

# MHS Week at a Glance, 8/24 - 8/28

August 21, 2020

Good Afternoon MHS Parents and Students,

It has been inspiring to see the way our school family has pulled together to overcome the challenges of the past few days. I would like to thank you all for being so understanding and supportive of our teachers and counselors as they have worked day and night to bring our students the very best educational experience given our current challenges. Each of our counselors has worked through hundreds of emails with students and parents over the past three days to communicate and make the necessary schedule changes within the constraints of our overall master schedule. In this letter I would like to focus on student schedules, attendance, and our plan to communicate in person learning procedures set to begin September 8th.

## **Student Schedules:**

As you know, student schedules have been tremendously challenging as we work to ensure that all of our students' learning pathway options are honored. Our first step was to ensure that as many students' schedules as possible had four class periods which worked within their learning pathway for the fall semester. At this time we have achieved that goal for over 99% of our students. Below, I will detail the next couple of challenges pertaining to student schedules as well as our plan to overcome them.

- It is of paramount importance that we continue to balance fall class schedules before in person learning begins September 8th. Most of our students' schedules will remain the same, but this will result in some schedule changes. We will change as few schedules as possible, because we know this has been a stressful process for everyone. I just wanted to make sure this process was explained to our students and parents.
- For the week of 8/24 - 8/28, our counselors will continue to focus on student schedules for the fall semester. This was our original plan, but I know there are many questions about the spring semester. We will begin solving spring semester scheduling conflicts the week of 8/31.
- Please continue to follow the plan of emailing your counselors. This has worked very well so far, as literally hundreds of problems were solved this week. This is the fastest way they can meet your needs.

## **Attendance:**

- Attendance in our teachers' courses has been excellent! Thank you to our amazing students for doing everything you could to attend classes this week. I know there were many frustrations the first days of school with technology issues, virtual classes crashing in the middle of the lesson, etc... We saw tremendous progress during the second and third days of school, and this will continue to improve. **In the meantime, if you have problems getting into your teachers' classes, please email them that day to let them know. This will allow them to count you present. You can also be counted present by turning in an assignment that day or by completing work in Canvas or Edgenuity.**

## September 8th / In-Person Learning Information

- Plans continue to be fine-tuned as we prepare for in-person learning September 8th. The week of September 2nd, we will send information to you to detail plans and procedures including but not limited to the following items:
  - Student drop off & pick up (beginning and ending of the school day)
  - Virtual Plus entry and exit points
  - Breakfast procedures
  - Lunch procedures
  - Lunch assignments (A, B, C, & D lunch assignments)
  - The plan for one-way hallways, two-way hallways & one way stairwells
  - The bell schedule
  - Our plan for staggering the release of students during passing periods

Students - Thank you for doing such an amazing job the first week of school. Our teachers have been so impressed with your participation and effort, as always! We look forward to seeing you next week via WebEx!

Sincerely,

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