August 17th, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian and student,

Welcome back to the new school year! Albeit, I realize that it will be during some historic and tenuous times as we reopen schools in this pandemic. I can assure everyone that the staff has been working very hard to prepare and make adjustments such that we can keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. As it was announced earlier, there will be a *Welcome Back Orientation Day* for each grade level. Below is the schedule:

- **Monday, August 24th**
  All 12th grade students only will report in person for their 1st day of class. Students will report to homeroom where they will be receiving opening day items including an official copy of their schedule. We will also be reviewing COVID-19 protocols before proceeding onto their classes;

- **Tuesday, August 25th**
  All 11th grade students only will report in person for their 1st day of class. Students will report to homeroom where they will be receiving opening day items including an official copy of their schedule. We will also be reviewing COVID-19 protocols before proceeding onto their classes;

- **Wednesday, August 26th**
  All 10th grade students only will report in person for their 1st day of class. Students will report to homeroom where they will be receiving opening day items including an official copy of their schedule. We will also be reviewing COVID-19 protocols before proceeding onto their classes;

- **Thursday, August 27th**
  All 9th grade students only will report in person for their 1st day of class. Students will report to homeroom where they will be receiving opening day items including an official copy of their schedule. We will also be reviewing COVID-19 protocols before proceeding onto their classes;

**ALL Virtual students 9th thru 12th grades** who will be taking their classes virtually with Madison teachers will have a *Mandatory Pick-up* on:

- **(A thru K) Wednesday, August 26th between 5:00 and 8:00 pm**
- **(L thru Z) Thursday, August 27th between 5:00 and 8:00 pm**

Please try to attend the assigned night but if you have a conflict, it is OK to come on the other night. Students who requested a chromebook will have one issued to them. All students will receive their official schedule, student planner, textbooks needed for any courses in their 1st semester schedule, and other miscellaneous items;

- **Friday, August 28th**
  This will be the **FIRST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS including all virtual students.** Students will report directly to their 1st block class when they report to school as will virtual students who will log into their 1st block class;

**NOTE:** And we are off and running!!! Of course all of this information that is in this letter is subject to change at a moment's notice on mandates from the Governor's Office and/or the Lake County Health Department.
Some basic information for MHS students and parents/guardians:

- The bell schedule remains the same as in years past; school starts (1st block) at 8:10 am.
- Students will report directly to their 1st block class (there is no waiting in the cafeteria for the 8:00 bell) . . . students should plan to arrive at school no earlier than 7:45 am:
  - Buses will drop off students in the Middle Ridge loop to enter door #3;
  - Parents will continue to use the drop off (Burns Road) at the flag pole in the morning;
  - Students driving to school should not arrive before 7:45 am in the morning;
  - Students will be permitted to go to the cafeteria for (grab and go) breakfast items that they will take to their 1st block class to eat;
- Students will NOT be permitted to use their lockers until further notice. Please encourage your child to have a backpack to carry around their items;
- There will be NO LATE ARRIVAL TUESDAYS;
- There will be a staggered dismissal at the end of the day to allow more physical distancing as students leave the school. Students will be released in three groups: students taking the bus; students who are driving home; and, students staying at school for sport teams practices;
- Students who are learning in-person (at school) will not be permitted to share paper, pencils, pens, or any other supplies while in school. If your child does not have adequate supplies, please contact their counselor or an administrator;
- Please encourage your child to bring their OWN water bottle container or plastic bottles of water. The drinking fountains have all been changed to ‘bottle-filling’ stations ONLY;
- **Masks will be worn at all times in the building by students and staff.** Only N95 masks, surgical masks, and cloth masks are approved for wear in school (all gators and bandannas are NOT approved) . . . These guidelines will be reviewed by staff with students at orientation;
- Students will be required to wash and sanitize their hands several times during the day;
- Students learning in the Virtual (online) option are required to follow their class schedule that is the same as an in-person student. Attendance will be taken daily and you will receive a call if your child is absent from a class (virtually);
- Attendance procedures are outlined in the student planner. If a student is going to be absent whether it is In-person or Virtual, parents must call the attendance office, send in a note, or email the attendance office to EXCUSE an absence;
- If the ENTIRE school is directed to go online by the governor or the Health Department, all students will have login information and will attend their classes at the required times on their schedule as attendance will still be taken daily;
- It is CRITICAL that all parents update their EMA online, having a working phone number and an email address so that Infinite Campus updates can be sent to you and that teachers can contact parents and guardians;

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone and I am very excited to start the new school year!! It is going to be a FANTASTIC year!! GO BLUE STREAKS!! If you have a twitter account, remember that you can follow school events and activities on: Fish@BlueStreaksMHS

Sincerely,

William J. Fisher Jr.
Principal