

Marcellus Senior High School

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Dear Mustang Families,

I hope this correspondence finds you well! Each day brings new and interesting issues that we must address to keep our “new normal” moving forward. The phrase of the week is “Continuity of Learning”. As public educators we must ensure that we are providing a continuity of learning for our students. To that end, our teachers are working hard to provide relevant and rigorous work in the amount that we think our students can handle. Since this is new to all, it is very important for students to communicate with their teachers; computer troubles, content troubles, skills troubles, volume of work troubles. Step one in problem solving starts with specific teacher.

Junior Prom/Senior Ball

I have some bad news here. The Junior Prom is postponed. We heard from the Lodge that all events are cancelled through the month of April. That impacts our venue even if we were able to come back. Once we have a clearer picture of the duration of our current status, we will be looking at rescheduling the Junior Prom. We will get a Junior Class Officer Meeting together quickly to make plans.

As of the writing of this correspondence, the Senior Ball is still on.

AP Exams

There have been some changes! We are confident that our students are well prepared for their AP Exams. We are moving forward with our preparation. With that said, we are awaiting guidance from the College Board as to the specifics of the new test formats. What we can tell you:

- There will be two administrations of each specific AP exam
- All exams will be in an on-line format and last 45 minutes
- The format of each exam will be free response
- AP Art portfolio will still be electronic submission

We will have more information in early April. If students and/or parents have concerns about whether these scores will transfer to the colleges students are interested in or going to, you should reach out to the respective admissions departments. If you have concerns about your particular AP exam, please reach out to your teacher. More information and updates can be found on the [AP Central](#) web page.

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Athletics

Per the Governor's order, all interscholastic athletics are now postponed until at least Wednesday, April 15, 2020. More to come on that as information evolves.

Did You Leave Something In School?

The Senior High School is closed to students and visitors, but if students need something out of their lockers, they can email me. I will get what you need and we can arrange an appropriate, socially distanced exchange.

Remember.....Stay Connected!

Stay connected with your teachers! Stay connected with me! Here are three ways to stay connected: First, go to the school district web page. It is a plethora of information! I will also provide information on the slide show on the Senior High School page. You can also follow me on Instagram. Search @StangPrinicpal and follow me. I will post daily. I will also use School Messenger to make calls home if necessary. Additionally, many of your teachers are using Remind and Google Classroom.

Your counselors are also available through email or via Remind if you have any concerns. The Remind codes are listed below. Simply text the code to 81010.

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2020: @harcas	2020: @b3f427	2020: @7dbch4
2021: @7ha739e	2021: @4ce399	2021: @akcc3f
2022: @3bak8k	2022: @kbattagli	2022: @6g698h8
2023: @hkdedb6	2023: @9f78d3	2023: @bb6389

Or Mrs. Hitchcock @ebfbch

Finally, if you do not have any internet access at home, please call the main office at 315-673-6300. We may be able to help.

Most Sincerely,



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