

Marcellus Senior High School

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Week 4-April 13-17

<u>Senior High School Events Update</u>		
<u>Event</u>	<u>Scheduled For</u>	<u>Status</u>
1. Spring Sports	March 13-Spring	Postponed (TBD)
2. Junior Prom	April 24, 2020	Postponed (TBD)
3. Regents Exams	Late June	Cancelled
4. AP Exams	Starting in May	Still On
5. Senior Ball	June 13, 2020	Still On
6. Commencement	June 28, 2020	Still On

Dear Mustang Families,

Greetings from Mustang Hill! The other day a parent asked me (from an appropriate social distance), what do I do all day up at the Senior High? I think my answer is pretty similar to many. So, here it is: I am working harder, in a direction that is foreign to me, while trying to maintain some sense of normalcy, comforted in knowing that, "this too shall pass." Sound familiar?

Here is an update on some of the pressing issues of the day:

Regents are Cancelled

By now you know that the New York State Department of Education has cancelled Regents exams. What does that mean for you?

- If you were in a class that ends with a Regents exam and you pass the class, you will get Regents credit automatically.
- If you fail a class that ends with a Regents exam, you must go to summer school and pass summer school to get the Regents credit.
- If you intended to retake a Regents Exam in June and had signed up with your counselor, you will receive Regents credit.
- For many, the retake is to try to raise a passing grade. In this instance, it will not raise your grade, as the state has directed us to look at the exemption as a 65.

If you have any more specific questions regarding this exemption and how it applies to you/your child, reach out to his/her school counselor.

Fourth Quarter Grades and Final Grades

We have been waiting for the state to give us guidance on the Regents exams. We are working to implement a fair and equitable policy that will support student learning and sustain motivation. I would say we will have something out early next week.

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Cabin Fever

Believe it or not, this is a real thing! Many of you may be feeling irritable and restless, and maybe even a little sad. The best cure right now is to get out of the house. Shut down the computer, turn off your phone, put down the video games, stop binge watching shows, put on your hiking shoes and take a long walk. There is something about getting some clean air in your lungs that takes the crankiness away for a little while. On top of that, the school counselors have been putting out a Covid-19 Needs Assessment every other week. From the comments, it is heartening to see that people are passing the time by baking, reading, sewing, etc. If you are struggling in any way, our counselors are available to talk to you at anytime. Simply reach out to them on Remind or email. They will get back to you with the best way to communicate.

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. **This includes art supplies as long as you go through your teacher first.**

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 @StangPrincipal 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. You can always email me at jdurkee@marcellusschools.org.

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.

Arcese:

2020: @harcres

2021: @7ha739e

2022: @3bak8k

2023: @hkdedb6

Battaglia:

2020: @b3f427

2021: @4ce399

2022: @kbattagli

2023: @9f78d3

Baker:

2020: @7dbch4

2021: @akcc3f

2022: @6g698h8

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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