



GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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September 28, 2020

Good afternoon GNBVT families,

As we begin another week, we would like to compliment all students and families for their hard work - both in following all safety protocols at school as well as adjusting to a learning format that looks very different from past educational experiences.

A reminder that the school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:31 p.m.

Students on Campus this Week (September 28th - October 2nd)

Cycle 2 Completes on Thursday, October 1st

All Division 1 Freshman students complete their CVTE rotation for cycle 2 on Thursday, October 1st and return to remote academics on Friday, October 2nd.

All Division 1 **GREEN** Cohort sophomores, juniors, and seniors complete their in-person CVTE rotation for cycle 2, today, Monday, September 28 and will complete their remote assignments from their CVTE shop area through Thursday, October 1st. **GOLD** Cohort sophomores, juniors, and seniors complete remote CVTE assignments today, Monday, September 28th and report for in-person CVTE instruction Tuesday, September 29 through Thursday, October 1st.

All Division 2 students in academics complete all academic classes remotely through Thursday, October 1st.

Cycle 3 begins on Friday, October 2nd

All Division 2 freshman students report for their CVTE exploratory program on Friday, October 2nd.

All Division 2 **GREEN** Cohort sophomores, juniors, and seniors begin their in-person CVTE rotation on Friday, October 2nd. **GOLD** Cohort sophomores, juniors, and seniors begin their remote CVTE assignments on Friday, October 2nd.

All Division 1 students in academics begin classes remotely on Friday, October 2nd.

Remote Learning and Student Expectations

We really appreciate students' active participation in the learning process during the first days of school, both in-person and especially during remote classrooms. Students are reminded of the [District Expectations SY 2020-2021](#), and are thanked for their efforts during the first days of school.

IMPORTANT:

Students are reminded that their camera and microphone must be on during remote sessions, complete all assignments, check emails from teachers for attendance requirements during support sessions, and request any support they need to meet with success in all of their classes. Students are expected to be present for the entire class periods. We know this is challenging for all and we are here to help.

We must remind students given circumstances that have already appeared in other districts, that we will strictly prohibit screenshots, pictures and/or any audio or video recording of any teachers and/or classmates. It is illegal in Massachusetts to record another person through any medium without their consent. Recordings, as well as any other form of online bullying or harassment will be handled as a discipline matter and may result in suspension, expulsion and could include police involvement.

Finally, we expect students who must be quarantined (due to being a close contact or travel out of state) to complete the work assigned to them in all of their classes. If you have any questions regarding assignments for missed in-person shop time, please contact the shop teacher. We believe that this will keep students current in their work completion. Freshman students who will miss Exploratory time should contact Mr. Pimental (robert.pimental@gnbvt.edu) to discuss the situation.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 and is unable to complete their work due to symptoms, please contact their Guidance Counselor to develop a plan for work completion. If additional time is required on top of the district's make-up policy, the Guidance Counselor will determine the plan and inform the student's teachers.

Student Support Sessions during Remote Academics

Students may be required to attend the asynchronous (independent support sessions in the afternoons during their remote academic days. Mandated attendance is at the discretion of teachers. Teachers are monitoring student progress towards learning objectives and identifying students who are struggling with grade level concepts/ not submitting assignments that meet competency standards. Those students will be required to attend sessions and will receive notifications to their school emails. Parents/Guardians should be regularly checking the Aspen portal for updated grades and can also email teachers requesting support for their child(ren) should concerns exist.

School Forms & Informational Items

Later this week, we will be sending out via school messenger, school forms to be completed for your student through the ASPEN portal. Informational items such as annual letters, parking lot/school drop-off map, school

lunches and accident insurance will be posted to the school's website. You may see all those forms here: [2020-2021 Informational items for families](#).

Important Reminders from Previous Newsletters:

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*

If your child is exhibiting any of the above symptoms please keep your child home and call your physician. You will be required to provide medical documentation upon the return to school.

Your student may return to school when the following are true:

- Your medical provider has determined a different illness than COVID-19 and cleared student to return (medical note must be provided to school), OR
- Your student has negative test results for COVID-19, no symptoms **AND** a note from their medical provider

PLEASE NOTE: If you should be notified that you are COVID positive or have been a close contact of a COVID positive individual please contact your physician and notify the school nurse promptly. Our School Nurses will work with you to determine dates if it is appropriate for a student to return to school.

EpiPen: If your student has a Life-Threatening Allergy and requires an EpiPen please notify the nurse if you have not received paperwork to complete. Students may bring in their EpiPen's to school and provide one to the nurse and the other to be kept in their backpack.

Over the Counter Medications can be brought to school in a sealed bottle along with a Medical Doctor's order. You will need to sign a Parental Consent form (from the school nurse) and return it to the nurse.

Inhalers: Students may bring their inhaler to school and keep it in their backpack. Parents/guardians need to obtain a medication order as well as sign a Parental Consent Form and provide to the nurse.

Updated Physicals: We ask that you provide a recent physical if you have not provided to the school nurse. Please include an immunization record of recent/future vaccines administered for this school year.

Locked Drop Box: There is a locked drop box for any student who wishes to drop off paperwork not requiring the immediate attention of the nurse.

Meningococcal Vaccination: 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 16th 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.

FLU Vaccination: 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.

Student Travel to High Risk States: All students and families are reminded that travel outside of Massachusetts to states deemed "High Risk" by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires a 14-day quarantine or negative COVID-19 test that was administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival to Massachusetts. Proof of COVID-19 test results must be provided to the school's Attendance Office.

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.

Technology

Any student in need of a Chromebook or Hotspot should call (508) 998-3321 ext. 383. Please email aspen@gnbvt.edu for *ASPEN related issues only*. If a student is unable to login to a Chromebook/Google or needs a password reset, please email technology@gnbvt.edu or call (508) 998-3321 ext. 383. If leaving a voicemail, please be sure to include your student's name, ID and reason for calling.

Possip Parent Survey

A reminder to all parents that the district will be sending out a bi-weekly survey, on Fridays from Possip as a means to engage in productive, meaningful two-way communication with families. Please take a minute to complete the survey. The administration will answer the most frequently asked questions each week and try to address the concerns of all GNBVT stakeholders. Please tell us what we're doing well and how we can improve!

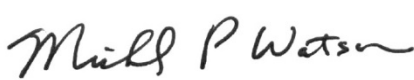
School Breakfast and Lunch Program

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://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. 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

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.

James L. O'Brien
Superintendent-Director

Michael P. Watson
Principal

Robert J. Watt
Principal

Pamela Stuart
School Business Manager

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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.

1ST 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

2ND 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

3RD 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



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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.

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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

