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Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

Thank you to everyone who was able to join our Conversation Hour with Superintendent Jette on Wednesday. We will continue to answer your questions as they arise, but please know we continue to work hard on a plan that allows our students to return to full in person learning Monday, April 12th at the start of Term 4, and that allows families who choose to stay in the full remote model the opportunity to do so.

The School Committee FY 22 budget meeting for the MPS community has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 7pm. The [link to attend can be found here](#) (passcode 376737)

#### **Course Selection and Program of Studies for 2021-2022**

We met with all 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders during school this week to review the course selection process. All course recommendations are due Monday, March 15th. [Please refer to this webpage for more information](#) on how to make the recommendations, course content information and all other questions.

#### **Sponsor a Senior**

Please take a moment to read [this initiative](#) we are doing to celebrate our seniors. If you would like to participate you can sign up [here](#). Thank you for your support!

#### **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! I shared some of our highlights last week and continue to for the next few weeks as we will be featuring a group of Music Senior Spotlights to celebrate MIOISM and all of their accomplishments and contributions to the Milton music community. [You can read about our second group of seniors here!](#)

#### **National Honor Society**

The National Honor Society is selling flowers this week that students can gift to their classmates, friends, teachers, and staff. Families can also gift a flower to their student or a staff member. [It's just \\$2 for a flower and note](#) and all proceeds will be donated to charities supporting the Black Lives Matter movement.

Those who receive flowers will be notified via email by Tuesday, March 16, and flowers can be picked up at the side entrance by the math and science hallway on the first floor on Wednesday, March 17, or Thursday, March 18 starting at 12 pm. Any students who are fully remote may stop by the high school to pick up their flowers during that time, or if unable,

the flowers may be delivered to them. [The link to order flowers can be found here.](#) All orders must be placed by Monday, March 15.

### **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES**

Dear Class of 2021:

With the month of March well underway and final post-high school plans beginning to emerge, it is a great time to secure some extra funding to support your futures. Below is the current list of scholarships available to you in the local, Town of Milton scholarship program. Further details, and copies of applications, can be found on Naviance, under the Colleges tab and Scholarships and Money. Feel free to email Mr. Devlin or stop by Guidance with any questions.

Also, please update your Naviance account with college decisions as you receive them.

Sincerely,

Mr. Devlin

ArtDante Scholarship - calling all visual artists, how has art influenced your life? - due March 19th

Beirne Lovely Memorial - new in 2021 - \$2500 - how have you exemplified Beirne's motto of "be kind; do good?" - essay, and more required - due March 26th

BID Milton Healthcare Scholarship - new in 2021 - students pursuing a career in nursing or healthcare - due March 19th

Caitlin Clavette Memorial - brief statement required, how does your own vision of your future embody the Caitlin Clavette Memorial Foundation's mission? - due March 26th

Cameron Nohmy Memorial Scholarship - new in 2021 - for those pursuing technical training or a trade - brief statement required - due March 26th

Caribbean Heritage Association - due May 15th

Charles Eliot Scholarship - students pursuing careers in the field of transportation, city planning, etc. - due May 5th

Debra Davis Memorial - what sets you apart from others? How have you grown over the last four years? How have you helped others? Essay due in Guidance March 26th

Edan Cicerone Memorial - how have you supported the LGBTQ community? - due March 19th

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias - see application for details - due April 1st

Henry O. Peabody - for residents of Norfolk County - due April 16th

Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation - due April 15th

MHS Boosters - several awards available, \$500 each, application due April 30<sup>th</sup>

Michael A. Devin Memorial - essay required, how have you overcome hardships in your life? - due April 2nd

Michael C. McHugh Tucker Scholarship - calling all Tucker alums - due March 19th

Milton For Peace - due March 26th

Milton Girls Softball - \$250, due April 5<sup>th</sup>

Milton Kiwanis Club - resident of Milton for at least 3 years, exemplifies the Kiwanis ideals, due March 26th

Milton Players - participation in theater and the performing arts, due March 19th

Milton Woman's Club - \$1000, short essay, due in Guidance March 20th

Milton Youth Hockey - due March 26th

Pierce PTO - attended Pierce, write a speech you will deliver at 8th grade commencement, due April 1st

Rockland Trust - due March 15th

Sustainable Milton - \$100 award to those who have helped to reduce waste, preserved the ecosystem, or raised environmental awareness of others, due April 3rd

Tempus Unlimited - for students with a documented disability and current IEP, due June 1st

The White Rose Scholarship - African American male or female with a minimum 3.0 GPA who has demonstrated strong character and leadership.

**Senior Director of Education Equity**

Somaly Prak-Martins, Senior Director of Education Equity, shares the following. [Please see her full March 2021 newsletter here.](#)

**The Quality Review Survey** is a project commissioned by MPS leadership and facilitated by Cambridge Education. As part of this effort, we invite all community members to participate in an online survey and/or focus groups to share their experiences. A survey link was sent directly to the email address we have on file. If you do not have an email address and would like to fill in the survey and/or participate in the focus group or did not receive a survey, please reach out to the Senior Director of Education Equity at [sprak-martins@miltonps.org](mailto:sprak-martins@miltonps.org).

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](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.

### **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.

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

### **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)).

### **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!

### **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!

### **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](mailto:pawsabilitreats@miltonps.org). [You can see some of the Paws-Abili-Treats Team hard at work!](#)

### **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.