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**Remote Learning** 

Hello MJHS Families,

As many of you know, the World Health organization (WHO) officially declared a coronavirus pandemic as of Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. To be clear, this this designation does not change WHO's assessment of the threat of the virus. Rather, it is a continued reminder to governments and organizations around the world the mitigation and containing COVID-19 requires urgent and aggressive action by everyone.

In light of that, health officials are increasingly emphasizing "Social Distancing", the practice of limiting our close-range engagement with others (Particularly in larger groups). Governor Mills' address emphasized the importance and benefits of social distancing as a strategy to slow the spread of the virus.

MJHS:

- All school related events are cancelled until further notice.
- Junior High will only be open for essential staff.
- Distance Learning:
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Staff have prepared distance learning packets for each student.
  - The Packets will have learning experiences for students to complete over the next 2 weeks.
  - A student schedule will be provided to help guide you at home.
  - We will have a Pick up / Drop off method to roll out materials
    - The first pick up will be Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 6:00pm JH Lobby (Please use front door)
      - We had some concerns (We will make every effort to get these Packets to you (We will deliver, mail, or you can call when you get to the school and we can deliver curbside.)
    - We have placed in your child's packet their 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Report cards.
    - All Remote Learning Logs and assignments (Packets) are Due March 30<sup>th</sup> and will need to be collected in order to assess your child with a grade. Please make sure you complete packets.
    - If by chance we extend school closure, we will schedule another Pickup/Dropoff Time.
- Remember we are not expecting students to master new concepts. We are simply trying to foster routine, retain and maintain learned materials and create a **new normalcy** for our students.
- Communication options:
  - Documents and other district communication will be available when you pick up packets.
  - $\circ$  More information will be available on the district website.
  - Teachers will be making contact with you Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays, to check on students, their progress and to see if you have any questions. As always, staff will be available by email.
  - If you call the Junior High (696-3381) please leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

Thank You

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