



Brookfield Central High School

Update Virtual Learners: December 20, 2020

Greetings-

It has been quite a year. The year has had unprecedented challenges for all of us. Our lives at school and at home have had countless obstacles and I am proud of how the BC Community persevered and cared for each other during the entire year.

In the last four months, both teachers and students have successfully transitioned to a new school teaching and learning model. We have redesigned and implemented new school safety and logistics protocols. Our fall sports teams safely and effectively had full seasons and our full winter sports seasons successfully underway. BC Theater has rehearsed, designed and performed two productions with in-person and live-streamed audiences. It is truly remarkable what the BC Community has accomplished together this school year and it makes me incredibly proud to be a BC staff member and a BC parent.

As we begin a new calendar year, we continue to strive to ensure that each student has a sense of belonging at Brookfield Central HS. That is our most important work.

I hope that everyone has a fantastic and safe winter break. Please reach to us if you are in need of anything. Together we will stay safe to stay open. Feel free to email me or call or text me at 262-794-6070.

Thanks and take care-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brett J. Gruetzmacher".

Brett J. Gruetzmacher
Proud Principal

Upcoming Events at Brookfield Central-As of 12/20/20

December 23-January 1

Winter Break

January 4

Return to School "B Day"

[Practice ACT for All Juniors 7:45am-11:30am](#)

January 15

No School. Teacher Professional Development Day

January 18

No School. Martin Luther King Day Holiday

January 22

Last Day of Term 2

January 25

No School. Teacher Records Day

Spring Sports Information Night 7pm via ZOOM

January 27

[8th Grade Transition Night](#) 6pm-7pm

New Updates

Course Request Process for 2021/2022

This past week, we mailed home **[this letter](#)** to current students in the 8th (WHMS), 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. It outlines the **[course request process](#)** for the 2021/2022 school year. January and February are filled with opportunities to learn about our amazing offerings. The BC Student Services team has done a fantastic job in organizing the process for our students and their families. Please reach out to your school counselor if you have any questions about the course request process. Click **[here](#)** for their information.

Practice ACT-All Junior-January 4

On January 4th all (in-person and virtual learners) juniors will take a **[practice ACT](#)**. The practice ACT will be an opportunity for all students to have a trial run as they prepare for the state-wide **[ACT on March 9](#)**. Juniors **[do not need](#)** to register for the practice ACT or the state-wide ACT test. Juniors that will **not** be taking the January 4th practice ACT should complete **[this form](#)** (please complete while logged into your Elmbrook Google Account). Please complete this form by Monday, December 21.

Recurring Information

1st Block Reflection Prompts

Click **[here](#)** for the prompts for the week of December 21- January 8.

Attendance Procedures

In addition to calling the BC attendance phone line (262-785-3994), families can also send an email to **BCHSattendance@elmbrookschoools.org** to report an absence to school. When reporting an absence, please provide the student's name and reason for the absence. If they are missing school due to illness, it will be important to let us know ALL of your child's symptoms and any physician confirmed diagnosis such as COVID-19. It will also be important to know if your child is staying home because they have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Please note that if a student is a virtual learner, they must have their camera turned on to be considered present.

College Representatives Visits

BC Student Services continues to offer opportunities for students to connect with representatives from colleges and universities from across the country. Click **[here](#)** for the schedule!.

Chromebooks.

If you are having trouble with your Chromebook, please check out [this site for guidance](#) and if the issue persists, bring it to the BC Library.

Connecting with Teachers

If parents/guardians need to connect with a teacher, please consider emailing rather than calling. If a phone call is absolutely necessary, please email the teacher to request a phone call. Many teachers are different classroom spaces this year and they do not have access to their voicemail.

Request to change your learning choice designation

For overall consistency and in-building logistics, we are asking students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to commit to a term-by-term learning choice designation: either in-person or virtual. *However*, in the event a student and their parent(s)/guardian(s) request to temporarily or permanently change their learning choice designation during a term, here is the procedure we will be utilizing:

- **All requests to change a student's learning choice designation during a term must be emailed to the student's assigned associate principal:**
 - Carolyn Hahn (hahnc@elmbrookschoools.org) - works primarily with students whose last names start with A-Le)
 - Dominic Bauer (bauerd@elmbrookschoools.org) - works primarily with students whose last names start with Li-Z)
- **In-Person to Virtual Requests:**
 - Requests to permanently change a student's learning choice designation from in-person to virtual for the remainder of a term will be granted.
 - Requests to temporarily change a student's learning choice designation from in-person to virtual for a specified period of time during a term will be granted with the caveat that their return to in-person learning will be contingent on space still being available in **all** of their classes when they request to return as an in-person learner.
- **Virtual to In-Person Requests:**
 - Requests to change a student's learning choice designation from virtual to in-person will only be considered for permanent, remainder-of-term requests and will be granted as long as space is available in **all** of their classes.
 - Requests to temporarily change a student's learning choice designation from virtual to in-person for a specified period of time during a term will not be considered.

ZOOM

If you are unable to log into a Zoom, try the following:

- 1) Full log off and power down (not just closing the screen and reopening). This process should run critical updates to Chrome.
- 2) Reset the WiFi.
- 3) Double/triple check that you are logged into their Elmbrook account. This is especially important if you are using a personal device because the default will be to your personal accounts rather than your school accounts.
- 4) Try connecting multiple times.

Past Updates

- [September 1, 2020 Update](#)
- [September 7, 2020 Update](#)
- [September 12, 2020 Update](#)

- [September 21, 2020 Update](#)
- [September 28, 2020 Update](#)
- [October 6, 2020 Update](#)
- [October 12, 2020 Update](#)
- [October 19, 2020 Update](#)
- [October 25, 2020 Update](#)
- [November 3, 2020 Update](#)
- [November 16, 2020 Update](#)
- [December 6, 2020 Update](#)

