



# GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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September 14, 2020

Good afternoon GNBVT families,

As we prepare for the beginning of the next school year on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, we know there are feelings of anxiety and stress for parents, students, teachers, and administrators. This is certainly a challenging time for all of us. We will begin the school year with Phase I of our Hybrid reopening plan this week and continue to monitor public health data and consult with the local board of health as updated health data is released.

This newsletter will try and convey the answers to the many questions and challenges before all of us. Please know it will not be perfect - and we will continue to communicate with all of you weekly and as often as we can to make sure the 2020-2021 school year is a success for our students. We are also including the district school calendar and shop/academic cycle rotation calendar at the conclusion of this newsletter for students.

## **Reopening School: Orientation**

Tonight, on Monday, September 14th, at 6:00 p.m., the school will host its second school wide reopening orientation. The link was sent to all families yesterday and is provided here or Live on YouTube (GNBVTHS).

<https://gnbvt.webex.com/gnbvt/onstage/g.php?MTID=e499d65c9aa9ac80c019c7a7db118998a>

**Event number:** 120 131 5458 **Event password:** pPcxfZSc538

There will also be two orientations held for Freshman parents on Tuesday, September 15th, by Dr. Larkin and Mr. Pimentel at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The link to those sessions is provided here or Live on YouTube (GNBVTHS): <https://gnbvt.webex.com/gnbvt/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef4378ec51cd752800b58ed3d77267654>

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## **District Expectations**

District Expectations for students participating both in-person and remotely can be found here: [District Expectations SY 2020-2021](#). Please carefully review this document. The school will be working diligently to ensure the safety of all during the reopening of school.

## Chromebook Distribution

We are grateful to all families for completing the reopening surveys sent over the summer. Some families/students indicated their student's need for technological support in order to participate during remote school days. **Chromebook/hotspot distribution is scheduled for Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. by drive-through.**

## Summer Assignments

We understand that some students have not been able to complete their mandatory summer assignments due to a lack of technology, student was a late acceptance to GNBVT or other extenuating circumstances. **These assignments count for 5% of their Trimester 1 grade. If your student has not been able to complete their mandatory summer assignments, please have your student contact their respective teacher to discuss ways to complete their summer assignments during the first few weeks of school.**

- **Grades 9 & 11- contact your math and history teacher**
- **Grades 10 & 12- contact your math and ELA teacher**

## Bus Routes

The capacity of students riding the bus to school has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The bus company has completed its routes and those bus routes will be communicated today to all families via school messenger and will posted to the school website today, Monday, September 14, 2020. We understand that this poses issues for families as well and remain committed and prepared to discuss with all parents as necessary.

## Health and Safety

**We are asking our students to stay home if they are ill.** This will help to minimize the incident rates of the common cold, flu and COVID-19. If your student is experiencing any of the following, please keep them home and inform the GNBVT Nurses Office at Ext. 204 or 205:

- Fever 100 and over or chills/shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Headache *when in combination w/other symptoms*
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Fatigue *when in combination w/other symptoms*
- Nasal congestion/runny nose (not due to other known causes/allergies) *when in combination w/other symptoms*

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is requiring proof of **meningococcal vaccination for students entering Grade 11. According to this new regulation, all students should receive a booster on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.** We ask that you provide proof of this immunization by submitting an updated immunization record prior to returning to school in the fall or once your child has turned 16 years old (during the school year). Please submit the required proof by attention to the school nurse. Secondly, The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released guidance with schools and the public from the

Executive Office of Health and Human Services in the last week regarding the flu vaccine requirement. **All students in Massachusetts are expected to have the flu vaccine by December 31, 2020.** Please provide documentation from your child's physician to the school nurse by the deadline. We thank you in advance for helping us maintain compliance with these new Department of Public Health mandates.

### **Parent/Guardian Visits to GNBVT**

Due to the enhanced safety and wellness measures we have put into place, we ask parents/guardians to first use email and phone calls to communicate with our staff. If a meeting is needed, our staff will set-up a virtual meeting with you. At this time, we will not be allowing parents/guardians into the school, unless it is an emergency. Please note you will not be granted access to the school if you do not have a scheduled appointment with staff prior.

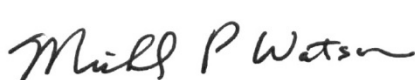
### **School Breakfast and Lunch Program**

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://dtacconnect.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. If you have already been notified of your status from direct certification, an application does not need to be completed.

For cash-free transactions, families can establish an account with your student's ID number to put money on their account to scan their ID at checkout by using [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)

Please remember that we are here to assist you and your child in their education. We look forward to welcoming back our students both in the hybrid and remote environments.

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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**James L. O'Brien**  
Superintendent-Director

**Michael P. Watson**  
Principal

**Robert J. Watt**  
Principal

**Pamela Stuart**  
School Business Manager

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## DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS SY 2020-2021

The school day is 7:30 a.m.- 2:31 p.m. School will look very different at the outset of the 2020-2021 school year than we have experienced ever before. The pandemic has challenged all of us, and while this is a time of uncertainty, we will persevere through this challenge as we have through so many before this. Below is a short listing of school expectations for both in-person and remote learning.

In-Person Days/At School Expectations	Remote Days/At Home Expectations
Attendance will be taken in every class and reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Students will enter the school building and go directly to their shop areas during Phase I of the Reopening Plan.	Attendance will be taken in every class and reported to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Students must attend ALL live classes via Chromebook or other device. Students must be on time and complete assignments as directed by the teacher. Daily attendance for academics will be taken at 8:30 a.m. and daily attendance for vocational technical remote learning will be taken at 8:00 a.m.
Social Distancing will be practiced and must be adhered to at all times following state health guidelines for schools.	All devices used for remote learning, must have a working camera and microphone. Both must be turned on at all times during classes. Teachers may ask you to mute accordingly.
Masks must be properly worn (covering nose and mouth) at all times in the school building. Mask Breaks will be provided as directed by staff.	Students must dress, act and speak appropriately for all classes and be in compliance with all school guidelines outlined in the student handbook.
Movement throughout the school building will be limited to ensure students remain in their designated area(s) during much of the day as possible.	Check school email/google classroom hourly during school day (7:30 a.m.- 2:31 p.m.) for teacher updates/emails about assignments and support sessions.
Be mindful of other people in your spaces. To reduce the spread of COVID-19 maintain appropriate distancing and follow all safety precautions outlined in the reopening plan.	Snacking/Eating should not occur during the class period. Fifteen minutes have been built into the schedule in between classes to allow for student snack or bathroom breaks.
Students should make sure they are sanitizing/washing their hands throughout the school day. The school recommends students wash their hands upon entry to the school in the morning, frequently during the day and before dismissal.	Be prepared to take notes, participate fully in the classroom, pay attention and ensure you understand the expectations for each class period.
Students riding the bus to school must adhere to the guidelines written in the reopening plan and follow the directions of the bus driver. Inappropriate behavior on the school bus will not be tolerated and transportation privileges may be suspended.	Students are encouraged to ask questions of their teachers but reminded to carefully choose their words and be respectful to all in the virtual classroom environment.

Aug./September 2020						
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May 2021						
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June 2021						
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IMPORTANT DATES	
September 16 - First Day of School	December 23rd - Early Release Day
September 7th - Labor Day (No school)	December 24th - January 1st - Vacation (No school)
October 12th - Columbus Day (No school)	January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No school)
November 11th - Veterans' Day (No school)	February 15th - 19th - Vacation (No school)
November 22nd - Open House	March 26th - Trimester 2 ends
November 25th - Early Release Day	April 2nd - Good Friday (No school)
November 26th-27th - Thanksgiving (No School)	April 19th - 23rd - Vacation (No school)
December 4th - No school due to Open House	May 31st - Memorial Day (No school)
December 15th - Trimester 1 ends	June 15th - Last Day of School



# 2020 - 2021 School Year

## Cycle Schedule

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are identified as follows:

Examples: Sue Jones 9-1 (9 = grade level, 1= division number and cycle reporting to academic / related classes). James Smith 11-2 (11= grade level, 2 = division number and cycle reporting to academic / related classes).

All odd numbered divisions will report to Academic and Related classes during the ODD Cycle.

All even numbered divisions will report to Academic and Related classes during the EVEN Cycle.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TRIMESTER

#### CYCLE 1

Sept. 16,17,18,  
21,22,23

#### CYCLE 2

Sept. 24,25,28,  
29,30, Oct 1

#### CYCLE 3

Oct. 2,5,6,  
7,8,9

#### CYCLE 4

Oct. 13,14,15,  
16,19,20

#### CYCLE 5

Oct. 21,22,23,  
26,27,28

#### CYCLE 6

Oct. 29,30, Nov.  
2,3,4,5

#### CYCLE 7

Nov. 6,9,10,  
12,13,16

#### CYCLE 8

Nov. 17,18,19,  
20,23,24

#### CYCLE 9

Nov. 25,30, Dec.1,  
2,3,7

#### CYCLE 10

Dec. 8,9,10,  
11,14,15

### 2<sup>ND</sup> TRIMESTER

#### CYCLE 11

Dec. 16,17,18  
21,22,23

#### CYCLE 12

Jan. 4,5,6,  
7,8,11

#### CYCLE 13

Jan. 12,13,14,  
15,19,20

#### CYCLE 14

Jan. 21,22,25,  
26,27,28

#### CYCLE 15

Jan. 29, Feb 1,2,  
3,4,5

#### CYCLE 16

Feb. 8,9,10,  
11,12,22

#### CYCLE 17

Feb. 23,24,25,  
26, Mar 1,2

#### CYCLE 18

Mar. 3,4,5,  
8,9,10

#### CYCLE 19

Mar. 11,12,15,  
16,17,18

#### CYCLE 20

Mar. 19,22,23,  
24,25,26

### 3<sup>RD</sup> TRIMESTER

#### CYCLE 21

Mar. 29,30,31,  
April 1,5,6

#### CYCLE 22

April. 7,8,9,  
12,13,14

#### CYCLE 23

April 15,16,26,  
27,28,29

#### CYCLE 24

April 30, May 3,4,  
5,6,7

#### CYCLE 25

May 10,11,12,  
13,14,17

#### CYCLE 26

May 18,19,20,  
21,24,25

#### CYCLE 27

May 26,27,28,  
June 1, 2

#### CYCLE 28

June 3,4,7,  
8,9

#### CYCLE 29 – Finals

Odd Cycle Day 1 & 4  
June 10,11

#### CYCLE 30 – Finals

Even Cycle Day 1&4  
June 14,15