



August 31, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this letter finds everyone enjoying the final days of summer break. As August winds down, we move closer and closer to the start of the new school year. By now, families should have determined which learning model their students will utilize for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. If you are still undecided between the Learn @ Home model and the hybrid / in-person model, please contact Mr. Frazee at Travis.Frazee@marshall.k12.mn.us as soon as possible. The information below is to help families plan for the start of school. While the district will start in a Hybrid Learning Model, ultimately, we want to return with all students face to face.

Student Class Schedules – Schedules may be accessed through the Parent/Student Camps Portal. We will not be printing and mailing student schedules, so we suggest that students take a picture of their schedule and save it in their phone. If this isn't possible, let us know so we can get a printed copy for you.

MHS Students/families have been organized into 5 hybrid attendance groups. **Your group is listed on your class schedule.** Your group is used to identify who will be in school and who will be virtual on specific days of the week. On virtual learning days students will be expected to be logged into their computers and join their in-school classes. Attendance will be taken every block, just as it is during in school attendance days for all students, including those students on their virtual days.

The hybrid attendance group weekly schedule is as follows:

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Monday	Virtual	In School	Virtual	In School	In School
Tuesday	In School	Virtual	In School	Virtual	In School
Wednesday	In School	In School	Virtual	In School	Virtual
Thursday	In School	Virtual	In School	Virtual	In School
Friday	Virtual	In School	In School	In School	Virtual

Questions regarding your schedule should be emailed to your counselor. In-person appointments will not be made this year.

Students are assigned to a counselor based on the first letter of his/her last name.

- A – E: Kris Tauchen Kristen.Tauchen@marshall.k12.mn.us
- F – M: Heidi Hansen Heidi.Hansen@marshall.k12.mn.us
- N – Z: Shirley Greenfield Shirley.Greenfield@marshall.k12.mn.us

Recognizing the necessity social distancing and of staying within mandated class size capacities, we will be utilizing the following measures for schedule changes:

- Students will not be transferred into a different hybrid attendance group.
- Schedule changes will be made for seniors who are missing required courses.
- Schedule changes will be made to correct errors or an incomplete schedule.

NEW THIS YEAR

The following details are provided to help families plan for a safe and productive school year. Recognizing the chance that plans could change, we will post any new details on our school website and on Facebook.

1. For the 2020-2021 school year, start and end times have been adjusted slightly to allow for safe social distancing on busses. **The new start time for MHS, MATEC, and MMS will be 8:15 (M, T, W, TH, F) with the end time being 3:15 (M, T, TH, F) and 2:35 (W).** If you have questions regarding pick up and drop off times for your route contact SW Coaches at 507-532-4043.
2. MHS students will report to their first block class immediately upon arrival to school. Students should plan on arriving no earlier than 7:45 am.
3. During the time we are using the hybrid learning model MHS students will not be issued a locker. All materials will be carried in backpacks, to and from classes. Lockers may be assigned to students if we return to the learning model with all students face to face.
4. Students should not bring sanitizers. The school will provide sanitation stations and hand-washing opportunities.
5. All students and adults will be required to wear face masks while at school.
6. The schools will provide masks for each child. Those will be distributed during orientation (Tuesday or Wednesday). In the event your child would also like a face shield, please contact us at the number above.
7. MHS will utilize the traditional A-F grading method. Other grading options will not be available this year.
8. Your child will need a water bottle. Fountains will not be available except to fill water bottles.
9. MHS will practice social distancing of 6 feet or more whenever possible. There will be times this is not possible. We will do the best that we can.
10. MHS will limit non-essential visitors, volunteers, and external groups to our building.

Food service information is as follows:

1. Breakfast and lunches will be bagged so that all materials can be disposed of efficiently.
2. Meals will be regular price unless you qualify for free/reduced. Details for applying for reduced meals can be found near the top of the MHS home page. Applications have been mailed to all MPS families.
3. A grab and go breakfast will be available between blocks 1 and 2. Breakfast will NOT be served before school.
4. Lunch will be broken up into 4 lunch periods in order to allow for proper social distancing in the cafeteria. Taher will be serving both a hot lunch and cold lunch choice.
5. Grab and go lunches will be available for pick up at the Fine Arts entrance between 11am – 1pm for students who are virtual learners and for those students who are in the Learn @ Home program. Meals will be regular price unless you qualify for free/reduced.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Students in grade 9 will have their first day of school/orientation on Tuesday, September 8.

Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 will have their first day of school/orientation on Wednesday, September 9.

MHS students are encouraged to bring general schools supplies, (notebooks, pencils, papers, etc.) with them on the first day of school. Teachers will communicate any specific classroom needs to the students on the first day of school.

Tuesday, September 8 (Grade 9 ONLY)

The 9th Grade MORNING group includes those students who have these Ramp Up teachers on their schedules:
Alberts, Bladholm, Hoversten, Peters, Purrington, Skalicky.

9th Grade students in the MORNING group will begin their day at 8:15 am and will follow this schedule:

- 8:15 am – 8:45 am: Welcome to MHS - Theater
- 8:45 am – 10:45 am: Orientation with Link Crew* Leaders
- 10:45 am – 11:45 am: Mini sessions of blocks 1-4

The 9th Grade AFTERNOON group includes those students who have these Ramp Up teachers on their schedules:
B. Bahlmann, T. Bahlmann, Cole, Eben, Peterson, Snyder

9th Grade students in the AFTERNOON group will begin their day at 11:45 am and will follow this schedule:

- 11:45 am – 12:15: Welcome to MHS - Theater
- 12:15 pm – 2:15 pm: Orientation with Link Crew* Leaders
- 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm: Mini sessions of blocks 1-4



***Link Crew** is a program designed to help ease the transition of 9th graders into the high school setting. The Link Crew program is based upon “linking” 9th graders with successful upperclassmen in order to provide a sense of academic and social support for the incoming 9th grade students.

Wednesday, September 9 (Grades 10, 11, 12 ONLY)

Blended Learning Groups 1,2, and 4 and will start their day at 8:15 am in their Ramp Up Classroom and follow this schedule:

- 8:15 am – 9:15 am: Welcome back meeting – students meet in Ramp Up classrooms
- 9:15 am – 11:15 am: Mini sessions of blocks 1-4
- 11:15: Students are dismissed

Blended Learning Groups 3 and 5 will start their day at 12:15 in their Ramp Up Classroom and follow this schedule:

- 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm: Welcome back meeting – students meet in Ramp Up classrooms
- 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm: Mini sessions of blocks 1-4
- 3:15: Students are dismissed

On Tuesday, 9/8 and Wednesday, 9/9 busses will be running at their normal times. If students do not have alternate transportation, there will be a place available for them to wait at the school until their orientation meeting begins or until 3:00 when the afternoon busses will depart. MHS will not be serving lunch to students on these dates.

In order to keep abreast of happenings at Marshall High School we will be utilizing the following communication tools:

- **Marshall High School website** – <https://www.marshall.k12.mn.us/Domain/45> this site will contain the most up to date information. We realize that the printed letter can become outdated quickly as situations and information evolves.
- **The Weekly Bulletin** will be posted on the MHS website under the “Find it Fast” list.
- **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** is a tool which gives you access to your child’s entry of the teacher gradebook and assignments, food service balance, and attendance. If you were using parent portal last year, you do not need to re-apply; simply use your same username and password. If you are new to our district or have not used the portal in the past, please visit the Marshall Public Schools website and request a parent portal application.
- **Twitter** – @MHSTigers and **Facebook** - @marshallhighschool for occasional updates about real time happenings in our school.
- **Blackboard Connect** is a program which allows us to send out mass emails and/or phone calls to households about upcoming events or when critical information needs to be sent out to large groups in a short amount of time.

As you can see from the above information, I am anticipating this will once again be an exciting year at Marshall High School! I believe that students at Marshall High School have the opportunity for a tremendous educational and social experience in order to help them be successful in life now and beyond high school.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing everyone the first week of school. As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact us at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Jones".

Brian Jones
Marshall High School Principal