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Dear Mount Community,

On Monday, March 16, 2020, we will begin enacting our Remote Learning Plan. The school building will be closed to students from March 16 - April 20, and instruction will be provided by our teachers via PlusPortals, G Suite Platform, Google Meet, and email. Students who are not in school today may come to campus to pick up their books/belongings on MONDAY BETWEEN 8AM - 3PM, however they must promptly leave campus upon picking up their items.

Our senior students will not have remote learning classes from March 20-25 (previously scheduled Disney trip). Remote learning will resume for them on March 26. All students will not have remote learning assignments during our scheduled spring break from April 9-19.

See the following page regarding MSDA Remote Learning Schedule and Expectations.

We understand the significant impact that a change like this can have on our community, and did not come to the decision lightly. Social distancing is known to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and we want to take every precaution to protect the safety and wellness of all community members. Local health officials have strongly advised that students should continue to practice social distancing even when schools are closed.

We will continue to provide you with updates regarding athletics, extracurricular, and community events as often as possible.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and patience during this unprecedented time.

MSDA Administration



Student Expectations for Remote Learning

Our Remote Learning Schedule has been adopted from our Late Start Schedule. Students are expected to have remote learning from 10 am-2:45 pm. We will continue to follow our previously assigned letter day schedule unless otherwise noted. Students will only receive assignments or have synchronous learning sessions for classes that fall on that letter day. Synchronous learning sessions are expected to be conducted during the period of the day allotted to that class. Students may use their study periods and CAP to work on class assignments. Time for lunch is built into their schedule as well.

REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE				
Period	Time			
1a	10:00 - 10:25			
1b	10:25 – 10:50			
2 – Locker Break	10:50 - 11:00			
4a / Lunch	11:00 - 11:25			
4b / Lunch	11:25 – 11:50			
4c / Lunch	11:50 – 12:15			
4d / Lunch	12: 15 – 12:40			
5 – CAP	12:40 - 1:05			
3a	1:05 – 1:30			
3b	1:30 - 1:55			
6a	1:55 – 2:20			
6b	2:20 – 2:45			

March 2020						
Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
2 A	3 B	4 C*	5 D	6 E		
9 F	10 G*	11 A	12 B	13 C		
16 D	17 E	18 F	19 G	20 A		
23 B	24 C	25 D	26 E	27 F		
30 G	31 A					

April 2020					
Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr	
		1 B	2 C	3 D*	
6 E	7 F	8 G*	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20 A	21 B*	22 C	23 D	24 E	
27 F	28 G	29 A	30 B		

- Students must be appropriately and fully dressed when participating in a synchronous learning session (Google Meet). Students should participate in synchronous learning sessions in a common area of the home. Students should NEVER participate in a session in your bedroom or other private home space.
- Teachers may choose to use the following platforms: PlusPortals (LMS), Google Classroom, Google Meet and any other regularly used educational tools. If students have any difficulty accessing these tools, they should let their teacher know via email.
- Attendance will be taken by individual teachers through log-in to PlusPortals, Gmail, or Google Meet.
- If a student is ill and cannot participate in remote learning for that day, the parent must send an email by 10:00am to mainoffice@msdacademy.org and the student should email all her teachers for classes scheduled that day.
- If you fall behind in a class, please notify your teacher immediately to create a make-up plan.
- If your teacher does not plan to host a synchronous class meeting that day, they will post a lesson/activity/assignment by 10:00 am, if the section would have met on that scheduled letter day.
- Daily lessons/assignments should be able to be completed in fewer than 45 minutes.