

Manchester Regional High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I continue to wish you a safe and healthy experience during this difficult time. It is my sincere hope that you were able to enjoy some quality time with your child during our spring break. As you know, Governor Murphy extended school closures in New Jersey until at least 05/15/20. We know that everyone is anxious to get back to school. So are we! However, it looks like we are going to have to physically be apart for at least another four weeks. I am happy to report that the first four weeks of virtual learning went well thanks to the participation of you and your child and the hard work and dedication of our faculty. It is clear that by working together we will overcome this challenge and be together again. I am also very proud of our students who are overcoming challenges not experienced by any other modern generation.

Please check that your contact information is up to date in your Parent Portal as we will continue to use the Realtime system to send emails, phone messages, and text messages when necessary to keep you informed. Also, please continue to check our website, www.mrhs.net, frequently for updates and information related to school cancellation and virtual learning.

Some reminders for you and your child(ren) to continue to be successful during the next four weeks of virtual instruction:

- -Every student should log into the Google Classrooms provided by their teachers each day school would be in session to complete assignments. Student virtual attendance is counted when students log into Google Classrooms and when they turn in assignments.
- -It is important that students keep up with their virtual learning. Online learning can be more difficult as it requires more self discipline. The more you can assist your child, even by just being present when they are working, the better they will perform.
- -Students need to check their school email every day for messages, information, and updates.
- -Have your child read any type of literature for at least twenty minutes per day. This is always good advice and exercise for the brain.
- -Please reach out to your child's teacher directly by email if you have any questions concerning virtual assignments and/or procedures for class. You can also email to schedule a phone or Google Meet conference with your child's teacher.

- -All of our faculty, including our counselors, are available via email to support your child between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. Likewise, all Falcon's Lounge services are still available with the exception of onsite recreation.
- Students can complete virtual learning assignments at home using either their MRHS Chromebook or other electronic devices at home such as smartphones and personal computers.
- -Our Chrome Depot can still assist students if they experience any issues with Chromebooks or other technical assistance. Please continue to use the link provided on www.mrhs.net to report issues: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwLDIARrmTPc5DqKwce7jFlc4teZJRkThX4Q3mnCmL9sc1Lw/viewform
- -Grab and Go breakfast and lunch are available in front of the Main Entrance from 9:00am until 11:00am on Monday (two days worth of meals) and Wednesday (three days worth of meals). Grab and Go will be available in the gym vestibule on rainy days.
- -Remember that this can be a time of anxiety and stress for you and your child. Have them take breaks, enjoy time with them as much as possible, and make the best of the time they have at home. The teenage years can be tough for parents as children get older and become more independent. This can be a great opportunity to form even stronger bonds with your youngster.
- -Please remind your child that there are still social distancing guidelines provided by the CDC, State of New Jersey, and Federal Government for a reason. They should continue to avoid large gatherings, parties, etc. during this time.
- -School grounds are closed until further notice. This includes all athletic fields, including the track. The Haledon Police will be enforcing this closure.

Sincerely,

John Coviello

John Coviello, Principal MRHS