Dear Tahanto Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended Tahanto’s Virtual Open House!

Please remember if you would like to schedule a meeting with your child’s teachers, please email the teacher directly to set up an appointment.

Tahanto Class of 2021 had their first event on Wednesday, October 7th. The STAAGS PTO and the Junior Class sponsored the Senior Class Breakfast.

Thank you PTO and Junior Class Officers!
School lunch in the cafeteria is **free** to all students until 12/31/2020, or until federal funding is depleted. Snack and extra meals are not included. Click [here](#) for more information.

**School Pictures**

This year school pictures will only be taken for incoming Grade 6 students, both remote and hybrid, new students to the district and any senior needing a photograph for the yearbook due to COVID protocols and restrictions we have in place.

Grynn and Barrett will be at Tahanto on **11/17 and on 11/19** and will follow the schedule below.

**11/17/20-Cohort A (Last name A-Leb)**

- 8:30-9:00 Full Remote students in Grade 6
- 8:30-9:00 Full Remote students new to district
- 9:00-9:15 Any Senior needing a senior photo
- 9:15-10:15 Grade 6 Cohort A In-person

**11/19/20-Cohort B (Last name Lee-Z)**

- 8:30-9:00 Full Remote students in Grade 6
- 8:30-9:00 Full Remote students new to district
- 9:00-9:15 Any Senior needing a senior photo
- 9:15-10:15 Grade 6 Cohort B In-person

More information to come as we get closer to the date!
SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are looking for parents to volunteer to serve on Tahanto School Council. The purpose of the School Council is to work with the Principal and Assistant Principal to develop a School Improvement Plan each year. The School Improvement Plan has the following elements: class size, student-to-teacher ratios, professional development for staff, enhancement of parental involvement, school safety and discipline, extracurricular activities, any further subject the principal, in consultation with the school council, shall consider appropriate.

Meetings have been held the first Monday of the month at 4:00, but this is subject to change based on members' availability. The council is composed of administration, teachers, students and community members. We are looking for a Boylston parent and a school choice parent.

If you are interested in serving on the School Council, please email my administrative assistant, Jane Lavelle @jlavelle@bbrsd.org.

Attendance Information/Clarification

We know that attendance procedures during our hybrid mode of learning can be confusing so we are hoping that this email helps to clarify attendance requirements for the 2020-2021 school year. Regardless of what mode we are in, hybrid, fully remote, or all in, attendance is treated the same way.

According to The Massachusetts Department of Education, “Schools and districts must take daily attendance whether a student is in person or remote.” Consequently, “Parents/caregivers are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day, whether for in-person or remote learning. Schools and districts must continue to investigate extended absences and make and document reasonable efforts to locate the student and determine the reason for nonattendance.”

School districts must take attendance for every student, every period regardless of the mode of learning. If your child is absent from school whether your child is remote or in person, please follow the same procedures:
1. **Call (508)869-2333 x 2303** to report your child absent. If your child is absent due to a medical appt. (doctor or dentist) please bring a note to the main office from the doctor’s office the next day your child is at Tahanto.

2. If your child is going to be late to school for either remote learning or in-person please still call the above number and make us aware of this. **Remote attendance will be taken within the first 10 minutes of class.**

3. Each student has 3 parental excusals that can be used during each semester for absences that are not subject to a doctor’s visit. To use parental excusal please write a note and have your child bring the note to the main office on the next day your child is in person at Tahanto.

If we do not receive a call notifying us of the absence, the secretaries in the main office will be contacting parents/guardians.

I have attached a document that explains our attendance policy in detail from our 2020-2021 Student Handbook.

If you need further clarification or need to ask a question specific to your child’s attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Boudreau at (508)869-2333 or send an email to sboudreau@bbrsd.org.

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**Live streaming-Notice to Parents**

Teachers may choose to live stream their instruction to students who are learning remotely. This means, live video and audio coverage of a class would occur. Teachers have been instructed that the video is directed at them or their instructional tools. However, student voices and/or images may be heard and/or seen on the live stream during class instruction.

Teachers who choose to live stream will post a sign on their classroom door alerting students that audio recording will occur.

A disclaimer will be added to the Google Meet and/or Zoom when a class is being live streamed.
Upcoming Events

October 12th: No School

October 15th: Midway mark of Term 1 (good time to check your PowerSchool Grades)

Week of 10/13/20-10/16/20 ODD WEEK (High School Only) *

Cohort A (Last name A-LeB) you are at Tahanto in person on Tuesday and remote Wednesday-Friday

Cohort B (Last name Lee-Z) you are remote Tuesday, Wednesday and at Tahanto in person on Thursday & Friday

Hybrid Schedule

* Odd weeks are for high school classes that meet every other day and show on your schedule as meeting (7,8,10 or 6,8,9)

Please remember that whether you are in person or remote your classes will follow the same schedule. The school day runs from 7:35 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.
School Nurse Information

**State Mandated Flu Vaccination**

*Please click [Here](#) for important information*

A reminder: All students in Grades 7 and 10 are required, by the state, to have an up to date physical on file in the Health Office. Please send one in with your child, or you can email or fax the physical as well.

A big thank you to all parents/guardians and students, for the constant vigilance that you all have shown in following the safety rules and guidelines. Parents are keeping their children home when ill, and are informing myself or the administration, of any concerning situations. Students seem to be settling in and becoming more comfortable, but still abiding by all guidelines. I have had many questions from parents and students and I welcome any you may have as we navigate through this time together.

If your student is not feeling well, and you are not sure what to do, please call so that we can talk about his/her illness and make a plan.

A student who is not feeling well enough to attend school but is able to participate remotely, should email all of his/her teachers to let them know. The teacher will then adjust the attendance, and will mark them remote present. As long as they are marked present in classes remotely, they will not be marked absent for the day.

For important information to help you along the way, the nurses now have a District Health Services site. You can find it by going to the district page, clicking on the administration tab, and choosing the health services option. You can also find it [here](#).

I hope your week is easier and is a good one for you.

Take good care,

Janet Sequeira

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Health office fax: 508-869-6202

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j2cxMfhYMtVxI_Qgn-KVtzAU9Rpf8Vn-CNynaTSq8ws/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j2cxMfhYMtVxI_Qgn-KVtzAU9Rpf8Vn-CNynaTSq8ws/edit?usp=sharing)

**Mandatory Daily Parent Screening Health Checklist**
Athletics

Please make sure that student athletes have Covid related supplies (masks, sanitizer, plenty of water) in their personal gym bags.

Look to the athletic website for scores and updates.

The Tahanto Booster Club is kicking off its 2020 Butter Braid and Cookie Dough Fundraiser. All Tahanto fall teams should be receiving a form from their coach but you can click on the link below if you need another copy.

The Tahanto athlete that sells the most will receive a Tahanto sweatshirt courtesy of the Booster Club. Orders are due by October 13th and can be placed, with a check written out to the Tahanto Booster Club, in the marked bin in the table outside the front office. Items will be frozen and need to be picked up after school on October 26th.

You can also support the Booster Club by donating to our Venmo account! Go to www.tahantoboosterclub.org for more info on what the Booster Club does for student athletes at Tahanto. An online option for the Butter Braid fundraiser is available if you wish to provide MCM Fundraising with your email address. Contact the Booster Club at tahantoboosterclub@gmail.com and we can set that up for you. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BJy9HjqnRJiNsGmC1HHrg-rCyaEwRoup/view?usp=sharing

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For the latest information regarding fall athletics please click on the link below

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