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MRSD COVID-19/Remote Learning Update April 20, 2020

Please continue to follow the CDC recommendations for social distancing and keeping groups that are meeting to a minimal number (suggested: no more than five). That being said, please know that social distancing does not mean isolation. Please use whatever technology or method of communication you have to keep connecting with family members, friends, colleagues during this unique and challenging time. Take care and stay healthy. #stayhomesaveslives

NEW UPDATES

- **SGN (Some Good News) #4!:** Click on the link below for this week's installment of Some Good News! Featured this week: a huge shout-out to all hard-working employees (like many of our family members and high school students) who are keeping grocery stores open, USPS Mail and FedEx and UPS boxes coming, etc. Also featured is a tribute to Seniors Class of 2020 with a virtual prom featuring celebrities from the musical world. Enjoy!
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQLi2GYVULc>
- **New this week! From our MRSD talented School Psychologist Team, Dr. Barry Roy and Ms. Charlotte Duval...Coping Strategies That Families Can Use.** Please check our Parent Resource section of our website www.mascenic.org for three newly added resources: Calm Down Hero (features the importance of counting back from 10 to reach a calm place), Worry Coping Cards, and Deep Breathing Social Stories (featuring children sharing strategies for deep breathing through stress). Our School Psychologist Team can be reached at broy@mascenic.org and cduval@mascenic.org.
- **School Calendar for MRSD 2020- 2021:** will be posted in our Parent Resource section on our website www.mascenic.org
- **MRSD Food Service UPDATE!:** This is a reminder that our FreshPicks Cafe service is **FREE** to ALL MRSD Students! And now we have added a **DELIVERY** service for those parents who work or, for whatever reason, are unable to get to MRHS between the hours of 11 am and 1 pm, Monday through Friday. If you are interested in delivery, please contact our Director of Facilities, Mr. Craig Reynolds at creynolds@mascenic.org or he can be reached at 291-2007 (Mr. Reynolds checks messages daily).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGING

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- **Year End Food Service Account Balances:** Student and staff accounts will roll over into the next school year. We will work on a separate plan for our graduating seniors and any student leaving the school district.
- **MRSD Healthy Eating/Menu Tip #4:** Please visit our Parent Resource section on our website www.mascenic.org for today's latest healthy food tips using a jar of salsa.
- **MRSD Healthy Eating/Menu Tip #3:** Please visit our Parent Resource section on our website www.mascenic.org for yesterday's healthy eating and menu tips! Yesterday's edition featured foods that will help you combat stress during this time of COVID-19 and Remote Learning. You'll also find a healthy smoothie recipe to help one start one's day on a healthy and positive note. Enjoy!
- **Healthy Eating/Menu Tips:** Many thanks to BMS Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Ms. Jean Brunell, for her idea of a Family Recipe Challenge posted in our Parent Resource section on our website. Sharing family meals together, as quoted in the article, has been one of the "precious few good things" to come out of this pandemic experience. Please let us know how YOUR Family Recipe Challenge turns out!
- **Healthy Eating/Menu Tips:** this week we have been featuring daily healthy eating/menu tips (to go along with last week's Fitness Tips) provided by our very own talented MRSD Family and Consumer Science Teachers, Ms. Shea Higley @ MRHS and Ms. Jean Brunell at BMS. Did you know you can crack eggs into freezer trays and use them for cooking later on!? Find out more in their first weekly installment in our Parent Resource page at www.mascenic.org. For any menu-planning or recipe questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Higley at shigley@mascenic.org or Ms. Brunell at jbrunell@mascenic.org.
- **NOTE TO BMS AND MRHS PARENTS ON QUARTER 4 GRADING (HHES RECEIVED A SEPARATE LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL SAARI):**

Dear Middle and High School Parents/Guardians/Students:

The following outline explains how the grading will occur during Quarter 4 at both Boynton Middle School and Mascenic Regional High School. It also details how a final Quarter 4 grade will be calculated. Should you have any questions regarding the grading procedures for Quarter 4, please

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contact your building's administrator. PLEASE NOTE: Parents of HHES students will receive separate grading information from Principal Saari.

Quarter 4 Assignments: each assignment, during remote learning, will be recorded in a teacher's gradebook as a PASS or FAIL or EXEMPT; descriptions for each letter are below.

- Fail will be for assignments that students submit that are academically dishonest or inappropriate documents or if a student failed to turn in the assignment (Missing indicator to be used in addition to FAIL being entered).
- Pass will be for assignments that students submit and meet the goals/standards/competencies of the assignment or assessment
- Exempt will be used to indicate that a student was not required to do the assignment (This could be due to the student being ill, excused due to Special Education/504 modification/accommodations, or any extenuating circumstances communicated to the teacher or administrator).
- You will notice an exempt from final grade symbol, that just means the symbol doesn't calculate final grade, those will be calculated by hand.

Q4 Final Grade: the final grade will be calculated out to be either a pass (P) or fail (F) or no grade (NG). Final Quarter 4 grades will be determined by the majority of either passing or failing assigned assignments. For this calculation, exempted (X) and passing (P) grades will both be considered a passing grade.

- **NG** - will equal a 0 for Quarter 4 grade. This will be assessed to students that fail to engage in remote learning or have only submitted academically dishonest pieces.
 - Students may appeal the NG grade to administration, through email, mail, or by phone prior to July 1, but after the close of grades.
- **F** - will equal a 50 numerical grade.
 - Students may appeal the F grade to administration, through email, in writing, or by phone prior to July 1, but after the close of grades.
- **P** - will equal a 95 numerical grade.
 - Students may appeal the P grade, if they believe their cumulative body of work has consistently been over a 95 average and believe their gpa will be misrepresented by the 95 average. Students must do so through email, in writing, or by phone prior to July 1, but after the close of grades.

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At this time there are no decisions being made regarding final exams that are traditionally held at the high school. Once a decision has been made regarding final exams, an update will be provided through a daily notification.

- **APRIL VACATION (4/27-5/1/20):** *Approved by our Mascenic School Board on Monday, April 6, 2020.* It was proposed and approved that we will continue Remote Learning during the week of April 27th - May 1st (our traditional April Vacation). As of right now, our last day of the school year will be June 5th (and not June 12th).
- Our wonderful IT Team is diligently working on chromebook repairs and distribution for any student who was unable to pick one up last week. If you are having any issues, please contact them via:
 - **Student Technical Help Line:** Mon-Fri: 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
 - (603) 291-2361 or **Email:** studenthelp@mascenic.org

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