

Parents and Students of MTHS:

We hope this email finds you all well. We want to start by thanking all the teachers, guidance counselors, support staff, students and parents for their patience and professionalism as we have done our best to switch to a new paradigm of learning in a very short time period. We have staff members who are digital natives as well as staff members who are working hard to become savvy on programs like Zoom and Google hangouts. We could not be more proud of the work our teachers are doing at this challenging time and are likewise proud of our students who are doing their best to continue their learning. We are also grateful to you as parents who value education, are helping your students stay focused, and are providing so much support at home.

In recognizing what a significant change this situation has been for our students and teachers, we are at a point where we feel the need to begin utilizing the remote planning days the state built into its plan for our transition to remote teaching and learning. Starting this Monday, April 20th, and on subsequent Mondays, teachers will use Mondays to plan instruction for the week, reinforce previously taught content, and support students who need additional help. Teachers will not be introducing new material on Mondays but will be checking email periodically throughout the day to answer student questions.

In summary, every Monday beginning with April 20th will include the following:

1. Time for students to catch up on work if they are behind.
2. Teachers will be given time to plan for the week.
3. No new content or lessons delivered or posted to Google Classroom.
4. No teacher office hours but teachers will be checking email periodically throughout the day.
5. Students do not need to log in for attendance on Mondays.

Again, we want to thank everyone for all of their hard work and patience.