



Dear Brigantine Families,

As we enter upon the 2021-2022 school year, we are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you. Over the past year and a half school years, we have been dealing with the uncertainties that this pandemic has presented, yet we have demonstrated numerous times as a district and a commUNITY the commitment that we have for all of our scholars and families. Your continued compassion, collaboration, and dedication to the health, welfare, and safety of others has been a shining example to other districts that are once again beginning to return to five days a week, regular schedules of learning. As you are already aware, Governor Murphy has mandated masks in school buildings and buses for all schools in New Jersey. When the school district is provided the opportunity to make masking optional, we will address it at that time. I am confident that we can once again continue to work together for a great year ahead.

We ask that all parents/guardians continue to screen your children at home, prior to arrival to school. Parents/guardians are responsible for keeping children home when they demonstrate any signs of illness, including fevers over 100.4 degrees. As always, we ask that you contact the main office when your child is going to be absent. Additionally, our nurses are here to help in any way they can if you have any health questions.

Our district teams have worked tirelessly over the summer to be more prepared than last year. While we were awarded the JIF Safety District of the Year last year, we remain committed to improving and continuing the utmost safety for all that enter our building. As we listed in our Safe Return Plan, the sanitation stations, continuous spraying and cleaning throughout the day, and other precautions all remain in place. We have taken the extra steps of professionally cleaning the main HVAC systems over the summer, and installing air scrubbers in every classroom. We remain committed to growing on last year's silver lining of our learning experiences outside of the building, and utilizing many of the beautiful resources our school grounds and the island of Brigantine offers. We are also in the process of building an open air outdoor pavilion for classes, lunches, assemblies, dances, community functions, and much more.

Additional projects that the district has been working on this summer include: a newly renovated kitchen, redesign of the elementary library which will be created into a 22nd Century learning center known as the Brigantine Commons for all grade levels, new flooring in numerous rooms and restrooms, new cabinet spaces for students in select rooms instead of lockers for sanitation purposes, additional restroom areas being installed, updated the TV studio with painted green



screens, new SmartBoard TV's installed, SmartBoard TV's on wheels that can be taken outside, numerous building IT infrastructure updates, creation of an Esports Arena for our Esports Club, and creation of a new Surf Hallway for meals and learning.

Thanks to the collaboration with the Brigantine Police Department and SRAO Bloom, we are creating an additional point of entry and dismissal to alleviate traffic flow for students who are not bused.

AM Traffic Patterns: All grade level students have the option of dropping off at Door #1 (Main Entrance/U-Shaped) and/or Door #35 (Sheridan Place) starting at 8:30 AM. For families using Door #35 entrance, we ask that you pull between the staff parking lot and drop your child(ren) off near the crosswalk. Please note that the first lot near the school is for bussing only. Door #35 is only open from 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM. No parents/guardians/visitors will be permitted to enter the building at Door #35. As always, all parents/guardians/visitors are to come into the building at Door #1.

PM Traffic Patterns: Grades PreK, Kindergarten, First, and Second will exit out Door #1. If there is an older sibling of one of the listed grade levels, they too may exit the building at Door #1, so that there is no need to drive around to the other side of the building. There are empty lots in the U-Shaped entrance for families that need additional time placing your child(ren) in the car, which should help the flow of traffic to continue moving.

All other grade levels are free to exit the building at either side of the building. Children who exit out Door #35, will cross over the crosswalk in front of the bussing row, and can be picked up in the lane between staff vehicles. *It is imperative that you communicate with your child(ren) what your plan for pick up is each school day.*

We will continue to use Class Dojo, Email, Phone Calls, Twitter and Facebook to communicate. If you are not a member of the Class Dojo page from last year, please [click here](#) to sign up.

Yours In Education,

Glenn