

September 3, 2020

Greetings Crossroads Parents/Guardians,

The start of the 2020-2021 school year is finally upon us! Even though we are beginning the year in a virtual format, I wanted you to know that Crossroads Center values communication and we want to build strong and positive relationships with all our families.

It is important for you to know what to expect during the first week of school. Our goal is to have the school year start off as productively and positively for you and your student as is possible. So, this list of frequently asked questions should help!

1. What can my child expect on the first day of school?

During the first day of school, your student should log in to his or her homeroom at 10:30 am. That is the first class of the day. Teachers will be sending out messages on Schoology to invite students to their individual homerooms. Once homeroom is over, they will follow their schedule for the day, logging on to each class. Since school starts on a Tuesday, students will go to periods 6 through 9.

2. Since the first week consists of only four days, will students still be in independent learning on Wednesday, September 9th?

No. On Wednesday, September 9th, students will follow their MONDAY schedule, attending periods 1 through 4. This way, they won't miss those classes due to the Labor Day holiday.

3. What will happen during the first week of school?

Students can expect to meet with all their teachers virtually during the first week. They will also get to know how our communities operate, hear a virtual student handbook presentation, and start into their studies.

4. How can I help my student log on for the first day of school?

To help your student log on for classes, follow these steps:

- Students should log onto their device using their BCPS credentials.
- Students should also log onto Google with their BCPS credentials
- Once logged on, go to BCPS One.
- Access the Schoology tile.
- Click on "Courses."
- Click on "Homeroom Advisory." Follow the directions from there.
- If you experience problems accessing Google Meets, or if you are unsure if you are logged on correctly, you can find solutions in the Crossroads Schoology group, under "Resources."

5. Crossroads consists of small learning communities. What community will my child be in?

Crossroads is divided into 4 communities. They are generally divided by grade level. Each community is named for an ocean or a continent.

Antarctic Community – Grade 7

Indian Community – Grade 8

Pacific Community – Grade 9-10

Arctic Community – Grades 11-12

6. How will students be graded for their remote learning courses?

The courses that students are enrolled in will be graded using BCPS traditional grading procedures. 70% of the student's grade will be Minor assignments (quizzes, discussions, etc.) and 30% of the grade will be Major assignments (Unit assessments, projects, major papers, etc.)

7. Does attendance count in remote learning?

Yes. Attendance will be taken each day during homeroom. Teachers will also take attendance in each virtual class.

8. How will attendance be taken on Wednesdays, which are supposed to be for independent learning?

Students will need to log on to Schoology at some point each Wednesday to be counted PRESENT. If they do not they will be marked absent for that day.

9. How can I access my child's counselor or community leader?

To access any staff member for support, visit the Crossroads Schoology Group, click on the "Resources" folder and then click "Support Request."

10. How can I help my child succeed during the virtual learning period?

To help your student meet with success, be sure to provide as much structure and support as possible. A quiet place, free of distraction is best for any learning. Just as in any other year, check on your student's progress frequently, and maintain good communication with teachers and support personnel.

CROSROADS CENTER STUDENT SCHEDULE

Time	Minutes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 10:30	150	Independent Work / Small Group Support	Independent Work / Small Group Support		Independent Work / Small Group Support	Independent Work / Small Group Support
10:30 - 11:00	30	Antarctic Virtual Circle/ Homeroom Advisory	Indian Virtual Circle/ Homeroom Advisory	Independent,	Pacific Virtual Circle/ Homeroom Advisory	Arctic Virtual Circle/ Homeroom Advisory
11:00 - 11:45	45	Mod 1	Mod 6	asynchronous	Mod 1	Mod 6
11:45 - 12:00	15	Break	Break	learning;	Break	Break
12:00 - 12:45	45	Mod 2 (Gr 8 Specials)	Mod 7	small group	Mod 2 (Gr 7 Specials)	Mod 7
12:45 - 1:15	30	Lunch	Lunch	instruction	Lunch	Lunch
1:15 - 2:00	45	Mod 3 (Gr 8 Specials)	Mod 8		Mod 3 (Gr 7 Specials)	Mod 8
2:00 - 2:15	15	Break	Break		Break	Break
2:15 - 3:00	45	Mod 4 (Gr 8 Specials)	Mod 9		Mod 4 (Gr 7 Specials)	Mod 9