



# MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear MVHS Parent or Guardian,

I hope this note finds you and your family healthy and well! We begin this year very different from any other in recent memory. This summer our staff has been working diligently to prepare for a school year that will begin in the Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) model. Preparations will continue right up until the first day of school (Monday, September 14th). Opening school in a distance model will challenge all of us to continue to work together to do what we can to ensure high levels of learning for all Cougar students. The decision to return to brick and mortar classrooms will be [evaluated by our district leadership](#) every six weeks.

Our office lobby is currently open from 8am – 3pm daily. We ask that in-person visits are limited to essential school business. Visitors must wear protective face coverings, sanitize hands upon arrival and maintain at least 6ft social distance from others. We are also available for questions big and small at **541-355-4406**.

I understand that we do not currently have answers to all of your questions, but I would like to share some initial details today to help families begin planning for fall.

- **School Start Date Change:** the school year will begin on Monday, September 14, 2020 in the Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) model.
- **Daily Class Schedule:** a district wide team is in the final stages of completing the daily class schedule that will be used this year by all large high schools. Once this is finalized we will share it with students and parents.
- **Student Schedules:** student class schedules will be viewable through StudentVUE/ParentVUE by Sept 9th. More information will be shared regarding student schedules in the coming weeks.
- **Material Return (for Withdrawing Students):** if your student will be **withdrawing from MVHS** (whether that is to enroll 100% in Bend-La Pine Schools Online, enrolling with another district or enrolling at a private/charter/home school option), please return all media center materials to us as soon as possible (including ipad, brick/cord, keyboards, textbooks and novels). Simply bag and label your resources with the student's name and drop them in the collection box located inside the main entrance doors daily between 8am-2pm.
- **Material Return/Distribution (for Current Students):** please mark your calendar for our material collection drive through event on **Thursday, August 27th from 11am-3pm** in the front MV bus loop. Fines will be assessed for any materials that are not returned. We are also working on a plan to provide students with new resources to use during CDL including textbooks, journals and other essential course materials. Dates and times for the distribution of these items will follow next week.
- **Parent Survey:** please complete the survey that was emailed to all parents last week. This information is very important to have as we plan for the start of the school year: [Survey Linked Here](#)



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- **Canvas:** this is the new digital classroom platform adopted by the district for all secondary schools. More information and training on how to utilize this platform will be shared in the coming weeks.
- **2020 Yearbooks:** a curb side pick up event will take place on [Aug 25 & 26 from 12pm-4pm](#) in the MV bus loop to distribute 2020 yearbooks.
- **School Pictures:** currently school photos are on hold. We will provide more information when it becomes available.

I know the idea of not starting school in the building is hard on students, parents and staff. I encourage all of us to continue to do what we can to decrease the spread of COVID-19 throughout our community, so that we can hit the OHA metrics and open our buildings back up for students and staff.

As we wait for the county health metrics to be met for in person education, our staff will strive to model positivity and flexibility with all of the students and families we will be working with this fall. Our goals during a remote environment are not different from when we are on campus:

- We believe we are strongest together. Our administrators, teachers and support staff will work together to support your student through the most unique educational journey in history.
- We will strive to prioritize curriculum that is relevant, engaging, and accessible for our students.
- Even during remote learning we will look to prioritize relationships and community, and create an environment that is safe and welcoming for ALL students.

Our partnerships with our parents and community are more important than ever. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or ideas. I am humble and proud to serve our students and school during this time. **Go Cougars!**

Sincerely,

Michael Hicks  
Principal



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