

*Fall 2020  
Reopening Review*

**Bard High School  
Early College #362**

# Tonight's Agenda

- Gathering and welcome
- Feedback elements that went into this plan
- What to expect: September-October
  - Daily schedule
  - Cohort scheduling
  - Student expectations
  - Resources
  - Special events
- What we can do now to prepare
  - Accessing class schedules + teacher contact info
  - Supply pick-up days
  - School supply list
  - Educational technology training for families



# Feedback Elements

- Faculty/staff surveys - June by administrators, July by BTU reps
- Family survey - July
- Virtual community meeting - July 9
- BCPSS guidance/draft reopening plan - July 28
- Faculty/staff virtual meeting - August 6
- Family technology needs survey - August 10
- CDC guidance for schools
- Bard College guidance/early college conversations
- Federal funding opportunities + priorities
- SY20 Q4 data analysis
- Exceptional learning consultation

# Things We Heard from Students/Families

- More real-time class sessions and teacher interaction
- Predictable timelines for assigning and turning in work
- A common online learning platform
  - NOTE: We will be using Google Classroom and Zoom
- Support for students' mental health
- Support for any learning gaps that may have occurred in the spring
  - NOTE: You'll hear more about our English/math tutoring program!



# What to Expect: September–October

## Daily schedule

- Will replicate a regular school day, with classes beginning at 8:30 and ending at 3:20.
- Remember that we have moved to a new “bell” schedule: 5 periods, 65 minutes each.
- There will be a 50-minute lunch break at 1:10 p.m.
- Wednesdays are a reading day for office hours, small groups, etc. but still a school day.

**SO...do I have to sit in front of a computer 7 hours a day?** No. Teachers will vary content delivery, small group, and individual work during class periods -- just like we would in person.

## Cohort scheduling

- All four grade levels are being scheduled as cohorts/pods. This is so that when we are in person (eventually), students remain in the same room and only teachers move.
- This means that there will be no add/drop for Year 1s and 2s this semester.
- Counselors have scheduled college students for courses based on their needs.

# What to Expect: September–October

## Expectations for students

- Attendance every day, in person
  - Talk to your instructors if this is going to be a challenge. We know some of you are sharing devices, have unreliable internet, etc.
- Complete an exit ticket or other sort of “end product” at the end of each class to show your stuff.
- Participate in our English and/or math tutoring program if your teacher assigns you to it.
- Turn in assignments on Fridays
- Negotiate make-up work needs/timelines with your teachers if you need it. (You’ll receive a new make-up work policy in your student handbook this year)
- Observe the Code of Conduct and Bard School Practices Manual expectations in your online classes.
- Maintain academic integrity in your work. (You’ll receive a new academic integrity policy in your student handbook this year)
- Grading goes back to the way it was before the spring closure -- categories are weighted by individual teachers, check your syllabi for details (NOTE: we do not follow the BCPSS “70/30” schema)
- Ask for help: We have counseling resources, office hours, and a clearer student grievance policy this year to support you.

# What to Expect: September–October

## Resources

- Bard emails for students
- Regular email updates (please contact Dr. Gamber, [fgamber@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:fgamber@bhsec.bard.edu), if you have not been getting her emails)
- Website resource list/parent and student guides/teacher emails
- Counseling (Melchior, Hoyt, Bubb, Ellis, Sharp)
- Tutoring
- Exceptional learning team (Schmitt, Goisovich, Espahbodi) - CLIPs no longer in use, back to IEPs and 504s, amendments possible
- Virtual lunch (daily)
- Chromebooks and hot spots

## Special events

- Google Classroom tutorial, 1 pm AND 5 pm, Sept. 4
- Back to Bard Night, Sept. 8
- Virtual community meetings: Mondays at 7, starting Sept. 14
- Civic engagement speaker series: begins Sept. 15
- Class of 2021 Inauguration, Sept. 24
- Class of 2022 Matriculation, Oct. 1
- FAFSA Night, Oct. 5
- Virtual Talent Show, Oct. 13

# What to Do Now to Prepare

- **Access your schedule in Campus Portal**
  - If you need your access code again, email Ms. Mountcastle at [gmountcastle@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:gmountcastle@bcps.k12.md.us)
  - Schedules should be finalized by Sept. 1
- **Find your professors' email addresses at**  
<https://baltimore.bard.edu/our-people/faculty/>
- **Attend a training session on Google Classroom**
  - Date: Sept. 4 at 1 pm or 5 pm
- **Pick up school-provided supplies at school Sept. 1-4**
  - We will send more info about this
- **Make sure your address and phone number are correct in Campus Portal**
  - Ms. Mountcastle can assist with updates.



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CARRY  
ON**

# Should I Buy School Supplies?

A few basics will help...we recommend:

- A laptop or Chromebook with headphones (school currently has very limited supply to lend)
- A notebook or binder with dividers for each class (you will have 5)
- A planner to help you stay organized
- Writing implements for notetaking
- 4 AAA batteries for graphing calculator (all students enrolled in a math class; you will borrow the calculator from Bard)



# Questions? How Can We Help?

## Important note:

City Schools has said that families can start going to schools on August 24 to pick up devices. We do NOT currently have any more Chromebooks or hot spots to lend.

We are working very hard to procure more devices before September 8. As soon as they are available, we will contact you about picking them up.