

COUGAR CHRONICLE

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Questions? Call 410 263-0270

Wiley H. Bates Middle School

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WELCOME

Welcome to your first 2020/2021 edition of *The Cougar Chronicle*. This newsletter contains the most up to date information regarding important dates, school/student accomplishments, and upcoming activities. The Chronicle is emailed to parents, usually on Mondays and can be accessed on the [One Bates Website](#). The first chronicle of the month has a number of attachments. You will have an opportunity to review your email address at school supply pick-up; please ensure that your email address is correctly listed. If your email address changes during the school year, please call the front office to update your information. Additional resources and information can be found on the [One Bates Website](#).

START OF SCHOOL REMINDERS

- First day for **all students** is September 8th. Students will start their day in their "Building Communities Class" which is listed as Period 9 on their schedules.
- Student Schedules will be available to view in [Parent Portal](#) starting August 31st. If you do not currently have a Parent Portal Account, contact your grade level counselor or administrator for an access code.
- We have begun passing out chrome books. If you have not been assigned a pick-up time or have heard from someone about pick up, please contact your grade level counselor.
- When visiting the building, please park in the lot by the gym. Please leave the curb in front of the school free as to allow for emergency vehicles. Enter by pressing the bell near the door with the ramp. You must be wearing a mask. Please make use of the hand sanitizer machine at the door.
- Uniform policy: Students are not required to wear uniforms during home instruction; however, school uniform shirts will be available to purchase at School Supply Pick-Up day (Date to be determined). Uniform colors remain 6th gr – black, 7th gr – royal blue, and 8th gr – purple. While uniforms are not required, appropriate dress for school is required for virtual classes.

School Supply Pick Up

Date TBD

Please watch your email for a "School Supply Pick Up" invitation. The school team is busy preparing a packet of necessary instructional materials (for example, agenda books, schoolbooks, music sheets, art supplies, etc.) in order to support learning at home. In addition, families will be asked to review the emergency contact form and uniform shirts will be available for purchase. The date will be set once all supplies have been received by the school.

TO DO LIST

- ✓ Join the PTA (membership application available at back to school pick up)
- ✓ Mark your calendars for September 17th for virtual Back to School Night (6 to 8 pm)
- ✓ Go ONLINE to sign up for [FREE and REDUCED LUNCH](#)
- ✓ Encourage your student to practice signing in to Google Classroom. If your student is unsure of how to sign in, please contact your grade level counselor.

Why you should join the Bates PTA

We are lucky to have an active PTA here at Bates Middle School. The PTA connects parents to the school through volunteering and advocacy. All members of the Bates' community are invited to attend PTA meetings and Coffee with the Principal. These gatherings serve as social events and a forum to discuss both PTA and school sponsored events/activities. Administration attends these meetings and are available to answer your questions. Go to www.batespta.org to learn more about how to get involved and to find an online membership form. Mark your calendar for the first virtual PTA meeting on September 24th at 7pm

NEED ASSISTANCE??

You can still reach us by phone during school hours! 410 263-0270

GR 6: [Ms. Weiss](#), Counselor & [Ms. Boyd](#), AP
GR 7: [Ms. Jackson](#), Counselor & [Ms. Alvear](#), AP
GR 8: [Ms. Darling](#), Counselor & [Mr. Ballard](#), AP
[Ms. Hicks](#), Principal

ATTENTION 7th Gr Parents

VACCINE REQUIREMENTS
Students must show proof of
MCV4 & Tdap Vaccines
at the start 7th grade
If you have questions, please
contact our School Nurse, [Ms.
Stevens](#)

School HOURS
8:00 – 4:00

Cougar Calendar

September

- 1 Chrome Book Distribution, Stanton Cntr, 1-3
- 2 Chrome Book Distribution, Bates Gym, 9-11
- 3 Chrome Book Distribution, Bates Gym, 11-1
- 8 First day for all students
- 16 PVA first extended day
- 17 Virtual Back to School Night, 6-8
- 24 Virtual PTA meeting, 7pm