



GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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October 13, 2020

Good afternoon GNBVT families,

As we begin the fourth cycle of the school year, we continue to thank all of you (students, teachers, and families) as we adjust 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 (October 13th - October 16th)

Cycle 4 Begins

All Division 1 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program every day this week.

All Division 1 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (October 13th - October 15th) **GREEN** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction while **GOLD** Cohort students complete their remote CVTE assignments.

Friday (October 16th) **GOLD** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction while **GREEN** Cohort students will complete their remote CVTE assignments. This will continue the following week on Monday October 19th and Tuesday October 20th.

All Division 2 students will be in academics and have all classes completed remotely through Tuesday, October 20th.

Students on Campus NEXT Week (October 19th - October 23rd)

Cycle 4 Continues through October 20th; Cycle 5 Begins October 21st

All Division 1 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program Monday and Tuesday (October 19th and October 20th).

All Division 2 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (October 21st, October 22nd, and October 23rd).

All Division 1 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

Monday and Tuesday (October 19th - October 20th) **GOLD** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction while **GREEN** Cohort students complete their remote CVTE assignments.

All Division 2 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (October 21st, October 22nd, and October 23rd) **GREEN** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction while **GOLD** Cohort students will complete their remote CVTE assignments.

All academics will continue to be conducted remotely for all students/grade levels.

Transition to Phase 1B

The administration is working carefully with public health officials on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in the region and in the school reopening process. In keeping with a careful approach to school reopening, GNBVT is preparing a more cautious approach to bringing additional students in school for their CVTE instruction.

The district is considering phasing Senior Students back into the school building for their CVTE rotations beginning November 6th (cycle 7 of the school year). **The decision will NOT be made officially made until the week prior (week ending October 30th) - but for planning and transparency purposes, we wanted to share the next steps should public health data support that decision.** If implemented, all seniors in both the **GREEN** and **GOLD** cohorts will report for in-person CVTE education for all six days of their shop rotation.

Sophomore and Junior students will continue to operate in their shop rotations under the **GREEN** and **GOLD** cohort model. Freshmen students' schedules will remain as they are now.

Academics will be conducted remotely for all students.

Trimester 1 Progress Reports

Progress reports will be posted to the Aspen portal on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Parents should review student progress during Trimester 1 at this time.

School Forms

Please make sure that all school forms have been submitted Use this link if you have not already completed the school forms. [School Forms in Aspen Instructions](#)

MCAS for Class of 2022 and 2023

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has released preliminary instructions to districts regarding the MCAS assessments for this school year. **DESE expects all junior students to take the assessments during this school year.** These assessments will be administered beginning in the middle of January, 2021. **Academic support preparation sessions will be offered to students in advance of these assessments and will be communicated by the end of this month.** Parents/Guardians are encouraged to have their students participate in these sessions to ensure they meet the DESE competency determination. As you likely know, achieving a passing score on the MCAS assessment is a statewide graduation requirement.

All sophomores (Class of 2023) will take the MCAS assessments in May, 2021.

Important Reminders from Previous Newsletters:

Remote Learning and Student Expectations

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

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 need to 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.

Students are reminded of the [District Expectations SY 2020-2021](#), and are thanked for their efforts during the first month of school.

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.

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
- Chills/shaking chills
- Headache when in combination w/other symptoms
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Difficulty breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- New loss of smell or taste
- Fatigue when in combination w/other symptoms
- Sore throat
- 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.

Epipens: 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 Epipens 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 an MD order. You will need to sign a Parental Consent form and these can be provided to the nurse.

Inhalers: Students may bring to school and keep 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.

Masks with Exhalation Valves/Vents

Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on masks has advised schools that masks with exhalation valves or vents are not acceptable for school use.

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 were communicated to all families via school messenger on Monday, September 13th, and are posted to the school website.** We understand that this poses issues for families as well and remain committed and prepared to discuss with all parents as necessary.

Breakfast/Lunch

Families that feel they are eligible for either free or reduced breakfast and lunch pricing can visit www.myschoolapps.com to complete an application. 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.

We are here to help educate your child and support him/her throughout this challenging time! Please let us know how we can help.

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 Administrator

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Aug./September 2020						
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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.

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