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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

The start of the 2020-2021 school year is now upon us. We are very excited to begin this year, and we are looking forward to interacting with students once again. The WHS Faculty and Staff have been working hard throughout the summer to make adjustments to practice to ensure we are prepared to maintain student safety at all times, in both the remote and hybrid settings, while also prioritizing student learning. We understand that this has been and will continue to be a challenging time for families. Being mindful of that, we will do everything we can to make this transition into the start of the school year as smooth as it can be.

The WHS Chromebook and charger pick-up day for grades 8 through 12 will be **Thursday, September 10** from 8 AM to 10 AM, 1 PM to 3 PM, and 5 PM to 7 PM. The Technology Guidelines and Procedures Form was sent electronically to parents yesterday. That form must be electronically signed and returned before a student can receive any technology.

The first day of school for students is **Wednesday, September 16** with a Wareham High School start time of 7:40 A.M. This will be a remote learning day for all students. Thank you to everyone for responding to the district survey regarding the option of hybrid or remote learning. Once the district decision is made that it is safe to do so, we will begin hybrid learning for those students who opted for the hybrid model. We hope to be able to begin hybrid learning as of October 5. The hybrid model breakdown for the district is as follows:

- Student last names A through K: Monday/Tuesday at WHS, Wednesday to Friday online
- Student last names L through Z: Thursday/Friday at WHS, Monday to Wednesday online

Students who are in substantially separate special education programs who opted for hybrid learning will be contacted once a specific plan has been finalized for their in-person return. Until then, all students will participate in remote learning.

Parents and students now have access to PowerSchool. Our Guidance Department is still in the process of arranging schedules. Over the next week, we encourage students to login to PowerSchool to check their schedules, and students should reach out to their specific guidance counselor with any questions or concerns. The guidance counselor breakdown is: Last names A to F have Ms. Medeiros, [amedeiros@wareham.k12.ma.us](mailto:amedeiros@wareham.k12.ma.us). Last names G to L have Dr. Janicki, Guidance Director, [mjanicki@wareham.k12.ma.us](mailto:mjanicki@wareham.k12.ma.us). Last names M to Z have Ms. Gregoire, [cgregoire@wareham.k12.ma.us](mailto:cgregoire@wareham.k12.ma.us).

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We expect all students to participate daily in remote and/or in-person learning, as applicable. Participation is not optional. Students will be required to login to virtual meetings at designated times. Daily attendance will be taken and students will be held accountable to both attendance and traditional grading policies. We are attaching a flyer which lists school expectations for students during virtual class meetings that will take place via Zoom or Google Meet. More information will follow in the next week regarding the school's daily class schedule and times.

Face Masks will be required for all in-person learning that takes place. We are attaching a flyer with information regarding masks that are appropriate for school. Please make sure students come to school with a mask each day.

Fall sports have been postponed and will start in early March. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to this date. Winter sports are scheduled to begin on November 30.

Families should continue to freely reach out via email with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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