



# Brandon High School

*The Eagles' Nest*



Monday, August 17, 2020

Dear Brandon High School Eagle and Family,

I hope that this letter finds you healthy and well. My name is Dr. Jeremy Klein and I am the proud new principal at Brandon High School. While this summer has certainly been one for the books, I trust that each of you still found some time to recharge for the new school year. Speaking of being recharged, in my short month here at Brandon, I have greatly enjoyed working with our faculty and staff, meeting families, and learning about the great traditions on campus and in the community, all of which have encouraged me about the new school year ahead.

As we begin to prepare for the approaching academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 20-21 school year. The Eagle's Nest is excited to continue to construct a student-centered safe-haven that cultivates caring, confident, respectful citizens and life-long learners.

The following will be broken down in sections to help provide information pertinent to school starting next week.

## **Start of School**

As you are aware, you had to declare your intent for the start of the school year. That is, whether you were going to be an eLearning student or a student that comes to school on campus. Regardless of your choice, **school starts on Monday, August 24, 2020. All students will be eLearning for the first week of school (8/24-8/28).** If you declared coming to campus for school, you will begin on campus on Monday, August 31, 2020. If you declared eLearning, you will continue online.

For students attending school on campus, the Student Parking Lot will be the entrance point for student drivers, bike riders, car riders, and walkers. The Auditorium doors will open at 8:00am. Students riding a bus will enter the building from the Q Hallway. During the first week of school, the Administration will discuss the directional walk flow in the school building.

## **Student Learning System = CANVAS**

The new student learning system is called CANVAS. This will be the new Edsby. You will use CANVAS for the following:

Students will use CANVAS to:

- Access class materials (calendar, assignments, quizzes, etc.) online using any device or any browser.
- Access student schedules.
- Track their progress through ongoing teacher feedback tools.
- Receive course announcements, grade notifications, etc. instantaneously on their preferred device(s).
- Easily collaborate with peers and teachers.

Parents/Guardians can use CANVAS to:

- Review upcoming or past assignments.
- Check on grades.
- Receive alerts for student activity.
- Communicate with teachers.

The CANVAS Family Guide helps parents/guardians be able to increase their knowledge of CANVAS by navigating through the following modules:

- Creating an Account & Logging In
- Exploring Your Dashboard
- Communicating with Teachers
- Monitoring Student Progress
- Using iOS CANVAS Parent App
- Using the Android Canvas Parent App

To access the CANVAS Family Guide, please click one of the following links:

<https://sdhc.instructure.com/courses/3146>

<https://bit.ly/canvasfamilyguide>.

To access the CANVAS Student Guide, please click one of the following links:

<https://sdhc.instructure.com/courses/36524>

<https://bitly/hcpsstudentguide>.

You can access CANVAS via your CLEVER account by going to [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us) and searching “CLEVER” in the search bar.

Additionally, mySPOT is now available for parent/guardian account registration for CANVAS. If a parent/guardian has previously used mySPOT for their Edsby account, they do not need to register a new parent/guardian account for CANVAS. If you need support with your account, **please call the Technical Support Helpline at 813-272-4786.**

### **Student Schedules**

Student schedules may be populating in CANVAS, but adjustments are continuing to be made. All schedules are currently being adjusted to meet the declaration of intent for schooling. That said, please be patient as the scheduling team is working diligently to make sure there is a clear distinction between eLearning and on campus students. At this time, the only schedule change requests that will be reviewed are errors (missing a class period, wrong level of course, already took and passed the course, and/or needing to have taken a pre-requisite for a particular course). Due to having both eLearning and on campus students, some courses may not be available to take. Student schedules will be completed with available electives/courses. Although this might not be ideal, with the current state of two separate master schedules (eLearning and on campus), it's the best we can do.

If you have an error on your schedule (missing a class period, wrong level of course, already took and passed the course, and/or needing to have taken a pre-requisite for a particular course), you will complete an online form by clicking on the link or QR code below. School counselors will contact you to discuss any needed changes due to an error. At this time, elective course changes are not being reviewed.

Once schedules are complete and if you need to request a schedule review due to an error, please visit the link <https://tinyurl.com/BHSScheduleReviewRequest> or QR code.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Collaborative flexibility is key during these times ☺☺☺.



## eLearning Students

The expectation from the school district is that you are following the bell schedule for the day. That is, you are logged in at the beginning of each class and actively working. Please be on time as attendance will be taken each period.

## All Students

The bell schedule for next week will be sent by 8/21/20. The bell schedule thereafter will be sent by 8/28/20.

## Virtual Open House

Brandon High School will host a Virtual Open House on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 9:00am and can be viewed online at any time thereafter. We are in the process of finalizing the Open House video, so I will send the video link by Wednesday of this week. On Friday, August 21, 2020, Administrators will be available to answer questions via ZOOM. The ZOOM meeting times below are optional. Select only one meeting to attend if needed. Please see below for ZOOM times and ZOOM meeting information.

8:30am-8:45am; 11:00am-11:15am; 1:00pm-1:15pm; 3:00pm-3:15pm

**ZOOM information: ZOOM ID = 824 8058 4852 ZOOM Password = Eagles2020**

<https://sdhc.zoom.us/j/82480584852?pwd=TDZodU5XazhNejBtN25sR09kdVpBQT09>

## Laptop Device/Materials Pickup

A survey to request a laptop for eLearning was sent via the Brandon High School Facebook, Brandon High School Instagram, Brandon High School Twitter, Dr. Klein's Twitter, the Brandon High School Website, and Parent Link (twice) last week. For those that completed the survey request, communication will be sent to you this week for laptop device pickup. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Jackson at 813-744-8120 x 229. In addition to the above, information will be sent out to specific groups of students to pick up materials for class if needed.

## COVID-19 Health Procedures/Protocols

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following everyday steps to help avoid the spread of all respiratory viruses including COVID-19:

- Wear a mask at all times.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, throw the tissue away, and then wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces such as remote controls and doorknobs.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick. Call your doctor if you develop fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.

## Symptoms

**Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.**

**Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Daily Self-monitoring = If you reply YES to any of the following questions, stay home (notify the school of absence) and continue to monitor yourself or contact your healthcare provider:

- Do you have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher?
- Do you have muscle aches?
- Do you have chills
- Have you experienced any gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite)?
- Have you experienced loss of taste or smell?
- Have you been placed on quarantine for possible contact with someone with COVID-19?
- Have you been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or local public health official?

In our schools, to lower risk:

- Temperature checks for all staff/visitors before entering school (<100.4).
- Wear face coverings (cloth or disposable).
- Maintain social distance of at least 6 feet (where possible).
- Avoid prolonged contact with those outside of your cohort (class/group). When possible limit contact to no more than 15 minutes.

### **Connecting to Brandon**

As we approach the new school year, I encourage you to consider ways in which you can **#ignitetheconnection**. I am committed to this year's venture and supporting your Brandon High School experience. Let's all connect so we can ignite a great way for our school community. I am very excited to have a new set of wings and to ROCK IT OUT with you.

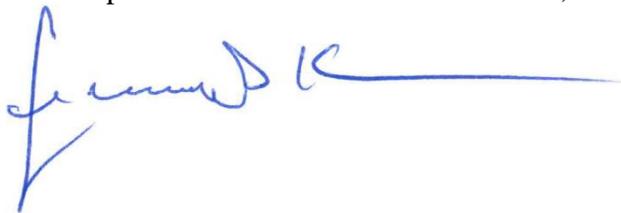
Brandon High School Website: <https://www.mysdhc.org/brandon>

Brandon High School Twitter: @BrandonHSEagles

Dr. Klein's Twitter: @BHSKleinTime

Brandon High School is also on Facebook and Instagram.

In Anticipation of an Awesome School Year,



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