

Old Abe Families,

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Please read the annual Eagle's Eye (on the MHS website), with much of the information you need to have on many of the MHS structures, events, notifications, and updated bell schedule for this school year. Given the uniqueness in the reopening of Memorial and our COVID-19 reality, I want to highlight some different rules and routines we are implementing to enhance safety and mitigate risk for your student(s) and our staff.

2020-21 adjustments to highlight:

- Students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:15 a.m. and then are asked to leave immediately at the end of the instructional day.
- Any student that eats breakfast on campus will be asked to do so in their first period classroom.
- Due to COVID-19 constraints, students cannot be allowed to gather before school, over the lunch period, or at the end of the day. Our commons and large gathering spaces have been repurposed for other needs. I ask that students report directly to their classroom upon arrival to the building and during the instructional day.
- Each MHS student will have their 2020-21 first semester class schedule before Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Many performance and elective classes (Band and PE, as examples) are only offered 100% virtually this Fall. Some traditional honors course will not be available, due to scheduling constraints. Please work with your Guidance Counselor regarding specific scheduling concerns.
- Due to recommendations from several partner agencies, Memorial will have a closed campus for the lunch periods, during our COVID-19 programming. Students may bring their own lunch or participate in the school lunch program. Ala-Cart options will not be available at the start of the school year.
- Given the adjustment to 74-minute class periods, anticipate multiple lessons, a “flipped classroom” concept and different pedagogical approaches from our instructors.

- Students ***MUST*** use their district issued email. Expect all communication between student and staff through classroom CANVAS learning pages and school email.
- When students are participating virtually, anticipate both synchronous and asynchronous academic schedules. Please work with your learner to adhere to the times and pacing guides that will be provided. It is essential for our staff and students to remain in communication when not in the building together.
- Students will both earn GPA points and credits for graduation.

All the Old Abes are in this together!

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