

Brookfield Central High School

Update Virtual Learners: February 21, 2021

Greetings-

The weather forecast for the next week is calling for temperatures to be in the high 30's and even the 40's! Just a few reminders for our last week of February.

The Academic Planner Closes Monday-February 22 at 8am.

Over the past 6 weeks, the BC Student Services Team has connected with countless students and their families about course selection for the upcoming school year.

If you have questions regarding the process, please check out our Academic Planning Site. It is includes:

- Course information and graduation requirements
- All of the counselor presentations detailing the scheduling process
- How-to Videos
- Alternating day class list
- Necessary forms

On February 22nd, we will close the Infinite Campus (IC) Academic Planner. The number of requests for each course will determine the number of sections for each course that will drive the creation of the 21/22 master schedule. Additionally, we make our staffing and scheduling decisions for the 21/22 school year based on the number of sections. This is why it is imperative that students thoughtfully select, review, and save their course requests and alternates in the Academic Planner.

Seniors! Jostens Order Pickup-February 23rd

On Tuesday, February 23rd, the reps from Jostens will be here to hand out the caps/gown/acessories orders to the BC Class of 2021. The pickup will take place during the lunch periods (11:30am-1:30pm) and from 3:45pm-4:45pm. Tables will be setup in the front lobby of BC for the pickup! We have begun our preparations for our in-person June graduation ceremony. We will send out communication regarding our in-person graduation by the end of the week.

2021 Summer School Information

Summer school this year will be at Brookfield East High School (7:45am - 12:55pm). Click here for the summer school information. *Elmbrook Summer Theater and Summer Strength, Speed and Conditioning will be held at BCHS.* Registration opens March 2 at 12pm and closes March 9 at 12pm. Course placement is by lottery, every student has the same priority in course placement. Summer School Schedules will be posted in the student's Infinite Campus Account on or about March 25 at 12pm.

6th Annual Engaged in Excellence

Elmbrook is home to an amazing amount of faculty and staff that have dedicated themselves to care of all students. As an Elmbrook parent, I am grateful for the work and as a principal I am honored and proud to call them colleagues. Please take some time to nominate one (or more) of our talented staff members. Click here to for the nomination form.

Please reach out 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-

Brett J. Gruetzmacher
Proud Principal

Upcoming Events at Brookfield Central-as of 2/21/21

February 22	The IC Academic Planner Closes at 8am.
March 9	Asyncrhronous Learning Day For All Students
	All Juniors-State Wide ACT with Writing *Main Gym*
March 26-April 5	Spring Break



Academic Planning for 2021/2022 Information

Course Requests are Due in IC Academic Planner by February 22nd

February	• February 9 New Courses scheduled to be approved by the SDE Board of Education. • February 15 Full School ZOOM 1st Block-8am-8:15am *Double Check Your Academic Planner!* • February 16 (Teacher PD Day) (8am-4pm) Student Services Team *Scheduling Help Sessions for 21/22* via Google Meet. Click here to schedule a help session. • February 17 (3rd Term PT Conferences) (4pm-8pm) Student Services Team *Scheduling Help Sessions for 21/22* via Google Meet. Click here to schedule a help session. • February 22 All courses listed for 2021-2022 in Academic Planner become final requests on February 22 at 8am. • Feb. 23 - Feb. 26 -- Low enrollment course cancellations; number of sections will be set. • February 23rd 12 Noon - March 5th 12Noon Summer School Registration for High School ○ Summer School will be held at BEHS

- Double Check Your Academic Planner! During Lancer Block on Monday, we will have an ALL-School →**ZOOM**← from 9:30am-9:45am on 2/15/2021. Our BC Student Services team will go through this **Slide Deck** with the the goal is for every current 9th-11th grader to open up their Academic Planner in IC and double check their requests for the 2021/2022 School Year.
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- During Lancer Block on February 8, 2021, all students will take this ACP survey. (It will be emailed to them at 9:15am on 2/8/2021) It is an opportunity for students to reflect on their progress, their goals, and their accomplishments and areas of growth that will take you where you want to go. Because we change and adapt all the time, we will revisit this plan at least once a year.
  Within a week, a formatted copy of your Academic & Career Plan will be emailed to you with your reflections inserted. The product may be useful in sharing with your family, talking about future goals with your school counselor, preparing your resume, preparing for job interviews or application essays, refining your course requests if not a senior, and reflecting on goals and experiences. This will also be shared with your family.
- The alternating day classes for 2021/2022 school year have been set. Click here for the list. These courses can be selected in the IC Academic Planner.
- The BC Counselor Team will be visiting the English Classes during the month and January and February to connect with kids regarding the course requests process for the upcoming school year. Click here for their visit schedule. This google slide deck will guide their visits.
- In December, 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.
- Our Academic Planning Site houses all of the important information regarding our course offerings and the course request process for the 2021/2022 school year. Click here for the site.
- 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.

Recurring Information

1st Block Reflection Prompts
Click **here** for the prompts for the week of Febuary 22- February 26.

ACT Day (March 9th) - for All Juniors
We are planning an **asynchronous virtual learning day on March 9th** (along with BE) to support the state-mandated ACT test on that date. All juniors 7:45am to 1:00pm must be present in order to take the ACT (no on-line option from the state of Wisconsin). All other students will remain at home. Juniors will be able to leave after they have completed the ACT. The asynchronous virtual learning day would be to support the teaching and learning for all students. More information will be forthcoming regarding the day.

- **Virtual juniors preregistration for ACT Plus Writing Info: Click Here**

Attendance Procedures
In addition to calling the BC attendance phone line (262-785-3994), families can also send an email to **BCHSattendance@elmbrookschools.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@elmbrookschools.org - works primarily with students students whose last names start with A-Le)
  - Dominic Bauer (bauerd@elmbrookschools.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, 20202 Update
- November 16, 2020 Update
- December 6, 2020 Update
- December 20, 2020 Update
- January 2, 2021 Update
- January 10, 2021 Update
- January 17, 2021 Update
- January 24, 2021 Update
- Janaury 31, 2021 Update
- February 7, 2021 Update
- February 14, 2021 Update