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The seal of the Town of Milton, Massachusetts, is a circular red stamp. It features a central shield with a ship, surrounded by the text "TOWN OF MILTON" at the top and "INCORPORATED 1630" at the bottom. Overlaid on the seal is the text "MILTON HIGH SCHOOL" in large, bold, black letters. Below the seal, the address "25 Gile Road" and phone number "617-696-4470" are listed, along with "Milton, MA 02186".
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March 4, 2021

Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

I hope everyone has settled into our new bridge schedule this week! Here are a few updates for the week:

Superintendent Conversation Hour

Please join Superintendent Jette for a Conversation Hour to discuss goals, expectations, your student's school experience, and feedback on school as we look to the future. Save the date for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM and if you are able to join the meeting you can do that by going [here](#).

Spread the Word

Wednesday was [Spread The Word Day](#) at MHS! MHS Best Buddies encouraged the MHS community to support inclusion by promoting the acceptance and connection of people with and without intellectual disabilities by wearing Milton gear. Best Buddies also suggests that everyone make a new connection with someone from the Milton community this week! Enjoy some of the [great images from the day](#)!

Paws-Abili-Treats

Our Launch students have been working hard over the past few weeks to fulfill orders for our supportive MHS staff. The students in the Launch Program have made over 700 dog treats and are ready to take orders for our four legged furry friends in the Milton community. Each bag contains 6 treats (\$2.00 per bag). Please click [here](#) to order your treats. If you have any questions, please email the team at pawsabilitreats@miltonps.org. [You can see some of the Paws-Abili-Treats Team hard at work!](#)

Shout out!

Please be sure to check out our Music in Our Schools Month We have an amazingly talented group of musicians at Milton High School! Each week in March we will be featuring a group of Music Senior Spotlights to celebrate MIOSM and all of their accomplishments and contributions to the Milton music community. [You can read about our first group of seniors here!](#)

MHS Theatre

The Theatre program's virtual production of [The Laramie Project](#) has been completed and is available to view at your leisure. The students did an amazing job with such difficult material and, given the first time they have tried this virtual work, rose to the occasion. Bravo!

Cambridge Education Survey

Superintendent Jette sent out a communication earlier this week about an upcoming survey conducted by Cambridge Education. We have partnered with Cambridge Education to examine the instructional, social-emotional and cultural assets across the district to determine what's working well and to identify our opportunities to grow. More information can be found [here](#).

Course Selection and Program of Studies for 2021-2022

Please look for a separate communication from Vice Principal Ben Kelly about the course selection process for 2021-2022. His letter will contain all of the information you need to select your courses over the next week for the next school year. His letter will also contain a link to the new [Course Selection Information Website](#).

Take care and have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,



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Reminders Important Links and Reminders from Past Newsletters:

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-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. 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.

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.

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

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

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).

Friendly Reminder for MHS Remote Classrooms

- Attendance in all live remote Google Meetings is mandatory.
- Be on time for class and stay for the entire class period
- Try to create a learning space where you will be free from distractions (put away your cell phone, turn off the television etc during class).
- Have class materials ready and nearby before class begins.
- Dress appropriately - no pajamas, no hoods; school dress code applies (see handbook for specifics).
- Your icon should be school appropriate and represent you. We recommend a headshot picture.
- Your screen names must be your first and last name.
- Mute your microphone unless you are talking.
- Indicate that you want to speak by raising your hand, using the chat, or the NOD extension (when available).
- The chat will be used for class related discussion only, as allowed by your teacher
- If you are having technical issues, contact your teacher via email or Google Classroom to explain the circumstances.
- All of the following cases will result in you being marked absent:
 - You never sign in to the Google Meet
 - You are signed in to the Google Meet but fail to actively participate in class
 - You are signed in to the Google Meet but leave the session or leave the computer for a significant portion of the class.
- Your icon should be school appropriate & represent you. We recommend a headshot picture
- Your screen names must be your first and last name.

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.

Special Education

Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services, [Sue Maselli](#) shares the following.

It's hard to believe summer 2021 is around the corner. This year, the **ESY program** will be run by Mr. Mark Harrison. MPS will be offering Extended School Year services this summer, beginning on July 6, 2021. All programs will once again be held at the Collicot and Cunningham elementary schools. The program will run for six weeks, with a scheduled end date of August 13, 2021. It is anticipated that registration information for Extended School Year services will be sent to families in early May. Plans for how instruction will be delivered will also be communicated at this time. Any questions regarding your student's eligibility for Extended School Year services may be directed to your Team Chairperson. Our staff looks forward to another great summer of instruction.

SEPAC, the Special Education Parent Advisory Council has updated its [website](#). [Use this link](#) to find out about meeting dates, SEPAC news and to access remote meetings.

Summer Opportunities

The Guidance Department has [set up this page](#) where summer opportunities for workshops will be posted, bookmark this page if you are looking for summer opportunities with some colleges. Do you have something to add to this page? Please let us know!

Principal's Corner

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

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