

Marathon Junior-Senior High School

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Dear families:

This month marks one year since our lives were changed by the Coronavirus pandemic. What a year it has been! It also marks one year since I began as the principal of Marathon Jr-Sr High School. I have learned what a caring, dedicated, and strong community Marathon is. Even in a pandemic, there is no place I would rather be. I would like to take this opportunity to review a few important items with you.

Thursday, March 11 will be a fully remote day for Jr-Sr High School students. This is due to a large number of staff members receiving their second COVID vaccination the day prior. With the Jr-Sr HS going fully remote, we can ensure that we will have enough substitutes to keep Appleby Elementary open for in-person learning that day.

On March 11, all Jr-Sr HS students will learn virtually and follow their daily schedule from home. CTE programs will still run in-person. If you are a CTE student who needs transportation to/from CTE at midday on March 11th, please contact the Bus Garage at (607) 849-3325 by Friday, March 5th.

Friday, March 12 will be a fully remote half day for students UPK-grade 12. Students in grades 7-12 will follow the following bell schedule from home on that day:

Period 1 Class	7:50-8:16	Period 6 Class/Lunch	10:10-10:36
Period 2 Class	8:18-8:44	Period 7 Class	10:38-11:04
Period 3 Class	8:46-9:12	Period 8 Class	11:06-11:32
Period 4 Class/Lunch	9:14-9:40	Period 9 Class	11:34-12:00
Period 5 Class/Lunch	9:42-10:08		

On March 12, CTE students will participate in their programs remotely. Their CTE teachers will be expecting their remote participation that day. If a PM CTE student is able to transport themselves to their program at the normal time, they will be permitted to do so.

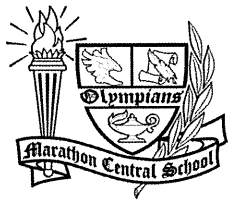
Course scheduling for 2021-22: Throughout the upcoming weeks, students will be meeting with their Guidance Counselor to discuss their courses for next year. Our Course Catalog, a sample 4 year high school planning guide, and the scheduling intent form that is used to plan a student's courses for the upcoming school year are all available on the school website ("High School" tab -- "Guidance Office" tab).

Calculating class rank: All grades received from freshman to junior year, and the summer following the junior year, are used as the basis for computing an unofficial ranking average to start the senior year. Rank is based on Marathon graduation credits and is considered a Marathon honor. For students who attend out-of-building placements or complete concurrent courses through OCM BOCES or TC3, course averages will be weighted for only those concurrent courses that are also offered in Marathon Jr-Sr HS and taught by MCS faculty. Please see pages 26-28 of the Student Handbook for more details.

Attendance: If a student experiences any technical difficulties while learning remotely, please contact the main office at (607) 849-3251 and we will notify your student's teachers.

For any absence, please contact Mrs. Gallagher in the Guidance Office at (607) 849-3229 or gallagher@marathonschools.org. Any student who has a legal absence from school (in person or remote) must provide a valid written excuse (including proof of a medical appointment) to the guidance office in order to be eligible to participate

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in extracurricular activities. Proof of a medical appointment should state the student's name and date of the appointment. Proof can be faxed directly from the medical provider to Guidance at 607-849-6768.

Athletic/Extracurricular Eligibility: Our typical attendance eligibility policy for all students who participate in extracurricular activities has been in effect since the week of January 25th. This policy applies to both in-person and remote days.

In order to be eligible to participate on the day of an extracurricular activity, a student must be on time and in school for the entire day. If a student has an unexcused tardy, unexcused absence (one or more periods), or is absent for more than half of the school day, they are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities that day. Extracurricular activities include but are not limited to sports teams and their competitions, clubs, dances, and attending any school sponsored activity. The list of ineligible students will be distributed to teachers, coaches, and club advisors daily.

Study Tables: Students on the pass restriction list can work toward becoming eligible by attending 4 study tables every 5 weeks. Students become eligible when they are passing their classes and have completed the study tables. Every 5 weeks we will re-examine the pass restriction list. Only students on the pass restriction list may attend study tables.

Study tables will be held at the following times:

Tuesdays for grades 9-12: 2:55-4:00pm in the Cafeteria (supervised by Mrs. McDougal)

Wednesdays for grades 7 & 8: 7-7:55am in Room 204 (supervised by Mrs. Rutan)

Parents must provide transportation to Wednesday morning study tables

Wednesdays for grades 7 & 8: 2:55-4:00pm in the Cafeteria (supervised by Mrs. McDougal)

Thursdays for grades 9-12: 7-7:55am in Room 204 (supervised by Mrs. Rutan)

Students must provide their own transportation to Thursday morning study tables

Thursdays for grades 9-12: 2:55-4:00pm in the Cafeteria (supervised by Mrs. Driscoll)

To attend study tables, students must sign up by 2 pm with Mrs. Penrose in the main office. At that time, they will indicate if they need bus transportation home. Space is limited to 20 students per day. **Again, study tables are only open to those students who are on the pass restriction list.**

Thank you for the warm welcome to this community over the past year. I look forward to the time when we will all be together, in person, cheering on our Olympians on the field, listening to our talented students perform on stage, and gathering for community events. I wish your family good health as we look forward to springtime.

Sincerely,

Holly E. Marcolina,
Principal