

Respect

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The seal of the Town of Milton, Massachusetts, is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a sailing ship, surrounded by the text "TOWN OF MILTON" at the top and "INCORPORATED 1640" at the bottom. The seal is red and white.
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October 30, 2020

Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

I would like to start by thanking all of our staff and students for helping us transition to our temporary remote model as seamlessly as possible. We plan to return to our hybrid model on Tuesday, November 10th, which is a Day 1.

Halloween & Social Gatherings

I cannot stress enough the importance of students and families continuing to practice all social distancing guidelines. As Superintendent Jette stated in his blog, we are hearing talks of Halloween gatherings and in no way do we condone these gatherings. We are asking all families to have conversations with their MHS students to deter them from attending any large gatherings this weekend, and encourage them to wear masks at all times and physically distance themselves from others. We want to return to the hybrid model on November 10th and we need your help to make sure that happens.

Health PreScreen Form

All families have been asked to complete the [Health PreScreen Form](#). To date there are 433 families who have not completed this for a MHS student. If you have not completed this form please take some time this weekend to do so.

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](#).

Plus Portals

As a reminder, we do not issue progress reports but students and families can refer to Plus Portals for updates on grades at any time. Teachers will post grades for each graded assignment within two weeks of its being submitted or administered in class, and will communicate if some longer-term assignments may take longer to post. Please keep in mind that grades are not final until the end of the term when report cards are posted.

November 3rd

Tuesday, November 3rd is a full day Professional Development Day for all staff and therefore there is no school in the Milton Public Schools.

November 12th

November 12th is an early release day with Parent Teacher conferences in the afternoon. It is a Day 2 so students will attend A2, B2, C2, D2. There will be no Period G Class or office hours

Conferences will be in the following time frames:

1:10PM-3:00PM conferences

3:30PM-5:30PM conferences

6:00PM-7:30PM conferences

Conference Sign Up information will be coming out on Monday 11/2/20.

Crisis Intervention

As part of the Tiered Focus Monitoring System we complete every few years for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Milton Public Schools has updated its policy, procedures and guidelines regarding crisis interventions. Please find the [revised policy](#), and [handbook](#). Please be in touch with the Office of Pupil Personnel Services with any questions.

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!*

Technology Update

MHS administrators continue to monitor, adjust, and add services in order to help meet the needs of the student body. In an effort to promote student collaboration and social distancing, MHS students now have the ability to **start** their own Google Meet sessions.

This privilege is an extension of the classroom and should only be used for collaboration on school assignments. With that being said, students are held responsible for abiding by the Milton Public School's [Acceptable Use Policy](#) during Google Meet sessions before, during, and after school hours.

Finally, all Google Meet session analytics are accessible by the MHS administration. The analytics include but are not limited to: date and time of a Meet session, who created the session, who signed into the session, the exact time participants joined and left the session, who shared their screen in the session, who shared the link to join the session, and when the participants were on mute and not on mute. We hope students will take advantage of this feature to foster academic achievement.

[Secondary Support Materials](#) is one stop shopping for all of your technology questions for Plus Portals, Google and Rediker; if you're looking for some help you can start here.

Clubs & Activities

Students-do you want to be more involved? Take a look at the [Clubs & Activities Fair](#)! Something for everyone!

Food Services

Just a reminder that **any** student at MHS can pick up a FREE lunch or breakfast without even signing up. Meals are FREE for the entire school year! Details are [here](#).

Principal's Corner

I know there are many communications home and sometimes difficult to keep track of them all. All emails sent home from MHS Administration can be found here: [Principal's Corner](#). You can find this tab on our MHS homepage.

Take care & have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

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