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September 25, 2020

Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

Today ends the first full week of school and I am happy to report that overall it was a success. Teachers are actively engaging with students, both in person and remotely. Teachers and students are making connections and adjusting to our new school environment for this year. Our school community is being diligent about social distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene, and we thank you all for your efforts in these areas.

As we head into the long weekend I would like to provide some updates and reminders that I am hoping you will take some time to read.

Guidance Department Update

As you all know, I have taken a new position as Principal of Milton High School and in my absence the Guidance Department is working diligently to update all student schedules, meet with new students and answer any questions related to returning to school.

As I have taken a new position as Principal of Milton High School, I am happy to announce that the Guidance Department will be under the leadership of Scott Devlin for the remainder of the year. Mr. Devlin has done a great job leading the department, and I am confident that MHS Guidance will continue to be a source of helpful information for all of our students and families.

I am also pleased to announce that we have hired another Guidance Counselor, Stephanie Gray, who will be working closely with Milton High Students and our MHS Staff. Stephanie comes to us from Braintree High School and has vast experience in the college process, using Naviance and collaborating with teachers and students. Stephanie will be starting at MHS on Monday, October 5th.

We have adjusted the counselor assignments; this new information can be found [here](#). As always, please reach out to any of the counselors with questions or concerns.

Health Check Before School

To ensure the safety of all in our community, it is imperative that students who are feeling ill and/or exhibiting symptoms stay home from school. Please refer to the [Pre-Screening Checklist](#) prior to sending

students to school. Parents/guardians, please call the Main Office at 617-696-4470 to document the absence, and if you/your student has any of the symptoms listed on the daily health screen checklist, please reach out to MHS Nurse Kim Coughlin (kacoughlin@miltonps.org) who will advise next steps, return to school guidelines and facilitate notifying teachers if in person learning is missed.

Face Coverings/Masks

Our students and staff have done a phenomenal job of wearing appropriate face coverings during school. We wish to remind our families and students that mask wearing outside of school is important as well! When walking to school in a group, leaving school in a group, carpooling in a group, waiting for a ride, or waiting for the doors to open in the morning, masks must be worn!

Mask wearing and physically distancing from others, in combination with excellent hand hygiene, is the most effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for your continued efforts to protect the wellbeing of *our entire school community!*

Classroom Ventilation

As we head into fall and cooler weather, I encourage all students to pay attention to the weather and dress appropriately. Our ventilation system is working overtime to circulate the air in the building and teachers are encouraged to keep at least 2 classroom windows open. The heat will be turning on in October but please bring that extra sweatshirt or jacket to have just in case.

Class Attendance

I cannot stress enough that students are expected to be present and engaged in all of their classes. Attendance is taken for all in person and remote classes. Students are expected to log into class on time and be present for the entire class. Students who are late to class or not showing up will be marked late or cutting the class and consequences will be following. As a reminder the MHS schedules are [here](#).

Student & Family Handbook

The Milton High School [Student & Family Handbook](#) and the [COVID-19 Addendum](#) are available. All students and families are required to read these documents and sign off that they understand the rules and policies of Milton High School at the beginning of each year.

Hard copies of the Handbook Sign Off Sheet were distributed during first period, and should have been returned to students' A Period teachers by this morning, Friday, September 25, 2020.

Students and families (especially Remote Students) may also print the Sign Off Sheet (last two pages of the handbook) and drop off in the Main Office.

It is imperative that all families complete Handbook Sign Off Sheets and return them to the Main Office as soon as possible.

Yom Kippur

As we head into this long weekend, I want to remind our community that it is the policy of the Milton Public Schools **NOT** to assign homework, tests, quizzes, major presentations, Google hangouts and/or hold events or athletic practice/games during the Jewish Holidays. Yom Kippur will begin in the evening (sunset) of Sunday, September 27th and ends in the evening of Monday, September 28th. There will be **no school** on Monday, September 28th in observance of Yom Kippur.

Best wishes for a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

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