

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff:

Now that families have completed the re-entry forms, we are reworking our master schedule in order to provide e-learning and face to face courses. Changes had to be made, in order to meet safety protocols set by CDC, WVDE, and KCS. GWHS weighed all options and made the decision to keep an eight period day in order to balance safety concerns, while still providing a multitude of academic opportunities. Please understand the bulleted items below are subject to change and student and staff safety is our number one priority.

- MASKS are REQUIRED. We (GWHS) are asking that students and staff wear masks/shields/face coverings when social distancing cannot be achieved. Students will be required to wear a mask when entering the building, during classes, in hallways, during breakfast/lunch, and during class transitions.
- Masks will be provided by KCS for those students who are not wearing one or don't have access to one. Masks must follow KCS/GWHS dress code and not be a disruption to the learning environment.
- Building doors will open at 8:00 AM. Students will enter the building through the main doors, lower gym, and new wing.
- Hallway patterns have been adjusted for the 2020-21 school year. Students will be asked to follow identified patterns throughout the school day. Stairwells will be identified as UP stairwells and others identified as DOWN stairwells to accommodate social distancing protocols. There will be a few stairwells that will be identified as UP & DOWN because of location.
- During an emergency stairwells can be used as both UP & DOWN.
- Each day students may choose a grab and go breakfast before reporting to homeroom.
- Homeroom and 1st period will be held in the same classroom with no transition after homeroom.
- Class transition times have been extended to 8 minutes, and students will be dismissed by odd/even rooms at 3-minute intervals.
- Classrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Lunches will continue to be periods 4, 5, and 6. Students will utilize the designated lunch areas of the QSA/commons, the library, upper gym, and lower gym. Social distancing protocols will be observed. Lunch supervision will be provided.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. GWHS will continue to allow students access to fountains (to fill) on the main floor throughout the day.

- Students will have access to their lockers while attending school. Students may also carry a backpack.
- Dismissal will begin at 3:30 with drivers and parent pick up followed by buses. Students will be dismissed from their 8th period class. An administrator will dismiss bus students as buses arrive. Students will be asked to exit the building and get on their bus immediately.
- Please see schedule below for FACE to FACE instruction:
  - September 8th- 11th grade
  - September 9th- 10th grade
  - September 10th- 9th & 12th grade
  - September 11th- Remote Learning
  
  - September 14th & 15th: A-L students (grades 9-12)
  - September 16th- Remote Learning
  - September 17th & 18th: M-Z students (grades 9-12)
  
  - September 21st & 22nd A-L students (grades 9-12)
  - September 23rd- Remote Learning
  - September 24th & 25th: M-Z student (grades 9-12)

We are continuing to move forward with HVAC construction. The contractors will be working in the building after school. Our Geo-thermal HVAC system has been installed in our main parking lot. The next phase will include connecting it to the main building and then to the classrooms. The parking lot will be paved within the next few weeks and will be ready when students arrive on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, during this uncertain time, George Washington High School is asking that students and parents be extremely patient with this process. Things change on a daily basis, and what we post today may change tomorrow. Our ultimate goal is to keep our students safe while providing a rigorous curriculum that ultimately leads to graduation. Hopefully within the next few weeks, we will have better guidelines for face to face instruction and be able to answer all of the “what if” scenario questions. We are relying on the Health Department and Kanawha County Schools for guidance on ALL Covid-19 cases. Again, thank you for your patience as this is a challenging time for us all.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [gaulenbacher@mail.kana.k12.wv.us](mailto:gaulenbacher@mail.kana.k12.wv.us)

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