



# MORTON High School

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Parents and students:

We continue to evaluate this situation on an hourly basis and we're working collaboratively to push out information as soon as it is accurate. Because these are deemed "Act of God" days, teachers may push out resources to our students and encourage them to stay engaged with learning. These resources aren't required and will not be graded.

If students need to enter the school to retrieve books or belongings please use the following schedule on Tuesday, March 17:

### MHS students by last names

A - C at 10:00am

D - J at 11:00am

K - N at 12:00pm

O - Sh at 1:00pm

Si - Z at 2:00pm

- Only current students or one parent will be allowed in the building.
- Students/parents are highly encouraged to follow these guidelines but the school will be open 10:00am-3:00pm in case they are not available during their designated time.
- The school will be open during these designated times on Tuesday, March 17 only.
- All students should enter through the main doors on Illinois Ave. The canopy doors will not be open.
- Students will not be able to congregate, they are asked to retrieve their belongings and then exit the building.
- MOST teachers have pushed out their materials electronically. If you don't have a reason to be in the building, there is no need to be here.

We are also concerned about the emotional well being of our students during this time. Social distancing may lead to feelings of disconnect and loneliness. Even during the Act of God days, here are ways that students can seek support from the school:

- MHS Counselors, social worker, and school psychologist will be available via email. If requested by a student, Google platform (Hangouts, Meet, etc.) can be arranged for connecting face-to-face. Phone calls can also be scheduled. Mr. Oyer and Mrs. Adolphson are also available via email.
- Counselors will continue communication with students, parents, and teachers regarding 504 accommodations, check and connect meetings, and senior academic progress toward graduation. Please contact your counselor if you are having any issues with 504 accommodations during e-learning.



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- If you are unable to reach your counselor, social worker, or school psychologist and need assistance, please contact Walt Nunnally, private mental health counselor at [walt.nunnally@mcusd709.org](mailto:walt.nunnally@mcusd709.org) or 678-5128. Find a trusted adult in your life for support. This could include parents, teachers, coaches, or church leaders. Please reference resources on the MHS counseling website if needed: <https://mhs.morton709.org/counseling/crisis-resources>

The deadline for Local Scholarships remains the same--3:00pm on March 17. Students can submit their applications electronically to Taylor King ([Taylor.King@mcusd709.org](mailto:Taylor.King@mcusd709.org)) or drop off paper applications in a plastic container at the main entrance on Illinois Ave.

We are communicating with the CollegeBoard on PSAT/SAT/AP testing dates. As of today, nothing has changed but we expect more guidance from them in the near future.

Information about how anyone can access free meals is attached to this email.

**For the most up-to-date information please see the MHS web site or Facebook.** If you have any additional questions regarding school procedures during this time please feel free to email me.

Sincerely,  
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