

Timberline High School Weekly Update October 5, 2020

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Dear Timberline Family,

Thank you so much for a wonderful opening to our virtual learning! It has definitely had its challenges, but the support we have received from our community has been overwhelmingly positive. Our teachers have invested unfathomable amounts of time and effort into learning so many new skills. Most of them felt like it was their first year of teaching all over again!

NEW INFORMATION

Late Start Bell Schedule shifts from Wednesdays to Mondays beginning on October 26.

ASB Cards, Device Insurance, and Yearbooks now for sale

Please go to our Timberline Webstore to purchase the following items: 2020/2021 Yearbook is only \$30!! Activity cards are \$30 (required for athletes)

Device Insurance is \$25 (see details at the end of this newsletter)

SAT School Day, October 14

All Seniors please report to school, in-person to complete the SAT testing. This is part of their graduation requirement as determined by the state. Please review the information listed below.

- Testing will begin at 8 am
- Testing will be completed around 12:30 pm
- Buses will run regular schedule at the regular stops in the morning
- Buses will return to pick up students at 1:07 pm
- Unless riding the bus, students will be expected to leave the building immediately following the test.
- Students should enter the building as follows to check room assignments:
 - All bused students will enter at the Apple St. entrance
 - All other students can enter from the clock tower entrance (front doors) or the Athletic Wing entrance
- Students will report IMMEDIATELY to their assigned classroom
- Students and faculty will be required to wear face masks at all times
- Social distancing will be expected at all times
- No backpacks will be allowed in the building or in the testing room
- No cell phones, smart watches, or any other electronic device will be allowed.
 - Students will be expected to power down these items and place them under their desks. They will remain there until after testing is completed. If students are caught using electronic devices the student may be removed from the test and their scores will be cancelled. This includes during breaks.
- Items students need to bring:
 - #2 pencils (not mechanical)
 - Picture ID (school ID or Driver's License)
 - Small snack for break
 - Water bottle to use during breaks
 - Calculator used in math class .

Other Testing Dates:

October 27 - SAT Senior Make-up Day October 29 - PSAT Day for Juniors January 26 - Sophomore PSAT Day

Sophomore Orientation Night

Thursday, October 15 from 6:00 - 8:00 - JV Football parents, please join us after the game! Students will be able to walk around the building and find their classrooms.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, October 20 and 21

Parent-teacher conferences will be in a very different format this year compared to years past. Our teachers will be setting up appointments virtually with parents in 10-minute increments as opposed to sitting all together in the cafeteria and gyms. As a result, we are encouraging <u>parents of students who are doing well</u> to reach out to their teachers via email if they have any questions instead of asking for an online meeting appointment. Our teachers will be reaching out to the parents of struggling students to try to set up appointments with them. If parents feel strongly about meeting with their child's teachers, however, teachers are able to schedule meetings with parents at other times. If you feel as though you have significant concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher in order to arrange a conference time. Teachers will be pushing out the link to calendly.com in order for parents to sign up for conference times. Please watch for those emails from teachers.

- Tuesday October 20 and Wednesday October 21
- Late afternoon and evening meetings between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Only 36 slots per teacher

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

If you are not sure how your child is doing in his/her classes, and need a refresher on how to log in to the parent portal on Infinite Campus, please follow these instructions.

Parents - log in to Infinite Campus to view your child's schedule, grades and attendance.<u>https://boiseschools.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/boise.jsp</u>

Forgot username or password? Under the login there are options to click on if you forgot your username or password.

New to Infinite Campus? Set up your parent account at: <u>https://boiseschools.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/boise.jsp</u> Click Campus Parent, New User, use email listed to request an activation code.

Infinite Campus Student Portal

Student Infinite Campus Portal link: Infinite Campus

Your login information:

Your username is your school email account:

Your school email is a google email account and can be accessed via gmail, with your graduation year (last two digits)first name.lastname@boiseschools.net EX: 21jane.smith@boiseschools.net

Your password:

The capitalized initials of your first and last name, as well as your 6 digit birth date. EX: Jane Smith, with a birth date of 06/21/2007, would have a password of JS06210

Students!! Be sure to change your password as soon as possible for security reasons. If you need help, please contact the Timberline librarian for directions. <u>Tina.roehr@boiseschools.org</u>

REMINDERS FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

Our Teacher-Parent Organization

Please get involved! Our Teacher-Parent Organization (TPO) has been an invaluable and integral part of our Timberline Family for many years. They have been instrumental in supporting the academic work of our teachers as well as the activities of our clubs and organizations and we couldn't be more grateful for their constant involvement. For example, this <u>TPO In Action</u> document outlines projects our TPO has funded and organized during the last few years. If parents would like to become more involved, provide a donation, and/or volunteer with our TPO, please take a look at the links below:

<u>Get Involved</u> – Become a Volunteer <u>Providing a donation</u> – A quick and easy way to donate <u>Matching Employer Donations</u> – Please look here for local companies who match your TPO donation

Our Phased Reopening Plans

We would like to re-share the district's <u>Phased Reopening Plan</u> and our updated <u>Timberline Phased Reopening Plan</u> with you to review. These plans explain our phased reopening process we will be implementing during the coming weeks. Most notably, our high school students are scheduled to return to classes in person the week of October 19th, which coincides with the beginning of the second quarter. During this reopening phase, our students will follow a weekly schedule of Mondays being virtual (all students learning from home), students with last names beginning with A-L attending classes in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Blue Team), and students with last names beginning with M-Z attending classes in person on Wednesdays and Fridays (Silver Team). Once it has been determined that we can safely reintegrate all students, we will be entering Phase 4 of this plan and will notify all families, which is not scheduled to occur earlier than November 9, 2020.

Some individual accommodations for families needing to switch their days may be possible. If your family needs to consider a change, please contact Alsy Cory at <u>alsy.cory@boiseschools.org</u>, or 208-854-6230.

Student Picture Days and Student I.D. Badges

Student picture days are currently scheduled for Thursday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 28th. Dorian Photography will be distributing picture packet information prior to these days so please watch for ordering information to be sent home. <u>Students will receive a temporary badge on the first day of in-person learning and they will need to use these until their permanent badges are delivered to the school from Dorian.</u> Each student is expected to have their badge on their person this year as we are transitioning to a keyless entry system and the badge is a student's keyless entry into the building. This also provides touchless checkout in the library and cafeteria. Lanyards will be provided to students for use with their badges.

Senior photo days will be scheduled once we are able to share the tux and drape items from the photographer.

New Chromebook Distribution

Once students return to the building, we will also be reissuing new Chromebooks to our sophomore and junior classes. The new device they receive will be theirs to use for the remainder of their high school career in the Boise School District and will be expected to be returned when the student graduates.

Device Insurance

Parents may opt to insure the student devices with a minimal \$25 fee. This insurance protects families from incurring the full replacement and/or repair costs by covering 1 claim per year for accidental damage, loss, or theft. Subsequent claims may be filed with school administration and will incur a \$20 deductible. Negligence or purposeful damage, loss of charger, and incidental damage to someone else's device are NOT covered by this insurance. When necessary, a second device can be checked out while repairs are being completed. Please visit our <u>Timberline Webstore</u> to make this payment.

Sincerely, Diana Molino, Principal Tim Ellinghouse, Assistant Principal Myrna Avila, Assistant Principal Jeff Lamping, Assistant Principal