PHASE II STUDENT QUICK GUIDE

Montclair High School COVID-19 Destination Learning

The purpose of this Quick Guide is to guide students through Phase II of Distance Learning. The need for this alteration was based on feedback from staff, students and families that are directly affected by this style of instruction. This document outlines expectations and learning options for students during a lengthy period of time while away from the school building.

Important Links *NEW*

MHS Distance Learning Site
Montclair Public Schools

Schedule *NEW*

Time	A Day	B Day
9am - 10am	Class 1	Class 6
10am - 11am	Class 2	Class 7
11am - 12pm	Class 3	Class 8
12pm - 1pm	Class 4	Class 9
1pm - 2 pm - Teachers will be available for help via an online platform. Please contact your teacher for a reservation.		

Distance Learning Calendar April 2020 - June 2020

The calendar below represents the entirety of the school year on Distance Learning **ONLY**.
A day and B day are defined in the table above.
(If MHS were to return to school, we would continue with our regular schedule.)

April						
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 A	21 B	22 A	23 B	24 A	25
26	27 B	28 A	29 B	30 A		

May						
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
					1 B	2
3	4 A	5 B	6 A	7 B	8 A	9
10	11 B	12 A	13 B	14 A	15 B	16
17	18 A	19 B	20 A	21 B	22	23
24	25	26 A	27 B	28 A	28 B	30
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June						
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
	1 A	2 B	3 A	4 B	5 A	6
	8 B	9 A	10 B	11A	12B	13
14	15 A	16 B	17 A	18 B	19 A	20
21	22 B	23 A	24 B	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Workload *NEW*

Classes are scheduled for one hour. The total amount of work given to students **should not exceed one hour per class per meeting day.** The total amount of work is inclusive of live meets, assessments, classwork, homework, etc. For example, if class 1 does a 30 minute live session on an A day, the subsequent assigned work should not take more than 30 minutes to complete and would not be due until the next A day.

- Assignments will not be due on the weekends.
- Due dates for all assignments must be the next day the class meets or a subsequent class meeting day determined by the teacher..

Assessments *NEW*

Formal tests and quizzes (*isolated sit down assessments*) are limited to **six (6) for the 4th marking period.** Other forms of assessments are not included in this category (ie. essays, research papers, long term projects etc.).

Finals

Finals are canceled for the 2019/2020 school year.

Cancellation of Statewide Student Assessment

Given the continued threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) to our school communities and the resulting school closures, Governor Phil Murphy has announced that the State of New Jersey is cancelling all statewide student assessments for the spring 2020 testing window. This includes the springtime administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), ACCESS for ELLs, and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment.

Graduation Options

Cancellation of statewide assessments will not prevent students from meeting their graduation assessment requirements. Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 117, waives the graduation assessment requirement for any twelfth-grade student who is expected to graduate in the class of 2020.

Current juniors and sophomores also have access to the menu of alternate assessments (the SAT, etc.) and the portfolio appeal process as pathways to complete their graduation assessment requirement. These students are not required to take the NJSLA to access the menu of alternate assessments or the portfolio appeal process.

The NJDOE intends to make the NJSLA available in the summer or fall for current high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors (and middle school students taking high-school level courses) who may want to use the NJSLA high school assessments to meet their graduation assessment requirements.

For questions or comments, please contact the NJDOE at assessment@doe.nj.gov.

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

In response to school closings due to the coronavirus pandemic, College Board changed all 2020 AP Exam dates and portfolio due dates, and developed exams that students can take at home this year. Students have an opportunity to earn college credit and/or placement through their AP scores in spite of the crisis.

AP Schedule and Information

Grading *NEW*

MHS will NOT be moving to a Pass/Fail grading system.

Student Expectations

- Students will be required to check their gmail (MPSDNJ) accounts daily.
    - All communication from teachers and administration will be provided through this means.
- Students are expected to check in as per the direction of their teacher for each class scheduled on that day through Google Classroom.
- While remotely learning, live lessons will be hosted via the MHS rotating schedule. It will be left to each individual teacher as to the frequency of the lessons.
- Assessments and assignment deadlines will be left to each individual teacher.
- Staff is aware that there may be multiple siblings in the household and there may be a limitation of time and availability of devices. Please communicate this with members of your household and with your teacher. It is important to plan ahead.

Online Student Etiquette

- Be on time for live classes.
- Do not leave live classes early.
- Understand that attendance is expected for live classes.
    - If for any reason a student misses a class, it is the student's responsibility to reach out to the teacher to determine what was missed.
- During live lessons, be mindful of your surroundings and sit in an area devoid of distractions.
- Notify the teacher of any technical issues immediately through email.
- Follow the live class schedule specified by the teacher.
- Engage in each live class, following the instructions given by the teacher.
- Be respectful to all in live classes and any discussion forums.
- Understand that all classes are live and microphones may be “live” at all times.
- Please note that all information that is typed and or communicated through the provided technological platforms will be monitored and addressed.
- Please note that Montclair Public Schools Technology, HIB and Code of Conduct policies will apply during the time of Distance Learning.

Mental Health and Coping During Covid-19

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

- MHS Counselors, Student Assistance Counselors and Specialty Therapist are available to assist in any social-emotional/mental health related cocners.
- Contacts:
    - 9th Grade: Ms. Jaime Doshi - jdoshi@montclair.k12.nj.us
    - 10-12: Mr. Art Settembrino - asettembrino@montclair.k12.nj.us
      Ms. Ursula Liebowitz-Johnson - uliebowitzjohnson@montclair.k12.nj.us
- Students are encouraged to complete a brief weekly check-in survey, located in their grade level Google Classroom, to help the counselors better understand how they can assist. The results of the survey are confidentially shared with our Counselors who will respond accordingly.

Please click on this link for more information
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/coping.html