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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" at the top and "INCORPORATED 1640" at the bottom. The seal is red and white.
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April 2, 2021

Good afternoon MHS Students and Families,

Happy Easter to those observing; I hope you have a peaceful holiday!

Full return to school

Please watch for a communication from me early next week with dates/times for informational sessions for our full return to school on Monday, April 12th. We have been working diligently on the logistics of our full return and will be sharing this with our MHS students and families once finalized. [Please see the Superintendent's newsletter for more information on the full return model for the district.](#)

Shout out!

Please be sure to check out our last group of seniors for our Music in Our Schools Month. We have an amazingly talented group of musicians at Milton High School! I shared some of our highlights this past month and finish with this great group of seniors. [You can read about our second group of seniors here!](#)

PAWS

MHS students in the Launch Program are now accepting dog treat orders from the Milton community. To order your Paws Treats, [please click here.](#) Questions? Please email the team at pawsabilitreats@miltonps.org. Thank you for supporting our team!

Driver's Education

MHS is happy to announce the April Vacation Driver's Education course. Get all your Driver's Education Hours done over April Vacation! Any **Milton High School student** who is at least 15 and 9 months on or before 4/19 is eligible to take this course. Since this is an online course, you must have a miltonps email account to access the course materials. This is why it is open to **Milton High School students only**. [All details on Driver's Education at MHS can be found here.](#)

Food Service

With the return to a full in person model throughout MPS, we will be ending our weekly drive through pick up. **Our last weekly drive thru with the Farmers to Families boxes will be April 7.** We will be emailing a survey to our fully remote families to schedule weekly pick ups. Once we begin the full in person model (April 5 for elementary, April 12 for MHS and Pierce) students who are in school for a full day will have the option to receive a school lunch each school day.

Health and Safety Updates

What is the MPS travel policy for students/ staff who travel out of state? Has the travel order change impacted current school policies? As of Monday, March 22, the Massachusetts Travel Order is replaced with a [Travel Advisory](#). This new travel advisory urges all persons entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, to quarantine for 10 days upon

their arrival if they have been out of the state for 24 hours or more. The Travel Advisory is the *minimum* requirement that MPS has to follow. **Our MPS policy remains as a negative PCR test within 72 hours of returning OR a ten day quarantine for any out of state travel.** An exception is made for travelers who are fully vaccinated (who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID 19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 or more days ago) AND who do not have symptoms. MPS does not allow for any other exemptions that the state allows.

Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Are you looking for mental health, substance use disorders, and addictions or family support resources? The Milton Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition has produced a valuable list of these resources to assist Milton children and youth and their families. Please click here for a list of [Hotlines and Helplines](#).

If you would like to receive MPS communications in a language other than English, [please use this link](#) to take a short survey regarding language, translation & interpreting. If English is your preferred language, please skip this survey. The link to take the survey in multiple languages is at the top right of the survey.

Take care and have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,



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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

Caribbean Heritage Association - due May 15th

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

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 30th

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

Milton Girls Softball - \$250, due April 5th

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. 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.

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).

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!

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.

MPS Visitor Guidelines

As a means of keeping students and staff healthy and safe, visitors – including parents or caregivers – will not be allowed to enter MPS school buildings for any purpose other than to drop off or pick up their student(s), all of which will be limited to the school's administrative space. This prohibition does not apply to MPS staff with a business purpose to be at a school site or vendors necessary for providing school services.

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](#).

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.