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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" and "INCORPORATED 1630". Below the shield, it says "ESTABLISHED 1862".  
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Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

Another week has gone by and we are now in our 20th rotation of our 4 Day Schedule. We are coming up on the end of Term 2 with grades closing on Friday, February 5th. Please be sure that you are up to date with any work that needs to be completed for your classes.

I would like to congratulate James Jette on being appointed as Superintendent of the Milton Public Schools. Having worked with James for over 20 years, I know he will lead this district with our students' best interests in mind.

### **Celebrating our Seniors!**

As I said last week, I had the pleasure of meeting with the MHS PTO Board, MHS Boosters Officers and Senior Class Advisor to discuss the many ways we can celebrate our seniors in the next several months. Patty Pauris, Senior Class Advisor, and I then met with our Senior Class officers this week to review these ideas and listen to their feedback. A communication will be going out next week, outlining ideas that were discussed and asking for parent volunteers.

### **Class Attendance & Cameras**

**As more students are required to live stream into class due to being in quarantine we are asking that all students keep their cameras on.** 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. When students' cameras are turned on, teachers are able to more readily facilitate classroom dialogue, check for students' understanding of the lesson being presented, and monitor students' progress.

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.

If you wish to have your child excused from being expected to have his/her camera on during remote instruction, please complete this linked authorization [form](#). Only parents/guardians who wish to excuse their child from using their camera need to complete this [form](#).

### **Behaving Equitably Newsletter**

Equity may be at the forefront of all our minds as the events at the nation's capital unfolds. Behaving Equitably is a newsletter that captures the district's efforts around equity.

This [newsletter](#) addresses:

- The Quality Systems Review Through an Equity Lens
- Utilizing Data from an Equity Lens
- The Racial/Civic Unrest Protocol
- The Bias Incidents reporting and restoration
- The events that unfolded in our capital

### **National Honor Society Tutoring**

The National Honor Society will be offering free virtual tutoring from 3:00 - 3:45 pm on day 1 and day 3 afternoons. All MHS students are welcome to join to get help on any of their subjects! More information can be found [here](#).

### **COVID TESTING**

MPS and [Manet Community Health Center](#) will be holding a COVID-19 testing day at Milton High School on Saturday, January 23 from 10 am – 2 pm behind the building in the Copeland Field House. Manet Community Health Center will administer the PCR test for any MPS student and/or family member who registers for a test. **Pre Registration is required.** [Please complete this registration form](#) by Thursday, January 21 at 12 pm and email or fax your completed registration form to [registration@manetchc.org](mailto:registration@manetchc.org).

### **Covid-Related Absences & Live Streaming**

As more students need to quarantine due to being a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case you should inform Nurse Coughlin ASAP via phone at 617-696-4470 x 5537 or via email at [kacoughlin@miltonps.org](mailto:kacoughlin@miltonps.org). We continue to ask that parents/guardians contact Nurse Coughlin or the main office about requesting your child to stream into classes so we can notify your child's teachers. **Students cannot ask teachers to attend remotely for covid or non-covid related absences; all requests are to be made by parents/guardians.** Teachers are being asked to forward any requests they receive from students or parents to Nurse Coughlin and the main office so students are marked appropriately in attendance and so we communicate with home about next steps. I truly appreciate your help and cooperation with this.

### **AP Payments are Past Due**

Online Exam Payment will remain open. Any AP students who have not paid will be contacted by your teacher/main office and may be expected to pay a late fee. Students requiring financial assistance should contact Mr. Kelly, [bkelly@miltonps.org](mailto:bkelly@miltonps.org), in the MHS Main Office. 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.

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

Take care.

Have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,



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Principal

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## **Reminders Important Links and Reminders from Past Newsletters:**

### **Guidance Department Presentations**

[MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW](#) - Christopher Horn, Associate Director of Admissions, Massasoit Community College

[PARENT AND STUDENT GUIDE TO COLLEGE ADMISSIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES](#) - Bridget Canty, MHS Special Educator

[POST-SECONDARY PLANNING FOR STUDENTS WITH IEPs AND 504's](#) - Gabriella Diller, MHS Team Chair

[HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OVERVIEW](#) - Stephanie Gray, MHS Guidance Department

[NCAA ATHLETICS](#) - Ryan Madden, MHS Athletic Director

[FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION](#) - Todd Weaver, Senior Vice President, Strategies for College, Inc.

[NAVIANCE OVERVIEW](#) - Scott Devlin, Lead Counselor, MHS Guidance Department

[COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING](#) - Drew Heilpern, Summit Educational Group, Inc.

[MILTON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PRESENTATION](#) - Allison Sherlock, Regional Associate Director of Admission, Saint Michael's College

### **Milton Public Library**

In the "Library of Things" Collection at the Milton Public Library they have chromebooks with hotspots. More details can be found [here](#).

### **Milton Foundation for Education**

[Please consider making a donation to the MFE at this link to continue this critical work this year, as this will likely be our only fundraiser.](#)

### **User Fees for Clubs & Activities**

Please use the [MPS Online Payment Center](#) on the [www.miltonps.org](http://www.miltonps.org) website to pay all Club & Activity User Fees, if you have not done so already. Students who have qualified for Free/Reduced Lunch are not required to pay club fees.

### **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!

### **Food Services**

Just a reminder that **any** student at MHS can pick up a FREE lunch or breakfast [without even signing up](#). If you think your family may qualify for free or reduced lunch please complete [this application](#).

### **Health Check Before School**

Please continue to use 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](mailto:kacoughlin@miltonps.org)).

### **Athletics Updates**

As a reminder, all athletics are cancelled for this weekend and will resume on Tuesday.

**Effective immediately**, all student-athletes that are deemed close contacts or test positive for COVID-19 may not return to athletic participation until after day 14, *regardless of a negative test result*. The CDC has changed their rules for quarantining and we are updating our athletic policy to reflect those changes. Without the ability for student-athletes to

have mask breaks during their practice until after day 14, it is not safe for them to return and risk exposing other students and staff.

- For **Ice Hockey**, any students that are on the ice when another student has tested positive are deemed close contacts and must quarantine for 14 days. Coaches are an exception to this rule as they can ensure they are not within 6ft of a positive case for more than 15 minutes.
- For **Basketball**, any students that are on the same court as another student that has tested positive are deemed close contacts and must quarantine for 14 days. Coaches are an exception to this rule as they can ensure they are not within 6ft of a positive case for more than 15 minutes.
- For **Ski**, any students that were within 6ft of another student has tested positive for 15 minutes or more are deemed close contacts and must be quarantined for 14 days. Coaches are an exception to this rule as they can ensure they are not within 6ft of a positive case for more than 15 minutes.

For all sports, positive cases, like close contacts, cannot return until after 14 days. Students must be symptom-free and receive clearance from Nurse Coughlin. Students may return to school after following shortened quarantine guidance and clearance from Nurse Coughlin.

As a reminder, we are not allowing any spectators at any home events at this moment. We hope you can understand that while we wish we could allow spectators, our number one priority is the safety of our students and coaching staff.

### **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.