

September 27, 2020

To All MNHS Families,

I would like to thank everyone for their participation in our virtual BTSN. We appreciate the positive feedback we have heard from families. On Friday, information regarding our transition to the Hybrid Model was emailed home. Please read this completely. It also includes information for our freshman and new student open house we will be having on October 8th and 9th. Information regarding the PSAT testing and Keystone exams has also been emailed home. I would like to remind you to sign up for the PSAT's using the google form link if you are a sophomore or junior. The deadline is October 1st. Any student who had Algebra 1, 10th grade literature or Biology last school year can take the Keystone exam for those courses in January. Information regarding Act 158 graduation requirements has been emailed home and is on our website. Links to sign up for the testing are included in the letter that was emailed home and are in this email. The first 2 pathways for graduation requirement are Keystone related for the class of 2022. Please read the information on our website relating to Act 158. To clarify Act 158: All students from the class of 2022 and younger will have options other than proficiency on the Keystone exams to fulfill graduation requirements. Students who take the Keystone exams and achieve proficiency on these exams fulfill their graduation requirements and do not need to look at other pathways. Students who do not achieve or do not take the exams will need to fulfill their graduation requirements through another pathway. There are 5 pathways. The Keystone exams were not mandated for the 2019-2020 school year due to Covid. MNSD did not want to eliminate giving our students the opportunity to take the Keystone exams to fulfill graduation requirements for the class of 2022. Those exams will be administered in January. There will be a 2 week test prep in December to assist our students with these tests. Every student who had either Algebra 1, 10th grade literature or Biology needs to complete the survey below whether they choose to take the test or not.

Algebra 1 Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezeHv5tdLXd4mafGfjzLMlpc7ttYv3r9iGeGcFRbUEzZIA/viewform?usp=pp_url

Biology Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScI_dVLUC_8FRd8DkVMijRWHJmfN3QxuPW6L1zWrhaZ67hx7Q/viewform?usp=pp_url

10th Grade English Literature Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSK8wbay5AtOPIIDmC-4a7LXR2330mrE3UOlqzC9d1wOogdQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

Paxon- An important letter was emailed to all Paxon Hollow Families on Friday, September 25th regarding reopening Paxon Hollow Middle School in the Hybrid format on October 12th. Please make sure to read the letter and call the Paxon Hollow main office if you have any questions. Paxon Hollow will be hosting an "Open House" on Monday, October 5th and Tuesday, October 6th. The open house will give students an opportunity to walk their schedules before we open on October 12th. We will mail a new copy of your child's schedule during the week of September 28th for you to use during the open house. Students with the last name beginning with A – K can visit Paxon Hollow from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on October 5th and students with the last name beginning with L – Z can attend from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on October 6th.

Culbertson- Parents, all of the hybrid schedule information was sent out via email this past Friday afternoon. If you should have any questions do not hesitate to call the main office.

Loomis- Congratulations to Loomis Elementary School for being awarded the coveted title of a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence for 2020! Our teachers, staff, students, and families have contributed to the success of our school and we are proud to have earned this honor. This award is based on a school's overall excellence in academics or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

In addition, on Friday, Loomis families were sent important information about our upcoming hybrid reopening. Please read it, click on the various links, and fill out all important information by Tuesday so we can continue to plan.

Russell- It was great to see such a great turnout for our first PTO meeting this past week. Your support and involvement is critical and greatly appreciated.

On Friday, you received a significant amount of very important information concerning our return to the building for in-person learning under the Hybrid Model. Please be sure to review the e-mail and all links, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. The e-mail contains a form that needs to be submitted by September 30, under the "Intent to Return Survey" section. Thanks in advance for completing this.

Worrall- It was so wonderful to see such a great turnout for our first PTO meeting this past week. Your support and involvement is critical and greatly appreciated. Please continue to attend PTO meetings as much as you can, we want to hear your voice!

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