



GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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November 16, 2020

Good afternoon GNBVT families,

We hope that this newsletter finds you all well. The district continues to work hard at ensuring effective, two way communication with all families. Please know that all Faculty/Staff will respond to parent/guardian concerns within twenty-four (24) hours during the school week.

Students on Campus THIS Week (November 16th - November 20th)

Cycle 7 ends Monday, November 16th. Cycle 8 begins Tuesday, November 17th.

All Division 2 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program on Monday.

All Division 1 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program Tuesday - Friday (November 17th- November 20th)

All Division 2 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

GOLD Cohort students report for their in-person CVTE instruction on Monday while **GREEN** Cohort students complete their remote CVTE assignments.

All Division 1 Sophomore and Juniors:

Students will continue to follow the **GREEN** and **GOLD** Cohort model.

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

SENIOR students returning for full in-person CVTE learning

Beginning, **Tuesday November 17, 2020 (Cycle 8 Day 1)** SENIOR students in both the **GREEN** and **GOLD** cohorts will report to their CVTE programs consistent with our Phase 1B plan released through the Principals letters in the past few weeks. All social distancing protocols that have been established and in place this school year will be strictly adhered to. If additional changes are made, families will be notified.

School Schedule for Wednesday, November 25th (half-day before Thanksgiving)

Next Wednesday, November 25th, is the day before Thanksgiving. It will be cycle 9, Day 1. This day is a half-day of school with dismissal at 10:50am. There will be no lunch served.

Students scheduled for in-person CVTE learning will report as scheduled and be dismissed at 10:50am. Students scheduled for remote CVTE learning will follow the same schedule.

Students in Academics will have a slightly altered schedule to accommodate the half-day. Classes will run as follows:

7:40am - 8:40am	Block 1
8:45am - 9:45am	Block 2
9:50am - 10:50am	Block 3

There will be NO support sessions offered on this day in the afternoon.

Open House 2020

As we mentioned last week, the Open House at GNBVT will be postponed from Sunday, November 22nd to a later date this year pending the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

We did want our families to know that the faculty/staff at GNBVT will be available that day from 11:00am - 3:00pm to answer emails and have phone conversations with any parents/guardians who have concerns regarding their student(s) Trimester 1 progress. Reach out directly to the teacher(s) to plan for those conversations as you wish.

MCAS for the Class of 2022 (Grade 11)

MCAS assessments in ELA and Math will be administered to all juniors (Class of 2022) during the testing window established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Educations (January 14th-February 5th). These assessments will be administered in-person as required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. GNBVT has begun planning for these assessments to be administered in a socially distant, safe manner. **Achieving a passing score (meeting the competency determination established by DESE) on the MCAS assessments is a statewide graduation requirement.**

Academic support preparation sessions began on Monday, November 9th. Please contact the academic office at (508) 998-3321 ext. 202 with any questions.

Important Reminders from Previous Newsletters:

Breakfast/Lunch

Starting November 2nd, all students are eligible to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) USDA meals program that is available until June 30th or until the funding is not available. This means all students will receive (at no cost) 1 full component breakfast and 1 full component lunch each day. Students in the building will continue to have their lunch shifts as normal. Remote students will now have the opportunity to order meals for the days they are learning remotely with 2 different pick up days (Tuesdays and Thursdays both 9:00 a.m. -10: 00 a.m.) **Links for the remote ordering will be on the school website.**

If at any time the district has to switch back to a paid program, families that feel they are eligible for either free or reduced breakfast and lunch pricing can visit <http://www.myschoolapps.com> to complete an application. If you already have 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.

Remote Learning and Student Expectations

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Students are reminded that their camera and microphone (unless directed otherwise by the instructor) 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. **During the asynchronous (independent learning time), students should be completing all assignments in preparation for the next scheduled, synchronous (live) class time. It is important that all students are prepared for class periods and by completing these assignments it will provide teachers with the information they need to ensure positive student learning outcomes.**

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 without prior consent of the teachers and 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.

Health and Safety

Stop the Spread!

The Commonwealth is launching a strategic testing program across Massachusetts for asymptomatic individuals in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. The Commonwealth urges residents in New Bedford and other high risk communities to get tested. Testing is FREE and available at the following New Bedford locations (more information can be found online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread> :

- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center: 508-742-3807
- Seven Hills Behavioral Health Van will be testing at various locations across the city (see website above for specific days/times.
- Sister Rose's House: 508-996-0546

Please stay home if you are sick!

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.

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.

Bus Routes

The capacity of students riding the bus to school has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The bus routes are posted to the school website.

We thank you for your continued support and focus on supporting all Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech students during this challenging time!

Sincerely,



Michael P. Watson
Academic Principal



Robert J. Watt
CVTE Principal

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November 2, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian of Grade 11 Student,

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is planning to offer **MCAS testing for juniors in ELA and Mathematics in January 2021**. Since students in the class of 2022 (this year's juniors) **did not** have the opportunity to test last spring due to statewide school closures, DESE is making this January testing opportunity available. "Passing" the MCAS is a state graduation requirement in order for students to earn their Competency Determination (CD).

IMPORTANT: All juniors will be scheduled to take both the ELA and Math exams in January. Please be aware that any student that does not take the tests in January will need to retest at a later date in order to meet the CD graduation requirement. Additional retest opportunities will be provided in the students' senior year if CD is not met. It is important to note that meeting the Competency Determination is a **requirement for graduating** from high school *and* **earning a diploma**. This testing may also be used to determine whether a student qualifies for the Adams and Koplik scholarships. It is most beneficial to maximize the number of opportunities a student has at successfully meeting the CD requirements.

We are providing this initial information to keep you as up-to-date and as informed as possible, but it is possible that conditions may change due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. GNBVT will continue to follow DESE guidelines, and we will update our plans and schedules as needed. We will also continue to administer statewide tests following all health and safety requirements, particularly around physical distancing.

The MCAS testing window for juniors is currently scheduled by the DESE for between *January 14th and February 5th, 2021*. *More information regarding the specific date(s) will be forthcoming*. In the meanwhile, if you are interested in student tutorials, practice tests, and other resources, they can be found at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's MCAS Resource Center at: <http://mcas.pearsonsupport.com/student/>.

Should you have any questions regarding MCAS, please contact helder.angelo@gnbvt.edu or call 508-998-4678.

Prezados pais / responsáveis do aluno do 11º ano,

O Departamento de Educação Elementar e Secundária (DESE) está planejando oferecer testes de MCAS para juniores em ELA e Matemática em janeiro de 2021. Uma vez que os alunos da classe de 2022 (juniores deste ano) não tiveram a oportunidade de testar na primavera passada devido ao estado fechamentos de escolas, o DESE está disponibilizando esta oportunidade de teste de janeiro. “Passar” no MCAS é um requisito de graduação do estado para que os alunos recebam sua Determinação de Competência (CD).

IMPORTANTE: Todos os juniores serão programados para fazer os exames de ELA e matemática em janeiro. Esteja ciente de que qualquer aluno que não fizer os testes em janeiro precisará fazer o teste novamente em uma data posterior para atender ao requisito de graduação do CD. Oportunidades adicionais de reteste serão fornecidas no último ano dos alunos se o CD não for atendido. É importante observar que cumprir a Determinação de Competência é um requisito para concluir o ensino médio e obter um diploma. Este teste também pode ser usado para determinar se um aluno se qualifica para as bolsas Adams e Koplik. É mais benéfico maximizar o número de oportunidades que um aluno tem para cumprir com sucesso os requisitos do CD.

Estamos fornecendo essas informações iniciais para mantê-lo o mais atualizado e informado possível, mas é possível que as condições mudem devido à natureza em evolução da pandemia COVID-19. O GNBVT continuará a seguir as diretrizes do DESE e atualizaremos nossos planos e programações conforme necessário. Também continuaremos a administrar testes em todo o estado seguindo todos os requisitos de saúde e segurança, especialmente em relação ao distanciamento físico.

A janela de teste do MCAS para juniores está atualmente agendada pelo DESE para entre 14 de janeiro e 5 de fevereiro de 2021. Mais informações sobre a (s) data (s) específica (s) estarão disponíveis. Enquanto isso, se você estiver interessado em tutoriais para alunos, testes práticos e outros recursos, eles podem ser encontrados no Centro de Recursos MCAS do Departamento de Educação Elementar e Secundária em:

<http://mcas.pearsonsupport.com/student/>. Se você tiver alguma dúvida sobre o MCAS, entre em contato helder.angelo@gnbvt.edu ou ligue 508-998-4678.

Estimado padre / tutor del estudiante de 11. ° grado:

El Departamento de Educación Primaria y Secundaria (DESE, por sus siglas en inglés) planea ofrecer pruebas MCAS para estudiantes de tercer año en ELA y matemáticas en enero de 2021. Dado que los estudiantes de la clase de 2022 (estudiantes de tercer año de este año) no tuvieron la oportunidad de tomar la prueba la primavera pasada debido a cierres de escuelas, DESE está haciendo disponible esta oportunidad de prueba de enero.

"Aprobar" el MCAS es un requisito estatal de graduación para que los estudiantes obtengan su Determinación de Competencia (CD).

IMPORTANTE: Se programará que todos los estudiantes del tercer año tomen los exámenes de ELA y Matemáticas en enero. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier estudiante que no tome los exámenes en enero deberá volver a tomar el examen en una fecha posterior para cumplir con el requisito de graduación del CD. Se proporcionarán oportunidades adicionales de reevaluación en el último año del estudiante si no se cumple con el CD. Es importante notar que cumplir con la Determinación de Competencia es un requisito para graduarse de la escuela secundaria y obtener un diploma. Esta prueba también puede usarse para determinar si un estudiante califica para las becas Adams y Koplik. Es más beneficioso maximizar la cantidad de oportunidades que tiene un estudiante para cumplir con éxito los requisitos del CD.

Proporcionamos esta información inicial para mantenerlo lo más actualizado e informado posible, pero es posible que las condiciones cambien debido a la naturaleza evolutiva de la pandemia de COVID-19. GNBVT continuará siguiendo las pautas del DESE y actualizaremos nuestros planes y horarios según sea necesario. También continuaremos administrando pruebas en todo el estado siguiendo todos los requisitos de salud y seguridad, particularmente en lo que respecta al distanciamiento físico.

El período de prueba del MCAS para estudiantes de tercer año está programado actualmente por el DESE para entre el 14 de enero y el 5 de febrero de 2021. Próximamente se proporcionará más información sobre las fechas específicas. Mientras tanto, si está interesado en tutoriales para estudiantes, exámenes de práctica y otros recursos, puede encontrarlos en el Centro de Recursos MCAS del Departamento de Educación Primaria y Secundaria en: <http://mcas.pearsonsupport.com/student/>. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre MCAS, comuníquese con helder.angelo@gnbvt.edu o llame al 508-998-4678.

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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

Aug./September 2020						
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November 2020						
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February 2021						
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March 2021						
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April 2021						
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May 2021						
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June 2021						
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27	28	29	30			

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

