

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 words "SEAL" and "MASSACHUSETTS" are also visible within the design.
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November 6, 2020

Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

As we start November, I would like to ask MHS families to continue to help ensure that our students are finding success at Milton High School. While we know that you may be receiving multiple emails each day from teachers, we ask parents/guardians to remind your students to read these messages, attend office hours regularly, and seek out help from school staff when needed. We ask students & parents/guardians to continue to check Plus Portals, and if you notice work is missing, make the effort to complete it and be in communication with the appropriate teachers. With only three weeks left in the first marking term we want to make sure that all of our students are engaged, finding success and accessing support when needed. All term dates and updates for school can be found on our [school calendar](#).

We are returning to our Hybrid model starting Tuesday, November 10th. Students who are in Cohort 1 will be expected to return to the building and in class ready to start at 7:50am.

While some topics in this newsletter will serve as weekly reminders for the health and safety of our entire MHS community there are always new topics so please be sure to read this newsletter in its entirety.

Class Attendance

While we do not currently require students to have their cameras on in class, I am strongly encouraging all students to keep their cameras on during live sessions to ensure appropriate engagement. With new features in Google like Background Blur and the ability to select a new background, leaving your camera on has never been easier. It will help with classroom engagement and hopefully provide more interaction with other students and MHS staff.

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 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

All families received an email on Monday, November 2nd with sign up information. The window to sign up for conferences ends on Monday, November 9th at 12pm.

MHS Boosters

Milton High Boosters has opened an online pop up store open now until November 23rd. Youth and adults sizes, fun gifts to show your Milton pride. Deadlines are firm so that gear can be picked up prior to the holidays. Merchandise will change next time so grab it while you can. Thank you for your support of our student athletes! [MHS Boosters Store](#)

MHS PTO

Please support MHS and all of our schools by shopping at the Fruit Center Marketplace. Starting Monday, November 9th through Sunday, November 15th the Fruit Center Marketplace will be donating 20% of your total purchase back to MHS! Present your [voucher](#) when you make purchases at the Fruit Center Marketplace! Shop as often as you'd like during that week and [share the vouchers](#) with family and friends!!

SEPAC

Please read [this update](#) from Milton SEPAC.

Boston Leadership Programs

The Boston Leadership Institute is now accepting applications for Summer 2021 STEM programs designed for high school students. Participants engage in experimental research with faculty experts in cutting-edge areas of science. Programs are offered in fields that generate high demand STEM careers. More information can be found [here](#).

Technology Update

We are asking all MHS students to complete this [technology survey](#). This will help us plan and support our student body to the best of our ability.

PSATs

Juniors! Just a reminder that November 20th is the last day to register for the January PSATs. All information can be found [here](#).

AP Exams

Information about payment for AP Exams will be coming out in the coming weeks. Each AP Exam will cost \$40 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Health PreScreen Form

All families have been asked to complete the [Health PreScreen Form](#). As of today there are still over 400 families who have not completed this for a MHS student. Again, if you have not completed this form please take some time this weekend to do so.

Clubs & Activities

I will continue to post information on our clubs and activities as I am hoping all students are able to find something at MHS that they can be involved in. Please see the virtual [Clubs & Activities Fair](#) for more information about clubs. Now that clubs are up and running, information about user fee payments will be coming out in the coming weeks. Most clubs require a \$25 user fee, with an individual cap of \$50 for participation in any number of clubs.

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](#). If you think your family may qualify for free or reduced lunch please complete [this application](#).

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!*

Principal's Corner

Do you think you missed a newsletter? Take a look at the [Principal's Corner](#). You can find this tab on our MHS homepage.

Take care & have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

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