

Good afternoon PHS families,

While we know everyone is eagerly anticipating the winter break, we also know you are anxiously awaiting information regarding the next phase of learning at PHS. You are in receipt of this email because you selected Option #2: Poquoson Online for your student.

Parents/Guardians - Please read through this email carefully, as it contains important information that will help students understand the new bell schedule.

Students – Information in this email is also being sent to the student’s Poquoson Gmail account.

All students will begin the new bell schedule, virtually, on January 4, 2021.

VIRTUAL LEARNING PERIOD AFTER THE WINTER BREAK

All PCPS students in grades PreK-12 will learn virtually from home the first two-weeks of the New Year - January 4 -15, 2021. This decision was made based on guidance from the Peninsula Department of Health. Having all students learn virtually from home during this time allows the division to mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19. Anyone who may have been exposed to the virus over the winter holiday will have time to be tested and quarantine prior to the return to in-person instruction. Additionally, it provides time for the division to deep clean all buildings and office spaces before students return. During this time, the division will continue to evaluate the health metrics for Poquoson and the surrounding area and communicate information as needed to staff, students, and parents.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

All PHS students will follow the new bell schedule on January 4, 2021. This schedule reduces the number of courses that a student must focus on each day. The bell schedule is available [here](#).

****IMPORTANT** MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 - WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS DO?**

- At 7:20am on January 4, 2021, all students should log into their first period course.
- Students are expected to log into their classes on time each day.
- On Mondays and Thursdays, students will attend periods 1, 3, 5, and 7.
- On Tuesdays and Fridays, students will attend periods 2, 4, 6, and 7.
- On Wednesdays, students may receive remediation and support, as well as have time for completion of assignments.
 - New assignments will not be assigned on Wednesdays.

- However, students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (DE), and/or Honors courses may have additional assignments and/or live sessions on Wednesdays.

Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021, all students are expected to participate in learning five days a week following the updated [PHS daily schedule](#).

Thank you and we appreciate your continued support!

Happy Holidays!

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