

Good Evening!

I hope that this information finds you and your family safe and healthy.

With any fluid situation, there will be times when confusion and or frustration with change can be felt. It is how we react during these times that can define us and who we will become. If you have questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me.

With the Governor's announcement today that all school activities will be closed effective Wednesday, March 18th, through Friday, March 27th, and that the announcement will be re-evaluated, I would like to provide you some additional information as it pertains to our students for Monday and Tuesday as well as information concerning when buildings at MSA may be open for pickup of student resources.

As stated in an earlier email by Mr. Johnston, MSA will be open tomorrow, Monday, March 16th, during the following times for parents and/or students to **pick up their resources (laptop/Chromebook, textbooks, notebooks, other student materials)**.

Monday, March 16th

7-8 am – Last names beginning A-D
8-9 am – Last names beginning E-G
9-10 am – Last names beginning H-L
10-11 am – Last names beginning M-O
11-12 pm – Last names beginning P-R
12-1 pm – Last names beginning S-V
1-2 pm – Last names beginning W-Z
2-3 pm – Open, but please use only if absolutely necessary

Tuesday, March 17th

8-9 am – Open, but please only use if absolutely necessary

Should you need to pick up materials, please come prepared to enter the building, pick up the items you need, and then leave the campus. By keeping your visit to MSA as brief as possible, we hope to minimize the amount of exposure by anyone. While MSA staff may be on campus, they will not be available for social interactions.

On Tuesday, MSA will be conducting e-learning classes so that students may receive some direction from their classroom teachers and administration concerning the virus. During the day, students should receive information on what areas they should review to stay as current as possible with the topics discussed prior to spring break. This should allow the class to proceed with their academic endeavors when regular school classes resume.

Because Tuesday will count as a school day, parents are reminded to call the attendance line or email the school if their student will not be attending the e-learning classes.

Starting on Wednesday, MSA (and all public schools in Minnesota) will be closed through March 27th. There will NOT be an e-learning days after Tuesday.

All before school and after school activities (including all clubs and field trips) are cancelled with the hope of rescheduling as many events as possible once regular school classes resume. This includes the

Sound of Hope Concert, Robotics, all MSHSL athletics, Pi Day (the PTO is looking at rescheduling this for 4.13, April 13th) if school is in session.

Despite the potential for disruption, this virus is no match for the collective capabilities of the MSA community. This virus lacks the creativity, passion, and a tenacious desire to overcome obstacles; all of which are characteristics emblematic the MSA community.

Thank you for your continued vigilance, attention and flexibility on this ever changing situation.

Stay Healthy!

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