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The seal of the Town of Milton, Massachusetts, is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a 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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December 4, 2020

Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

I hope everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break and enjoyed peaceful time with your families. I also hope you all have been staying safe and continuing to observe masking and social distancing guidelines. It is wonderful to see many of our students back in the building, and the only way we can continue to do this is with your support with mask wearing, social distancing, daily health checks and staying home when possible.

I have always been inspired by the kindness and generosity of the MPS community. Please keep those who are less fortunate in your thoughts as we prepare for the holidays, and if you know of any families who may need any assistance, please let us know.

MHS PTO

All 6 schools will be collecting gift cards to help Milton families in need over the holidays. We are now collecting \$25 Target Gift cards and they can be dropped off in the locked dropbox at the MHS entrance between now and early next week. If you are able, please consider donating a gift card to brighten up another Milton Family's holiday. Thank you!!

Guidance Department Update-Post High School Planning Presentations

Next week we will be sending out a series of workshop-style slideshow presentations on post-high school planning to Milton families. A range of topics will be covered, including college admissions, Naviance, standardized testing, financing higher ed, and more. This information is primarily geared towards parents and guardians of juniors, but will be useful for all grades. Despite the uncertainty around us, the future is bright, so stay tuned for helpful information delivered by experts in the field!

First Marking Term

The first marking term ended on Tuesday, December 1st. Report cards will be available in students E-lockers in Plus Portals starting on Tuesday. An email will be sent to students and families with instructions on how to access their Report Card.

Early Release December 10th

Thursday, December 10th (Day 3) is an early release day for all students. Office hours will end at 11:30AM, and there are no live afternoon classes (Periods A & B).

Picture Retakes

School Picture Retakes will take place on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 11:15AM to 12:15PM at Milton High School. Students who have ordered photos and would like a picture retake will need to bring their original picture

package to return to the photographer. Students who were absent the day of their scheduled school picture are welcome to be photographed. Any family wishing to purchase pictures will need to contact Hayward Photography directly, online ordering is no longer available. All hybrid students were given picture proofs and IDs during their English classes. All remote students are able to stop by MHS and pick up your picture proofs and IDs if you have not had the opportunity to yet.

Headphones for all MHS students

All MHS students were provided with a set of headphones at the start of the school year. Please continue to use your headphones for all remote learning sessions. Further, please take care of your headphones, chromebooks and other school items. Our supply of extra sets is dwindling as the year progresses, so please do your part to maintain this equipment!

AP Payments due Friday, January 15th

Taking the Advanced Placement exams is an important part of all AP courses; therefore Milton High School requires that all students currently enrolled in AP Courses take AP exams. AP Exams will take place this year Monday, May 3rd through Friday, May 14th, 2021.

Online Exam Payment is open now and will end on Friday, January 15th. In order to pay, students must know their Student ID #. We know that parents may desire to pay for their students' exams but we strongly recommend that parents and students are both present to ensure that the correct exams are paid for. Using the drop down menu please select all AP exams you are enrolled in and will be taking in May, and enter the number of exams in the quantity field.

This year, Milton High is pleased to be able to offer AP Exams at \$40/exam (\$20/exam if qualified for Free/Reduced Lunch), with the district paying the remaining cost. It is important that all students/families pay their AP Exam fees on time to ensure timely delivery and processing of all AP Exams. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Mr. Kelly, bkelly@miltonps.org, in the MHS Main Office.

The [MPS Online Payment Center](#) (UniBank) can be found on the www.miltonps.org website.

User Fees for Clubs & Activities

Most MHS clubs and activities require a \$25 per year user fee, with a per-student-cap of \$50. Now that our clubs and activities are underway, it is time to remind families to pay this user fee to ensure our clubs and activities can continue to operate!

Using the [MPS Online Payment Center](#) on the www.miltonps.org website, please select payment of \$25 for one club or \$50 for two or more clubs in the first drop down menu. Fill in the required information, and select all clubs in which the student participates from the drop down menus below.

Please note that if a club is not listed in the drop down menu, then it has been designated as a “No Fee” club based on the goals of the club. Students who have qualified for Free/Reduced Lunch are not required to pay club fees.

Thank you for your support of MHS Clubs & Activities!

School-based Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Charter

Milton Public Schools (MPS) is committed to ensuring educational success and equity for all students. Therefore, MPS is committed to the formation and support of school-based Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees. Each of Milton's public schools will form and maintain a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee that is charged with promoting high academic achievement, equity, and respect, and fostering an affirming, inclusive, and collaborative atmosphere for all

students, families, and staff. If you are a MHS student, parent or guardian and would like to be part of Milton High School's DEI committee please email me at kcahill@Miltonps.org.

Technology

Don't forget to check out our [Family Technology Support page](#) for helpful tips on technology issues. Bookmark this page for up to date information!

Please see the message below from the Milton School Committee

As we begin the process of hiring the district's permanent superintendent, the Milton School Committee seeks the community's guidance and support.

Please take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#) and share your perspective on the issues facing the district and on the skills and qualities that you would like to see in our superintendent. [This anonymous survey](#) is being administered by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and will be available to the public until December 4, 2020. The results of [the survey](#) will be shared with the community at school committee meetings and during community forums.

Thank you for your support.

The Milton School Committee

Ms. Sheila Egan Varela, Chair; Dr. Elaine Craghead Vice-Chair; Ms. Margaret Eberhardt, Member; Dr. Kevin Donahue, Member; Ms. Ada Rosmarin, Member; Ms. Elizabeth White, Member

Class Attendance & Cameras

While we do not currently require students to have their cameras on in class. We ask that all students keep their cameras on whenever possible. This benefits your teachers and your learning experience. 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. Please check in with your child to see if their camera is on during class, if it isn't, ask why. While we do understand that some students may be uncomfortable with their camera on, most are not and it does help with engagement, helps facilitate classroom discussions and interactions with their peers.

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 and 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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