

MANHATTAN HIGH SCHOOL

Manhattan High School Community,

Thank you for your resilience as we take necessary precautions to keep our school and community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Learning comes to us all in different ways and at different times. Sometimes we learn because we want to, we choose the time, place, and topic. We may choose to learn to fish or ride a bike. Other times we learn out of necessity, because the current situation requires us to learn. Times of crisis often require us to adapt to new situations. In response to our Governor's orders, the high school has moved all classes online for remote learning. Students who do not have access to technology have either been provided devices through the school or are receiving instructional packets from their teachers.

We are in session as a virtual high school. At this time nearly all of our students have responded to their teachers digitally and have joined google classrooms. The delivery of instruction and content has resumed, and students are back to work. Online instruction or instructional packets offered through MHS during this time will be graded, and are required in order to receive credit towards graduation. The information we have at this time supports our continued operation in this format, and will allow us to adhere to our existing school calendar. School staff are available for support online during traditional school hours, (8:00 am – 4:00 pm). Online learning has many challenges, including connectivity and devices. There are some advantages, primarily students and teachers are not bound by time and place. Two common challenges for students in remote learning environments is self-discipline and procrastination. We ask parents and guardians to encourage students to stay engaged in their learning.

We recognize that there will be many questions as we settle into our virtual school, and understand the desire to know specifics. We ask for everyone's patience during this time. The School District is in continual communication with state offices and governing organizations. Information regarding school closure, events, and activities will be posted on the school website and delivered through our student information system, Infinite Campus.

Over the past week the COVID – 19 crisis has increased in Montana, specifically the Gallatin Valley. I encourage everyone to do their part to keep themselves and their loved ones safe. Although the current situation is serious, we must keep living, laughing, and yes keep learning. Our beliefs statements hold true in all situations, never underestimate a Tiger.

Take care,

Mr. Jason J. Slater
Manhattan High School Principal

We Believe In:

A cooperative effort for achieving excellence in all things
The value of individuals and diversity
Accountability and integrity
A safe and welcoming environment