MHS Student & Family Closure Update
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

Dear Students & Families,

Early next week, we will share an update from Ms. Ude with information for the whole community on a number of important topics: the ongoing school closure, the recent Match-issued survey results, and our current planning process for next year.

This evening, I am reaching out to share the Match High School-specific updates below and to wish everyone well over this holiday weekend.

Sincerely,
Alexis Johnson
Interim Principal | Match High School

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LOGISTICS

No Remote Learning Monday, May 25, 2020 (Memorial Day Holiday)

This upcoming Monday, students and staff are encouraged to log off for the holiday as there will not be any remote learning requirements for the day.

Students can find more information in the weekly resource guides included for each grade below.

Updated: End-of-Year & Summer Academic Policy Preview

Now that we are one week into our make-up work period, teachers will begin adjusting their grades to reflect the value of essential work that is still missing. As of today, essential assignments that were previously marked “Missing” may be converted to a 40%. This score is not final but is, instead, meant to help students understand the impact of the essential work that has still not been submitted. We strongly encourage students to still turn this work in as they will receive the full earned credit for the assignment once they do.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a few minutes to review key points about our upcoming academic responses to the extended school closure. We have added translations of this document here in Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Last week, Ms. Johnson shared this brief video to review the same key points if it's easier to watch and listen.
**Assistant Principal Announcement**

As promised, here is a brief video introducing the full Principal Team for the 2020-2021 school year!

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**Office Hours with Nurse Patty**

Our wonderful MHS School Nurse, Nurse Patty, will begin holding office hours next week for students and families who have non-urgent, health-related questions or who would simply like to check in.

Due to the holiday weekend, her first Office Hours will be this Tuesday, but she will hold them on Mondays thereafter. Please see the joining information below. If you arrive while Nurse Patty is checking in with another student or family, you'll be in the Zoom "waiting room" for a short time until she admits you:

**Time: May 26, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/99155102583?pwd=VE5LQTBWL29XVFcwSzNOZVdIUmVnUT09

Meeting ID: 991 5510 2583

Password: A123

**Time: Jun 1, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Every week on Mon, until Jun 22, 2020, 4 occurrence(s)

- Jun 1, 2020 09:00 AM
- Jun 8, 2020 09:00 AM
- Jun 15, 2020 09:00 AM
- Jun 22, 2020 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/92665209499?pwd=YkxNemwXemxSL1BnZXhRWW1UcXNTQT09

Meeting ID: 926 6520 9499

Password: monday

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**P-EBT Information**

Some members of our MHS community have confirmed that they have already received their P-EBT benefits, but others have shared that they do not have access as yet.

If you are still waiting for P-EBT benefits, you can visit this website:

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)
On the site, they offer the following specific information for those seeking assistance or more information:

Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline at (800) 645-8333 (TTY 800-377-1292).
The hotline is open Monday – Friday 8 A.M. - 7 P.M. and Saturday 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Announcement: MHS Student Virtual Town Hall Forum

As the incoming principal, Mr. Beck is looking forward to hearing our students’ voices as soon as possible.

Early next week, he’ll be sharing more information on how students can share their feedback, thoughts, ideas, and priorities with school leaders this June. Please look out for details on how to join!

Update: Class of 2020 End-of Year Events

We are excited to share that we are in the process of planning a virtual Senior Awards Night, Senior Signing Day and a Virtual Graduation Ceremony along with other events to celebrate our Class of 2020. We will share log-in details soon so that students and families can join us for the events!

Soon, Ms. Paul will provide more information about how our seniors can access their Class of 2020 Care Package which is full of items relevant to the events below.

- Virtual Senior Awards Night - Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
- Virtual Senior Signing Day - Friday, June 5, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.
- Virtual Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony - Friday, June 12, 2020 - Time TBD
  - There will be a few safe, socially-distant, in-person components to the preparation for graduation. We’ll share more on this soon!
  - We are holding ourselves to looking for opportunities to celebrate our senior class in a safe, in-person way once the state opens and allows gatherings again.

Updated: College & Career Team Announcements

1. The C&C team will be holding a College and Financial Aid Family Night on Tuesday, May 26 at 6 p.m. via this [zoom link](#)! In this meeting, the C&C team will discuss the college process, how to secure financial aid, and what the student and family can be doing now to get ahead of the process!

2. The College & Career team will be conducting an "off 2 college series" for seniors and their families! Students will receive up to date information on the steps they need to complete in order to become a full time college-credit bearing student! Here is the [link](#) to join every Wednesday at 3pm!
3. The C&C team, in tandem with the ELA department, will be delivering a "college and career" series. By the end of the unit, 11th grade students will produce a college essay, secure letters of recommendation, and conduct college research. All materials will be on the ELA google classroom and a presentation on Tuesdays at 3PM via this zoom link!

4. Whether you are interested in taking an online college course at an Ivy league college, like Harvard...studying abroad (virtually) in the Middle East...or learning a new skill, what you do in the summer matters! It matters for your personal growth. It matters for college. It matters for your future! Check out this link to find more about the virtual summer program available this summer!

Message from Match High School’s Mental Health Team

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Maintaining social connections is an important way to keep your mental health in balance. Due to COVID-19, in-person social connections have been reduced however there are many ways to reach out to others. The attached letter from the Mental Health Team shares helpful tips on how to continue social connections as well as what to do if you are worried about someone else’s mental health during this time.

Reminder: Weekly Resource Guides

Thank you for continuing to use these resources to help our students stay up-to-date on remote learning assignments.

Grade 12 Courses
- Grade 12 Assignments
- Grade 12 Contact Information

Grade 11 Courses
- Grade 11 Assignments
- Grade 11 Contact Information

Grade 10 Courses
- Grade 10 Weekly Remote Work Guide

Grade 9 Courses
- Grade 9 Weekly Remote Work Guide
- (See Weekly 9th Grade Class Schedule - Attached)

Our COVID-19 family resource webpage can be found here.
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