



# SEPTEMBER 2020

## Family Focused Updates

### Quick Reference

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To sign up for districtwide emails, including updates about COVID-19, please subscribe to [our mailing list](#). If you're already receiving emails from the district, you don't need to enter information.

[Distance Learning](#) | [Meal Sites](#) | [Online Learning Support](#)

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# September 2, 2020

## Create a Campus Portal Account

Help us keep in touch and stay connected with you! See your child's classes, schedules, grades, and report cards all in one place in Campus Portal

To create a Campus Portal account, click [here](#) and follow the directions. Additional instructions are available in this [flyer](#).

The flyer features a dark green header with the Baltimore City Public Schools logo and the title 'City Schools Families -'. Below the title, it states: 'Help us keep in touch and stay connected with you! See your child's classes, schedules, grades, and report cards all in one place in Parent Portal.' A teal bar contains the text 'HERE'S HOW...'. The main body is light gray and contains three numbered steps: 1. Visit [baltimorecityschools.org/campus-portal](http://baltimorecityschools.org/campus-portal); 2. Click "create a new account" and follow the directions; 3. An icon of the Campus Portal app (a black square with a white 'P' and the word 'CAMPUS' above it) is shown next to the text: 'After you create an account, download the Campus Portal app for easy access to your child's information.'

**If you have questions, please speak with staff at your child's school or call 443-984-2000.**

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# September 4, 2020

## Preparation for Virtual Learning and Service Challenges

Don't Wait Until Tuesday – Make Sure You're Ready!

If you have not done so, please log into your district-issued laptop to make sure your email and password credentials work. If they do not work, the Student Support Line will provide live assistance to parents/families to resolve concerns Monday through Friday – please call 443-984-2001.

EXTENDED LABOR DAY HOURS – To make sure you're ready for the first day – The Student Support Line will be open on Labor Day (Monday, September 7) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 8 and for the remainder of the first week of school, the Student Support Line will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Starting the week of Sept. 14, the hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Note: Call wait times may be longer than usual due to the back to school season)

### Access Student Platforms for Virtual Learning ([Visit our Virtual Learning Page](#))

1) Log into Clever, your one-stop shop to access classroom resources and ensure your password works. Visit <https://clever.com/in/bcpss> log-in

2) [View Clever's online help guide](#) (different languages are offered)

We're Here to Help!

If you have trouble logging on or getting into a platform – please be sure to:

- Contact our Student Support Line to get live assistance with your technology needs and questions
- Please call the Student Support Line 443-984-2001, Monday through Friday live assistance. For the first week of school, the support line will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Starting the week of Sept. 14, the hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. *(Note: Call wait times may be longer than usual due to the back to school season)*
- Visit the City Schools webpage to find out if there is a system-wide outage.
- If there is a problem, students should login to their class impacted via Google Classroom. Instructions regarding access to another program link will be provided.



# September 8, 2020

**Thanks to The Wish List Depot for supporting Back to School**

City Schools extends a sincere thank you to [The Wish List Depot](https://www.wishlistdepot.com) for supporting our first Back-To-School Bus Tour on Sept. 4, 2020. Together, we spread good news and provided school supplies and support to students and families. #WeAreAllLearning





# September 8, 2020

## **Annual Calendar & Media Opt-Out Form**

The opening of the school year is a perfect time for students and families to review our annual calendar and Media Opt-Out Form. Visit the [Back-To-School webpage](#) to view or download the documents in English and Spanish.

The calendar is a downloadable version of our online calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Feel free to print the calendar as needed.

The Media Opt-Out Form allows families to let City Schools know if they do not want a student in photographs or videography. Be sure to look over the new version, as it includes updates related to Virtual Learning. If you wish to opt-out your student, please complete the form and return it to your school.

# September 10, 2020

## **Zoom Safety and Security**

City Schools is taking action after learning of instances where unknown persons have logged into and disrupted Zoom classroom sessions. We need your help to prevent similar events from impacting the learning of our students.

All students should log into Zoom before attending live sessions. To learn how to log in, visit our [Distance Learning webpage](#). In the coming days, City Schools will further adjust its Zoom settings to allow ONLY authenticated users to access district Zoom meetings. If students do not log in, they will be unable to engage in live sessions.



# September 15, 2020

## **Bard High School Early College offers Two Dual Enrollment Offerings**

Bard High School Early College is offering two new dual enrollment offerings this fall to help engage students during COVID-19 and keep them on track for college. The college courses, to be offered via virtual learning, are “History of Black Baltimore” and “The Big Sick: Disease, Culture, and Society in World History”.

The program is open to students at 11 campuses in City Schools; the list of schools is below. Also, [check out the informational flyer](#).

If you attend an eligible school and are interested, the updated application form is available here: [forms.gle/iMx9zS5BdRnrcQzr9](https://forms.gle/iMx9zS5BdRnrcQzr9).

### **List of eligible schools:**

#### **Participating schools and programs:**

- Achievement Academy at Harbor City High School
- Augusta Fells Savage Institute of Visual Arts
- Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove
- Bluford Drew Jemison STEM Academy West
- Career Academy
- Excel Academy at Francis M. Wood High School
- Forest Park High School
- New Era Academy
- Reginald F. Lewis High School
- Renaissance Academy
- Youth Opportunity