

August 8, 2020

Happy weekend to you all,

I hope you're enjoying this most unusual summer and staying healthy!

Things have been busy in the building to say the least, but I wanted to share some brief updates with you on what we've been tackling, and to answer some lingering questions you might have about STB and the Fall.

We've been chipping away over the past few weeks to fine-tune our reopening plans, draft student schedules, and hire new staff and faculty members, so there's certainly much to offer in the way of updates. Feel free to peruse these at your leisure, and let me know if you have any questions!

Reopening Plans

STB's fifty-plus page **COVID Preparedness Plan has officially been vetted by our COVID Task Force and is in the process of being drafted into a bullet-point document for our families to explore.** Your feedback on student and parent surveys was instrumental in forming this plan, so thank you again for your participation!

We'll continue to work closely with you during implementation, as well as to work to fine-tune the remaining questions that surround reopening, including determining technological needs of faculty and issuing a final draft of our Fall bell schedule and calendar. Stay tuned for those updates in the very near future, as well!

The plan you will receive later this week will include building entry protocols, cleaning plans, and additional safety measures taken to ensure we can conduct in-person education safely, without risking the well being of our students, faculty, staff, or families.

Again and as always, we support the individual decisions of each and every one of our families when it comes to their participation in in-person learning, and as such, we will be **offering a distance option for students who are unable to attend in-person education;** this option will be outlined in greater detail over the next two weeks, and we'll offer specifics on it then -- including a sense of what a typical day will look like for students who opt out of in-person education.

How to Reach Us

Many of you have reached out to us through various channels over the summer, so I wanted to offer the best (and most efficient) mode of communication during summer hours, as well as a breakdown of Staff areas of focus. **Email is the best way to reach us, as we respond to email both during and outside of office hours.**

For specific questions, please contact the following staff members:

For questions about student schedules and college preparation: *Mrs. Heather Tullio, College Counselor:* htullio@stbernardscchs.org

For questions about student well-being, academic probation, or discipline: *Mr. Paul Constantino, Dean of Students:* pconstantino@stbernardscchs.org

For questions about enrollment, tuition, or applications: *Mrs. Debbie Maloney, Admissions Director:* dmaloney@stbernardscchs.org

For questions about COVID-preparedness, student life and procedures, faculty/staff, or other topics not listed here: *Linda Anderson, Principal:* landerson@stbernardscchs.org

STB All In Documentary

Well, **we have officially begun filming the STB All In documentary with our friends from Hollywood!** It's been an exciting process, and we look forward to sharing some clips with you when they're available. The crew will be back again sometime this month to conduct follow-up interviews and get additional footage, but the movie is already rolling and well on its way to production ...! A huge thank you to the football team, including coaches, parents, and friends, for participating in this project. (We've heard through the grapevine that the boys did some pretty knock-out interviews, and we're not in the least bit surprised!)

New Staff/Faculty

Over the past few weeks, **our volunteer hiring committees (made up of faculty, staff, parents, and students at STB) have been hard at work vetting resumes and running interviews for more than a few critical positions**, including a couple of new ones (Facilities Manager; Internship Coordinator; and an additional Math Teacher). I'm excited to share that many of these searches have come to their close or are in the final stages of processing, so **look for announcements over the next two weeks, regarding the many new faces you'll see at the school this year!** (Check out our post on the **new Athletic and Athletic Facilities Director, Mr. Ryan Walsh**, on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StBernardsHighSchool/?ref=bookmarks>)

FACTS SIS System

We have officially adopted a **brand new virtual system to manage all aspects of school life, including student schedules, communication, and grading.** We will be sharing information with all of our families to walk them through how to access this system and do things like check online grades, communicate with teachers, and upload student documents (among countless other things). Stay tuned for that ...!

Uniforms

There's **still time to order uniforms from Global Schoolwear**, if you need additional items. To access the STB portal, visit Global's website at: <https://www.globalschoolwear.com/>, type in the code STBE02 (or type St. Bernard's High School), select our school, and shop away. Shipping can take up to two weeks, so the sooner the better!

Senior Sweaters

A beloved tradition at St. Bernard's, members of **the Class of 2021 (our new Seniors) can order their white Senior sweaters at Allen's Uniform Shop** (located in Leominster and Worcester). To order for a Senior sweater, click here: <https://www.allensuniforms.com/schools/index.php/v-neck-cardigan-sweater-6300-43972.html>

Student Schedules

Mrs. Tullio is rounding the corner of **finalizing student schedules**, and we'll be sure to share them with students and parents once completed.

Please know that if there's an issue with your/your student's schedule, we recommend that you reach out to the Guidance Office sooner rather than later; that way, we can make sure any issues are sorted out before the first day of school, so every student gets off to the best possible start.

Well, that's all for now. Again, please keep an eye out for specific COVID updates this week, and stay safe, Bernardians!

Best,
Mrs. Anderson