



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

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RE: Welcome Back Letter

To: Students and Families of Morton Jr/Sr High School

The 20/21 school year is nearly here. With the current COVID situation still looming throughout our state and country, our upcoming school year will again be affected in multiple ways. You have probably already been informed that our district will be fully online for this fall. This decision is a mandate from our County Health District Officer. All schools in Lewis, Thurston, Pierce, King, and Pacific counties will be online as mandated by their County Health District Officers. Other counties will follow similar paths if they haven't already. No matter how it is affected there are several items that you need to know and I will briefly address in the list below. Please make sure you read and understand the bullets below as this will have a direct impact on learning:

- August 24th - This is an important day for students. Two items are occurring on campus this day:
 - Pictures will be taken so please go to <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/> to complete your picture packet, or you make fill one out on-site when you arrive on the 24th of August.
 - Our picture ID is: **EVTJMTSM**
 - This year our district is moving to a 1-to-1 system, which means all students will have a computer checked out to them. The computer will be used for both online and in-class activities. Students will need to check-out a computer or use one from home. Either way, a computer is necessary.
- Canvas - All online learning and activities that take place in our school district will be done through a system called Canvas. This is true for all grades K-12, and in all courses and classes. Students will use the school email login and password to access their courses in Canvas.
- Zoom - When classes are held online Zoom is our portal where students will have to access their classes. While in Zoom, students are expected to participate and engage appropriately.
- Attendance - Last spring the State of Washington determined that attendance would not be held against kids during our immediate shutdown of school. This year is different. Attendance will be taken daily and will include not only students being logged in to Canvas and/or Zoom during their assigned class time, but also based upon their participation and engagement.
- Assignments - Assignments will be assigned and are required to be turned in on time and complete. Failure to do so will result in a failing grade for the assignment.
- Grades - For the 20/21 school year final grades for classes will be our usual A, A-, B, C, D, F, or I (for Incomplete). Incomplete grades will automatically become an F if they are not addressed within two weeks following each quarter.

The Morton School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator/ADA Coordinator/Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator and Superintendent John Hannah, 152 Westlake Avenue, Morton, WA, 98356, 360-496-5300, jhannah@morton.k12.wa.us, or Section 504 Coordinator Becky Brooks, 152 Westlake Avenue, Morton, WA, 98356, 360-496-5137, bbrooks@morton.k12.wa.us.

- RTI/STAR 360 - With so much of the last school year done remotely, the state is requiring all schools to measure and address student progress. For our school, this includes our assessment of students with STAR 360 and our RTI class during our third period. This class is not for a Pass/Fail grade as it has been in the past, instead, students will receive a letter grade of A, A-, B, C, D, F, or I. As for the STAR 360 assessment, student scores will be used in both RTI classes as a test that contributes to their grade, and also in the appropriate core classes such as English and Math.

We know that many of our families have limited access to the internet. We have a limited supply of hotspots from T-Mobile to help relieve this need. These hotspots will only work with district devices. For our families who live in areas where T-Mobile doesn't have service students/families will be able to download their work for Canvas by accessing the WiFi available on campus. We are looking for other options and will continue to look for ways to improve access as we move forward.

Please make plans to be here on the 24th of August to have your picture taken, pick up your schedule, and your Chromebook. We will begin at 8:00 AM. All students will need to be temperature checked first at the tent in front of the library. After this, they will enter the library for their picture and then be given their schedule and check out their computer as they exit the building.

School will begin on September 1st, which is approaching fast.

See you soon ...

John Hannah
Superintendent/7-12 Principal
Morton School District