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Dear MHS Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying your summer vacation! Believe it or not, we are less than six weeks until the start of the new school year however; now is the time to start planning to make sure your child has a smooth transition and is prepared for a great start! Please take the time to read through this entire email as it includes some very valuable information.

The administration, teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. We have been reviewing and strengthening our curriculum; looking at school classrooms and policies to maximize student learning and we are moving to a *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) initiative that will enhance student learning. We are very excited about the upcoming academic school year.

Despite the fact that Milton High School is the site for so many summer programs, our custodial and maintenance staff have been hard at work cleaning and making minor repairs to make sure the building is thoroughly cleaned and upgraded so our teachers and students can focus on teaching and learning. These men and women do a remarkable job taking care of our facilities!

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.

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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 turn it 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 begin
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 through 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

Finally, each year we have some changes in our faculty and staff due to retirements, change in positions/schools within the district, folks moving on to other districts, etc. With that said, I would like to introduce to you some of our newest faculty members and who they are replacing. I am sure you join me in welcoming our newest staff members.

POSITION	NEW HIRE	REPLACING
Engineering	Tina Green	Brian Faherty
Chemistry	Brenda Lee Redding	Timothy Te
Spanish	Candice Costa	Steve Geddis
French	Amal Radwall	Houda Robert
History	Jeff Stoodt	Transfer from Pierce Middle School
Choral Director	Johnny Nichols Jr.	Dawn Sykes will be teaching more at the Elementary Level
English	Jessica Foster-Norton	Joseph O'Neill – Transferred to Pierce Middle School
Nurse	Kimberly Coughlin	Margaret Gibbons
Physics/Astronomy	Christopher Clements	Thomas Shaw
Special Ed Teacher	Carolyn Truax	Diane Jackson
Special Ed Teacher	Marcus Jones	Mark Schwartz
Special Ed Chairperson	Beth Doyle	Anna Green

Thank you and continue to enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

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