



Maryville High School

825 Lawrence Avenue • Maryville, Tennessee 37803
(865) 982-1132 • Fax (865) 983-1440

March 20, 2020

MHS Parent Information for Building Closure Due to the Pandemic

Parents and Students,

I sincerely hope as you read this that you have been able to enjoy your spring break and pray you are finding success as we adapt our lives to the guidance provided by our government and health professionals. As Dr. Winstead mentioned in his communication (<https://www.maryville-schools.org/central-office/coordinated-school-health/covid-19-coronavirus>), our guidance to you may change based on new data or mandates. We will utilize our mass communication tools (calling with messages, text alerts, and website links) to provide the most current procedures and processes. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

School Communication

At this time, students will return to school on April 6th. During our building closure time due the pandemic, the MHS school office will be closed to visitors, but **we will be receiving phone calls at 982-1132 between 9 AM and Noon beginning March 23rd**. In order to promote a healthy environment and best serve you at our secure front entrance should you need to visit, parents and students may go to our website, <https://mhs.maryville-schools.org/>, select **PARENTS & STUDENTS**, then select **Schedule a time to pick up items during building closure**. A calendar will open for you to select a day and a 15 minute time slot (between 9 AM and Noon) to be individually served. **BEFORE BOOKING A TIME, please verify you have contacted the appropriate teacher or personnel to verify your materials are available for pickup.** Please respect others space by waiting outside if someone is being helped at our support window and practice recommended distancing while waiting outside. Performing arts teachers, technology coordinators, and our school nurses will be making contact with families to schedule an opportunity to pick up musical instruments, technology items, and medications. We will continue to post updates and announcements on our website under Quicklinks, School Closure Updates. As previously mentioned, we will utilize our mass communication tools (calling with messages, text alerts, and website links) to provide the most current procedures and processes.

Course Instruction

Beginning Wednesday, March 25th, MHS teachers will begin providing online lessons. My discussion with teachers included only using tools and strategies with students that they have used previously. Teachers will maintain a course calendar, announcements, attendance or engagement records, instructional units, assignments, feedback on student work, and grades. Live discussions, recorded lessons and discussions, and messaging are all tools available as instruction moves online. Teachers will be communicating through Canvas and MCS email to answer student questions for 90 minutes a day. If parent conferencing needs to be scheduled, it will be conducted with district supplied conferencing or video channels.

ACCREDITED BY SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL: GREG ROACH

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: BRETT COULTER, JOSEPH A. PINKERTON, DONNA WORTHAM, MARIA GREENE



Maryville High School

825 Lawrence Avenue • Maryville, Tennessee 37803
(865) 982-1132 • Fax (865) 983-1440

Final Thoughts

We expect to send mid-term grades and 2020-2021 course registration forms out by April 3rd.

Students experiencing tech problems may complete this form: www.bitly.com/mcselearningteam ; it is also in [Classlink](#). All policies regarding technology use with Maryville City Schools still apply. Please help monitor your child's computer usage to be sure students are safe online.

If you have a concern regarding the correctness of your family contact information, please contact MHS during the previously mentioned business hours. Please check your emails, texts, and our website information regularly for updates.

Thank you for your support and the encouragement you will provide to your child as we make this transition to delivering course work online. Contact us when we can help. We at MCS wish health and safety for you and your family as we navigate the challenges that come with the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Principal
Maryville High School
825 Lawrence Ave.
Maryville, TN 37803
(865)982-1132
(865)983-1440 fax

ACCREDITED BY SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL: GREG ROACH

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: BRETT COULTER, JOSEPH A. PINKERTON, DONNA WORTHAM, MARIA GREENE