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Dear MHS Parents/Guardians:

The countdown is on! We are exactly three weeks away from the first day of school for our students! I am sure you are just excited to send them off to school as we are to receive them and get started! It is a new year, new expectation with new goals!

Please take the time to read through this entire email as it includes some very valuable information.

In the Spring of 2015, the Milton School Committee passed a Residency Policy that states “students who are enrolled in the Milton Public Schools shall be required to re-establish residency **prior to entering grades six and nine** as well as Milton Public School students who attend school out-of-town*.”

Families who have students in these categories - **6th grade, 9th grade and out of district** - are required to complete the attached forms (**see the attachment reestablish residency form**) and provide all necessary documentation. Ms. Sarina Burke, MPS Residency Coordinator, has been working morning and evening hours all summer to better meet the needs of parents/guardians schedules. The summer hours for reestablishment are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7 -10am and Tuesday evenings from 4-7pm or by appointment **through Thursday, August 23rd**. Ms. Burke can be reached via email at sburke@miltonps.org or at 617-696-4470 ext 5516.

Students in 6th grade will not receive team assignments (week of August 20th) and students in 9th grade will not receive homeroom placement letters (mid-August) or schedules on August 27th unless residency has been reestablished. Students entering grade 6 and 9 cannot start school until residency has been reestablished.

*This includes all students who attend Blue Hills Regional Technical School, Norfolk County Agricultural High School and Special Education out-of-district placements for students entering grades 6 and 9.”

FOOD SERVICES:

Please see the attached 2018-2019 Massachusetts Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals.

Jackie Morgan, Director of Food Services, is strongly encouraging all parents/guardians to prepay your child's breakfast/lunch. Prepayment will make the lines move much faster, thus giving your child more time to eat and socialize with his/her friends. To pay online, parents/guardians must have their 8-digit unique ID #. To make a payment to your child's breakfast/lunch account:

- go to <http://www.myschoolbucks.com>
- click Milton - follow the steps
- If you are new to the district and do not have an 8-digit unique ID #, please email Jackie Morgan jmorgan@miltonps.org and she will provide you with your 8-digit unique ID #

You may also pay in advance by check. Please make checks payable to Milton Food Service Program and please print your child's first and last name in the "memo" section of the check. Checks may be deposited into the "Lunch Check Drop Box" located in the Main Office and in the cafeteria at MHS. Checks are posted daily to student accounts. **We do not accept checks at the serving lines.**

WHAT IS THE COST OF STUDENT LUNCH/BREAKFAST?

Breakfast - \$1.25

Lunch - \$2.25 (\$2.50 for the Deli Bar and Fresh Made Salads Bar)

Students will continue to enjoy the convenience of the **Smart Start Breakfast Cart**. We encourage students to stop by the Breakfast Cart located in the entrance of the Copeland Field House. A "grab n' go" breakfast and the company of friends in our breakfast café will be a great way to start the day. We will continue to offer a quick, easy and nutritious breakfast which will include warm muffins, whole grain breakfast bars, fruit, yogurt and milk. The traditional hot breakfast will continue to be served in the cafeteria each day as well. The traditional breakfast includes Milton Egg McMuffins, French toast, Pancakes, Yogurt Parfaits and cold cereal.

I am **STRONGLY** encouraging parents/guardians to help your child(ren) arrive at school early every day so they may enjoy a tasty and healthy breakfast. A healthy breakfast will help your child(ren) establish positive eating habits, improve his/her academic performance, decrease the number of visits to the school nurse, and lastly provide a positive impact on classroom behavior. Breakfast will be available at both locations (Breakfast Café and the school cafeteria) beginning at 7:15 a.m. each day. Please be sure your student has his/her four digit pin number to access your pre-paid food service account.

Finally, it is imperative that you check your child's account regularly and replenish funds as necessary. A student's account should never go negative. Sign up for the low balance email alert on the schoolbucks account. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, August 29, 2018. All students should arrive prior to 7:45 am (First class starts at 7:50 am) and the day concludes at 2:19 pm. If your child would like to attend breakfast here at Milton High School, breakfast starts as early as 7:15 a.m. Please make sure all students arrive to school daily and on time.

STUDENT SCHEDULES:

Homeroom assignments will be mailed out mid-August, and student schedules for the upcoming school year will be given out to students on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 29th during homeroom. Freshmen and new students will receive their schedules at the New Student Orientation on August 27th at Milton High School.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:

All incoming freshman and new students to Milton High School are encouraged to attend New Student Orientation on Monday, August 27th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tours, important information, schedules and food will all be provided. The purpose of the New Student Orientation is to help students get acclimated to the building, the schedule, expectations and the exciting offerings that are available to them at Milton High School. All students should arrive for registration between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 27 (M)	New Student Orientation, First Day for Teachers
August 29 (W)	First Day of School for Students (C-Schedule), Start of Term 1
August 31 (F)	No School
September 3 (M)	Labor Day – No School
September 12 (W)	Back to School Night
September 19 (W)	Yom Kippur—No School
October 4 (TH)	Grades 5-8 Information Night
October 8 (M)	Columbus Day – No School
October 10 (W)	PSAT Grades 10 & 11 (School Starts at 11:16AM for 9 & 12)
October 17 (W)	½ Day Teacher Professional Day
November 2 (F)	End of Term 1

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS:

Please remind your child to complete his/her summer assignments which can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/miltonps.org/2018summerassignments/home>

MANDATORY CHEMICAL HEALTH AWARENESS:

Milton High School has collaborated with John R. Knight, M.D. and his colleagues at Boston Children's Hospital to provide you with a cutting-edge scientific presentation on preventing teen tragedies. This free 15-minute presentation is available at <http://teen-safe.org/the-course/>. I am asking that at least one parent/guardian of every MHS student complete this brief on-line presentation during the next three weeks, and return the verification of completion form to the main office at Milton High School. MHS potential athletes need to return the parent/guardian confirmation form during the athletic registration process.

In past years when we encouraged parents to participate in this on-line presentation, they found it informative and extremely helpful. One parent called the site, “*a real eye-opener,*” and planned to forward the link to friends. Another said, “*This was extremely helpful. I sent it to all my son's friends' parents. Thank you for putting this together!*” A number of other parents reported that, after watching the 15 minute educational presentation themselves, they asked their teen to watch it with them, and reported this was a very positive experience.

Thanks to initiatives and programs like Teen-Safe, we can continue to educate our students and keep them safe! As a result, I am asking for your help in the effort to promote the safety of every student. At the conclusion of the presentation there is a verification form that should be printed out and returned to the Main Office at Milton High School. Again, this will be a requirement of every MHS student. Please have your child return the form to the MHS Main Office, or you may email a copy to jjette@miltonps.org (Be sure to include your child's name) prior to or no later than the first day of school. Again, if your child is trying out for a fall sport, it should be completed and turned in prior to your child trying out for a fall sport.

Thank you in advance for your help with this important initiative. We are hoping for 100% participation. Milton High School has no teenagers to spare!

MHS ATHLETIC DATES:

Wed, August 1 st	Fall registration Open (Office hours will be posted on website)
Fri, August 17 th	Football tryouts begin
Thurs, August 23 rd	All other fall sports' tryouts begin
Thurs, November 1 st	Winter registration opens
Mon, November 26 th	Winter sports' tryouts begin
Fri, March 1 st	Spring registration opens
Mon, March 18 th	Spring sports' tryouts being
Wed, May 29 th	Boosters Varsity Banquet

FALL SPORTS TRYOUT INFORMATION:

Football starts Aug 17th

- Each participant must have 15 practice days prior to first game participation

All other fall sports start Aug 23rd

NEW RULE

Student-athletes that receive clearance after the start date of their respective sport will be required to sit that day.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR FALL TRYOUTS: Visit www.miltonwildcats.com/inside-athletics/registration/

1. Pay though UniPay or Check (*financial assistance available, online*)
2. Complete NFHS Concussion Course (*once per academic year*)
3. Sign up on Family ID
4. Obtain copy of updated physical (*within 13 months*)
5. Fill out Athletics Clearance Form (*only available in the office*)

6. Hand in Athletic Clearance Form and an updated physical to Athletic Office before deadline (*Aug 16th for Football, Aug 22nd for other fall sports*)

USER FEE INFORMATION:

\$150 All Sports (except Ice Hockey/Swim/Crew)
\$300 Ice Hockey
\$400 Swim
\$650 Crew
\$750 Family Cap
 \$900 with Hockey
 Swim/Crew not included in cap

Attached, please find the following Documents:

- 1. Re-establishing Residency Packet for all rising 9th graders**
- 2. 2018-2019 Massachusetts Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals**

Thank you and continue to enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

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