

Edward S. Marcus High School, Est. 1981

March 23, 2020

Dear Marcus High School Students and Families,

I would like to begin this letter by saying thank you. Thank you for the tremendous support and understanding over the past couple of weeks as we have navigated the unique challenges of COVID-19 together. Our number one priority at Marcus High School and in Lewisville ISD is to keep our students, staff, families, and community safe, and we appreciate your help! I hope that all of you and your families are happy and healthy during this time.

Our theme at Marcus High School this year is **"WE ARE MARCUS! WE ARE ONE!"** In the following weeks, we will continue to become ONE with our students and families. While I wish we did not have to experience the situation we currently find ourselves in, I am grateful that our students will get to see what our country can be when we all pull together.

General Information

- Through April 3rd, all LISD campuses will be closed. This includes our athletic facilities as well.
- LISD is providing breakfast and lunch for all school-aged children (18 or younger) during his time. No ID will be required, but your child must be present. Please click [here](#) for more information.
- Each Marcus High School student's family will receive a personal phone call from your child's 2nd period teacher by March 31st. (If your child is at the Career Center during 2nd period, your family will receive a call from your child's counselor.) We want to personally check on each and every one of our students to make sure they are ok. We will also need to see if all of our students have the resources necessary to complete work at home.
- If you are unsure if your contact information is correct in Skyward, please login to Skyward to make sure we have an accurate phone number to call in the coming days.
- Please continue to check www.lisd.net/covid19 for updates.
- We would like to identify what technology access families may need. If you need Internet access at home or a device to use for learning, we need to know. Please complete [this form](#) by **noon on March 24th**, and we will reach out to you to see how we can help.
- In the meantime, if you need Internet access at home, we encourage you to review discounted or free plans that are being offered by Internet and mobile services providers. For more information [click here](#).
- Please know that while our campuses are closed, many of our staff will not be able to answer phone calls the way we normally would. For now, the best way to communicate will be via email. You can find all of our email addresses at www.lisd.net/mhs.

Outline of Instructional Plan for Students

Through April 3rd, we have a plan for "at home" learning for our students. Our district leaders have been hard at work over the past several days and have developed a way for our students to learn from home. Our expectations during this time are very understanding of the challenges our families and students are experiencing. This plan will come in phases and we will do our very best to communicate through the process.

- Please know that the week of March 23rd – 27th will be a week of transition for our staff.
- No work will be sent home for students the week of 3/23 – 3/27.

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- LISD has created a new website to facilitate student learning which you can access at www.lisd.net/athome. Please be aware that this website is brand new and will continue to be updated in the days ahead by LISD staff with additional resources. However, it does have high school learning activities listed which you may choose to do if you would like during the week of 3/23 – 3/27.
- We will utilize Canvas as a platform to give assignments, provide grades, etc.
- Beginning the week of March 30th, students will receive up to 150 minutes per week of learning for each class in which he or she is enrolled. (up to 2.5 hours per class, per week.) Our goal is to provide meaningful learning experiences while not adding stress to our students and families.

To our students:

Our very first thoughts were about you when we heard of the need to close our campuses and postpone all school activities through April 3rd. To all of our students who are missing games, performances, practices, contests, trips, etc., our thoughts continue to be with you. Seeing you perform, compete, and cheer in the stands is such a joy for us, and we look forward to the next time we get to be there for you at these events. Please see the items below.

- The number one goal at this time is your health as well as the health of our staff and community. A large part of our health and well-being includes our emotional health. I want you to know that your counselors and teachers will continue to be there for you during this time.
- Please be aware that we have moved our prom to May 16th.
- Please help us by continuing to stay away from campus and athletic facilities during this time.
- Please email instructional questions to your teachers or coaches.
- If your iPad is at school, please email your assistant principal and we will work out a time for you or your parent/guardian to come pick it up. All other items will need to remain at school through this school closure.

To our parents and guardians:

Don't worry... we do not expect you to be able to teach calculus! Our teachers will be able to provide the necessary support your students will need to complete their work. We are also here for you in this time and understand that you may have questions. We may not have all of the answers yet, but we will work hard to provide them for you as soon as possible. Please send all instructional questions to your student's teachers via email. For anything else during this time, please send an email to your child's assistant principal, counselor, or to me.

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Our administration at MHS will continue to communicate with you via Skylert email as well as through our social media platforms, sending the same information each time through all available channels. Please also check LISD's official website for current information.

In closing, I would like to thank our tireless district leaders for their hard work, dedication, and leadership over the past several days as they constructed a process and structure that will enable us to provide meaningful learning experiences as well as emotional support for our students in the weeks ahead. Thank you as well to our amazing teachers and staff at Marcus High School. We already miss our students and look forward to connecting with each family soon over the phone to check in. I look forward to seeing our student body, staff, and community overcome the challenges in front of us as ONE MHS Family. Thank you for your grace and understanding as we begin this journey together.

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Sincerely,

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