

*Respect*

*Achievement*

*Citizenship*

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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 school name, the address "25 Gile Road" and the phone number "617-696-4470" are listed, along with "Milton, MA 02186".  
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March 19, 2021

Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

As I reflect on this past week, I am grateful for the opportunity to work in such a diverse community where we provide opportunities for students to learn about and celebrate differences, and through these experiences, unite us as one. I continue to be amazed with our student body and the contributions they make not only to our school but to the community. I take this opportunity to recognize our [Term 2 Milton High School Vision Award recipients](#) who not only have excelled academically, but demonstrate respect and citizenship both inside and outside of our school. Please take a few minutes to [view the announcement](#) of the Term 2 recipients. [Congratulations to all of the recipients!](#)

### **Sponsor a Senior**

As spring approaches, Milton High School Senior Class Officers, along with class advisors and parent volunteers, have some exciting events planned for our 274 graduating seniors! These resilient young people have had a year of upheaval, and we look forward to celebrating them over the next few months. This week we are excited to kick off one of those surprises – [Sponsor a Senior!](#) Sponsor a Senior is an effort to recognize every MHS Senior with a gift from the Milton community as they prepare to graduate. Parent organizers are seeking volunteers from the Milton community to [Sponsor a Senior](#) and make this effort successful! All details on Sponsoring a Senior [can be found here](#), and [you can sign up to Sponsor a Senior here](#). There are 274 MHS seniors, and the goal is for every senior to have a sponsor. Please sign up now, so we can celebrate all of our seniors!

### **Shout out!**

I would like to introduce you to Dominique Thomas, a MHS senior. She is on the Alumni Leadership Council for [Project 351 Ambassadors](#) and they shared their [2021 Launch: Congressman John Lewis Final Essay](#). Thank you Dominique for your service.

### **Testing Updates for MCAS and AP Exams**

Please see the [MCAS Testing Notification letter](#) sent to grade 10 and 11 families this week. MCAS Testing will be Next-Gen ELA and Mathematics computer-based tests, taking place May 3- 13 at MHS. Please also see this [AP Exam Administration Notification](#) sent to all AP Students & Families on Tuesday of this week. AP Testing will take place in the school building from May 12- 26.

### **March 21 is World Down Syndrome Awareness Day**

To promote Down Syndrome awareness, MHS students and staff were encouraged to wear crazy socks to school today. Best Buddies has been collecting donations of \$0.21 or \$3.21 (to represent the three copies of chromosome 21) at all three entrances of the building this week. All proceeds will be donated to the [Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress](#). [How crazy were your socks?](#)

For WDSO 2021 we will focus on improving connections to ensure that all people with Down Syndrome can CONNECT and participate on an equal basis with others as we spread awareness of Down Syndrome across the Milton community.

### **Leveling the Playing Field in Stem**

On **Tuesday, March 23** at 6pm, WBUR is hosting a free, virtual event called “*Leveling the Playing Field in STEM*” that will focus on the challenges today’s Black and Latinx youth face when pursuing careers in STEM fields. The panelists, which include Dr. Adrian Mims, founder of *The Calculus Project*, will discuss solutions to these challenges, mentorship ideas, and more. Please click [here](#) to learn more about and register for this important event.

### **In Case You Missed It**

As stated last week, we held assemblies for all of our 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders for course selection for the 2021-2022 school year. All course recommendations were due Monday, March 15th and verifications were emailed home on Wednesday, March 17th. [Please refer to this webpage for more information](#) on course content information. If you missed our student assemblies, you can [watch here](#). For any student who would like to see MHS through the eyes of a student you can take a few minutes to watch [this video](#). I would also like to direct you to our new [Program of Studies](#) website. Thank you to Mr. LoPresti and the following students, Bailey Dolgon, Allie Ward, Aidan Long, Nora Gallagher, Marilyn Carroll, Caroline Noonan, Lauren Grogan Mary Kate Maloney and Caroline O’Leary, who all contributed to creating this new platform for our [Program of Studies](#).

### **Milton Youth Advocates for Change**

Milton Youth Advocates For Change is recruiting high school youth for leadership positions in Milton Minds Matter. Milton Minds Matter is a club promoting positive mental health for high school teens in Milton led by high school teens! [All details can be found here.](#)

### **Milton Public Library**

The Milton Public Library announces [Milton Moves](#), a physical literacy initiative! Physical Literacy is the concept of providing people with the tools and information to lead healthy, active lives. While we at the MPL provide literacy services every day, at this crucial moment in our world’s health, we turn our attention to not only providing sustenance for the mind, but also for the body.

Please join us for this year-long initiative, beginning in March 2021, for all ages focused on fitness, wellness, and healthy eating. [The Library will offer programs and resources related to health and physical fitness for all ages.](#) In keeping with the spirit of a public library, all of these offerings will be free of charge.

### **Virtual Diversity Job Fair**

Milton is a participating community in the [Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education upcoming Virtual Recruitment Fair](#). This event takes place on **March 31** and [all details can be found here](#).

Take care and have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,



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Principal

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

**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

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.

### **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.