

# Marcellus Senior High School

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Week 4-April 13-17

Senior High School Events Update		
Event	Scheduled For	Status
1. Spring Sports	March 13-Spring	Postponed (TBD)
2. Junior Prom	April 24, 2020	Postponed (TBD)
3. ACT's	April 4th, 2020	June 13th (tentatively)
4. SAT's	June	Postponed until August
5. Regents Exams	Late June	Cancelled
6. AP Exams	Starting in May	Still On
7. Senior Ball	June 13, 2020	Still On
8. Commencement	June 28, 2020	Still On

Dear Mustang Families,

Week 5! I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. As we swing into the fourth quarter, still uncertain if/when we will return to school, my spirits are lifted daily by simple acts of kindness; students reaching out via email to see how I am doing? People yelling and waving as I drive down North Street. The honk of a horn outside of my office window to say "hello!" That is why I love Marcellus so much! We genuinely care about and for each other!

## School Closure Extension

As you know, Governor Cuomo has extended New York Pause for an additional two weeks, ending on May 15th. Part of New York Pause is school closures. All requirements, including food, continuity of learning, alternative and special education requirements are also extended. That would mean a tentative return to school on Monday, May 18th, 2020. Remember, the important word is **tentative**, as our leader is making decisions in two week chunks. I will endeavor to keep you apprised of all school event updates in the green box above.

## 4th Quarter Grades and Grading

We are constantly trying to take the pulse of our kids and the current situation. Given the nature of the closure, the exemption of the Regents exams, and trying to measure the amount, rigor, and relevance of the work that is being completed by our students independently, we fully realize that this fourth quarter will look and feel differently. Superintendent Brantner is providing a detailed correspondence from the district to you this weekend that will address the 4th quarter and grading. If you have any questions regarding this, please reach out to your child's school counselor.

If you are concerned about a particular course or subject, please correspond with the teacher directly. Our teachers are caring, understanding, and flexible. This situation is very new to them too. We can keep problems small by communicating early and often. Problem-solving starts with a conversation between the family and the teacher.

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## SAT's and ACT's

SAT-College Board has canceled the June 6 administration of the SAT's. If it is deemed to be safe, they will start monthly administrations in August. For the latest information, College Board has set up a [Covid-19 Updates](#) page.

ACT's-As of right now, the students who signed up for the April 4th administration of the ACT are rescheduled for June 13th. You should be getting an email from ACT regarding this. For the latest information, ACT has set up a [Covid-19 Updates](#) page on their website.. Additionally, [ACT Resources](#) provides students and families with more information about preparing for the assessment.

As of right now, all SAT/ACT prep classes at the Senior High are cancelled. If you signed up and paid, you will be reimbursed as expeditiously as possible.

## 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.**

## Senior Yard Signs

The Marcellus Academic Club has graciously offered to purchase every senior a Mustang Seniors 2020 yard sign. When they arrive, I might have to take a drive around the district!!! I will let seniors/families know when they have arrived and planned distribution.

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## 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](mailto: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: @harcas

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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