



ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Good morning Abington High School students, parents, and families,

My name is Jonathan Bourn and I am the principal of Abington High School. I apologize for the late timing of this important communication as we prepare for the start of the 2020 school year. We have been working hard all summer to prepare for the many possible outcomes for the school year ahead, finalizing our plans, and arranging last minute details as we eagerly await the return of our students. In advance of our first days of school, I wanted to pass along some important information and references for students and parents.

Abington Aspen parent/student portal:

This is the best starting place for schedule information for your child. In addition to the student schedule, you will also find what cohort your student is in. The two cohorts are 'Green' (last names A-L) and 'Wave' (Last names M-Z).

Green cohort students will have their first day of in-person learning on
Wednesday, September 16th.

Wave cohort students will have their first day of in-person learning on
Thursday, September 17th.

Please call the high school at 781-982-2160 if you do not have an Abington Aspen account.

Canvas Learning Platform:

For all returning Abington students, your Microsoft Outlook email accounts will open our Canvas hybrid learning platform. This platform will be where students and parents can check in on their classes, submit completed assignments, and check in for attendance on remote learning days - more on that in a moment.

To log into your [Canvas account](#), [visit this link to Canvas](#), or go to the Abington Public Schools website, and select 'Canvas' under 'Popular Links'. You can also watch [this short video](#) for assistance in logging in to your Canvas account.

When students are not attending in-person learning, they will need to check in to their first block classes for school attendance by using Canvas.

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Wave cohort students will log into their period 1 Canvas class on Wednesday, September 16th between 7:00-7:30 am for daily attendance.

Green cohort students will log into their period 1 Canvas class on Thursday, September 17th between 7:00-7:30 am for daily attendance.

The opening day bell schedule for both Wednesday, September 16th and Thursday, September 17th is

Period 1 (7:25 am – 8:05 am)
Period 2 (8:15 am – 8:55 am)
Period 4 (9:00 am – 9:40 am)
Period 5 (9:45 am – 10:25 am)
Period 3 – **Lunch (10:30 am – 12:15 pm)**
Period 6 (12:20 pm – 1:05 pm)
Period 7 (1:10 pm – 1:50 pm).

Mentor Group Meeting:

On Friday September 18th, students will receive invitations from their Mentor Group teachers to participate in a remote Microsoft Teams meeting at 9:00am. All students will connect with their Mentor Groups from home this Friday. Mentor Groups provide regular check ins between students and staff and are a great way for students to get help and advice managing the school year ahead.

School Supplies:

This should be a simple one; every student should come to school with a mask and a fully charged laptop and power cable. Bring a backpack or book bag, as lockers are not available to students due to safety protocols.

This letter is meant to be a short reference guide to help families get the first three days of school started. There will be additional information shared with families as we advance into our regular schedule ahead. I am attaching the Student Handbook Addendum and a sample high school schedule.

Our students and families have experienced a lot of unwelcome change to their school experience last spring, and what is likely less than ideal circumstances to return. What we have put together is our best possible plan under these circumstances. We ask our families, and especially our students, to wake up and give us the best they can each day. I am confident that our staff is eager to meet the challenges ahead and make the best of a difficult situation.

Regards,



Jonathan Bourn
Principal

This is hard work - You can do it - I will help you

