# and note what the money is for.

CLASS OF 2020

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP SCHEDULE



JUNE 9th •

ACADEMY A

9:00 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.

ACADEMY B

12:30 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.

• JUNE 10th •

ACADEMY C

9:00 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.

ACADEMY D

12:30 P.M.- 3:00 P.M.

• JUNE 11th •

9:00 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.

FOR STUDENTS WHO MISS
THEIR ALLOTTED ACADEMY TIME

Students should enter through the Ashley Boulevard entrance. Please be sure to return all school-issued items (calculators, Chromebooks, Library/Textbooks, etc.) at this time, in order to receive your senior materials, portfolios, yearbooks, etc. during the pick-up.
