

Dear Bromfield Families,

We have a new format for the Bromfield Bulletin this year. The opening of school has clearly brought many changes but it is WONDERFUL to welcome the community of students, staff, and parents back to Bromfield.

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**Requesting to switch from Remote to Hybrid**

As we approach our first transition, we want to remind you of the school committee [Learning Model Decision Point](#) Policy.

If you would like to make this change, please email [shoffman@psharvard](mailto:shoffman@psharvard) no later than Oct. 2nd so that we can make the needed adjustments for the student to start after the long weekend. A switch from Remote to Hybrid may involve scheduling adjustments or a switch in cohort.

**Masks, Physical Distancing, and Hygiene**

Students have been excellent about wearing masks while inside the building and cleaning their areas after class. With reminders, students are also physically distancing themselves in the building. An additional area of emphasis is the need to maintain adequate physical distance during mask breaks. Everyone needs to have at least six feet clearance to be able to enjoy a snack and water during those breaks. We ask that students remember that they need to wear their masks until they are off school grounds at the end of the day and to physically distance as they depart for the day. Overall, it is clear that we are learning these new procedures and we appreciate everyone's cooperation.

**Arrival and Pick-Up**

We appreciate everyone's help in following the proper procedures for dropping off and picking up your children from Bromfield. As a reminder, if you are dropping off your child, it is important that you use the Pond Road entrance. If you are dropping off a high school student, leave them at the entrance of door 10 (Art Wing Doors). If you are dropping off a middle school student, leave them at the stop sign by the Auditorium. Do not drop students at the middle school ramp as that blocks the busses and traffic and creates a logjam in that area. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Remote Learning**

As we start this new year together, we would like to remind you that this is new for all of us. We have put a lot of thought and effort into planning a positive start to the year, and we realize that we will need to make adjustments as we see things play out in person. Please recognize that it will take a little while to get all of these new things up and running. In the meantime, please let us know of difficulties and we will work as fast as we can to resolve issues.

In an effort to limit how many times a remote family has to come to Bromfield, teachers will strive to leave any needed materials for students on Wednesdays. The materials will be in the cafeteria. Teachers will inform students of the need to pick up these materials. Please realize that the nature of instruction may cause students to need materials at other times. In those cases, teachers will once again let students know that those materials are available for pick up in the cafeteria.

## **Printing**

Unfortunately, students cannot access the library printer at the moment. Students will need to print at home or turn in assignments to teachers digitally.

## **Family Technology Support**

### Tuesday Tech Tutorial

**Tuesday, September 22 at 6PM. [Zoom Link](#)**

Next week's family technology tutorial features Mr. Boyle and Ms. Graham demonstrating how to use the JAMF Parent App. The free Jamf Parent iOS app empowers parents to manage their children's school-issued iPad (**mostly 5th, 6th, 7th graders**) if you have a personal iOS mobile device (iPhone, iPad). Through an intuitive interface, you can restrict which apps children can access on their devices and/or lock an iOS device into one or several apps.

Taking this step can certainly reduce distractions during study time. Learn how to set up and use this app with your student's school-loaned iPad. Be sure to bring both your iPhone/iPad and your student's iPad.

### In-Person Family Tech Support

**Wednesday, September 23, 8:00 am - 12:00 (hosted at HES, but all families can use this)**

We are offering family tech help in-person on Wednesday morning, at Hildreth. We will be setting up stations outside, weather permitting, for you to bring your device and your child.

We will be scheduling by appointment-only and you must register in advance. **[REGISTER HERE.](#)** You can still continue using the [HPS Family Help Desk Ticket system.](#) in the meantime, we are responding to tickets as fast as we can.

## **Fire Drills**

As part of the required safety drills, Bromfield had fire drills yesterday and today. Students did a great job of exiting the building quickly and moved efficiently so teachers could account for everyone. Finally, we appreciate that the students stayed physically distant during the drill.

## **School Picture Days-October 16 and 19**

Picture Days will take place on Friday October 16th for the Green Cohort and Monday, October 19th for the Blue Cohort. Unfortunately class pictures will not be taken this year. We will send further information as the date gets closer.

### **Message from the Nurses: Colleen Nizus and Jessica Capobianco**

The flu shot is mandatory for all students this year per the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On Tuesday, October 6th The Bromfield School will be holding a community flu clinic. The Nashoba Board of Health will be providing flu vaccine for the community. The clinic will be held 2-3 pm for our older population and from 3-6pm for all other people interested in receiving the vaccine. If the weather is nice, we will be lining up outside and social distancing. If it is raining, we will line up through the auditorium, up the ramp, and to the cafeteria while maintaining social distancing. Please bring your insurance information with you. There is no out of pocket cost for the vaccine.

Remember to fill out both sides of the pink emergency card for your child. Send back to school as soon as possible. The card has been mailed to remote students as well.

Please remember to send in physicals and immunizations for your student if your child is in the 7th or 10th grade. This is required for remote students as well.

Please keep a copy of this document available so you can quickly assess your child regarding COVID: [Daily Student Home Assessment](#)

### **Athletics-a message from Athletic Director Dave Boisvert**

The fall athletic season will be kicking off starting with Golf practice on Sunday and Soccer, Field Hockey and Cross Country will be getting things started on Monday. There are a few Covid related changes that you will need to be aware of.

Spectators will be limited at all athletic competitions this fall. For home games, only 2 family members of competing student athletes will be allowed on site. Each student athlete will receive 2 passes to distribute to their family. Spectators will not be allowed to attend any away competitions.

All athletes will need to have an up to date physical in order to participate in the fall season. We recognize that getting a physical is currently very difficult. If you are unable to schedule a physical with your family doctor, you can go to a minute clinic or walk-in medical facility for an acceptable sports physical.

Student athletes need to be wearing a mask when they arrive at practice sites, students arriving without a mask will be asked to leave. All athletes should have extra masks as well a sanitizer with them at all times.

I am looking forward to meeting with parents at individual team meetings throughout the first week of the season to discuss further Covid related modifications that are occurring this season.

### **New Staff**

We want to welcome the following people to Bromfield!

Katie Snow, Grade 7 English  
Krista Myers, BCBA  
Kaci Vandergrift, Middle School Physical Education  
Sarah Blodgett, Special Education  
Christine Zacharer, Middle School Science and Math  
Alison Thornton, Learning Assistant  
Patrick Doherty, Teaching Assistant  
Jon Ingalls, Teaching Assistant  
Brittany Kinosian, Custodial Staff  
Bob McNiff, Custodial Staff  
Jessica Capobianco, Nurse

All of the above people are doing a great job of acclimating to our community under truly unusual circumstances.

Have a wonderful weekend!

All our best,

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