Greetings from the helm of the Clipper Ship. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the official start of the 2020-2021 school year which begins on September 8th for all students. Even though we will have a very different start to this school year, we will still start together. It is not the physical building that makes James M. Bennett High School great, it’s the students, staff, parents and the community and in JMB fashion we will work together to have a great virtual start.

During the virtual start communication will be key. Please take time to make sure your phone numbers, email, and home address are correct in our system by filling out the Student Personal Data and Emergency Form. (Caution: It is easy to block the school’s email and phone calls but difficult to unblock later.)

Our main forms of communication during virtual learning and even after we return to the building will be through phone messages, emails, Facebook posts, the JMB website and soon Instagram.

This start will be new to everyone involved. Let’s be kind to one another and let’s work together to show that JMB is the best whether we are in person or virtual.

Principal Savage

9th Grade Welcome to High School

On September 3rd from 5-7, 9th grade students will be able to participate in a drive through Welcome to High School. Check out the various stops below:

1) A drop off for the completed Student Personal Data and Emergency Form & Health Questionnaire.
2) Distribution of Class of 2024 t-shirts
3) Cheering section of JMB teachers
4) Food

To participate please complete the link that will be available on Facebook and in an upcoming parent message.

WCPS Virtual Schedule High School w/Office Hours

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*Students will meet live with their teachers on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Students will have work to complete on Wednesday but classes will not be live.
* Staff will be available to support students and parents each morning, afternoon and every Wednesday as needed.
Guidance and Administration

In order to better assist our families we are pairing up our guidance counselors and administration for the 20-21 school year.

Kathy Klaverweiden & Brent Lewis: 9th grade..................................................kklaverw@wcboe.org & blewis@wcboe.org

Krista Baker & Nikki Blake: 10th –12th grade (A-D).................................krbrown@wcboe.org & ublake@wcboe.org

Tana Ellis & Jason Capobianco: 10th–12th grade (E-J).................................tellis@wcboe.org & jcapobia@wcboe.org

Karen Straw & Keith Bailey: 10th–12th grade (K-Q).................................kstraw@wcboe.org & kebailey@wcboe.org

Hope Bowers & Amy Rhodes: 10th-12th grade (R-Z & all ELL students) ......hbowers@wcboe.org & arhodes@wcboe.org

**Please note that schedule change request process will be shared once schedules become available to family portal.

First day of School for ALL students will be September 8th

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Aug 31 and Sept 1—Laptop/hotspot distribution for those that have requested items. Be looking for a notification on the times.

Sept 1—Schedules go live on parent portal

Sept 3—9th Grade Welcome to High School Night (5-7)

Sept 8—First day for All students

Oct 7—Mid-term

Oct 16—School Closed

Nov 3—Election Day—Schools Closed

Nov 10—End of 1st Term

What should students do prior to the first day of school?

1) Make sure they identify a working area for their live classes scheduled between 10-2.

2) Make sure they have a working laptop and internet. (If either of these items are needed be sure to complete the link on Facebook, JMB website or call the school.)

3) Make sure they review their schedule and are able to access their school email account. (Directions are provided in the mailing.)

4) Make sure they sign into Google Classroom once teachers send the link and access code to their school email.

All forms can be returned to jmb@wcboe.org or place them in the drop box outside the main office.

How to stay in the know!

Website:  http://jmb.wcboe.org

Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/wcboejmb/

Guidance Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/JMBGuidance/

Twitter:  https://twitter.com/wcboejmb

YouTube:  https://www.youtube.com/wjmbnews

Instagram: (future) https://www.instagram.com/wcboejmb/

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