

August 11, 2020

Greetings,

It's been a long time since our kids were in school and I am really looking forward to filling up these empty hallways. I know there is some anxiety about the students returning in regards to the COVID-19 virus. I understand these feelings, but want to assure you that we will be taking every precaution to provide your child a solid education during these troubling times.

We have been given guidelines by the State of Michigan Department of Education as to how students will return to school. Regions across the State will be categorized by phases according to various measures associated with the virus.

- Phases 1, 2 and 3 will be off campus, distance learning similar to how the year ended.
- Phases 4 and 5 have students back in the building. Phase 4 is more restrictive than Phase 5. For example, face masks are mandatory in Phase 4 but not Phase 5.
- Phase 6 is post pandemic.

There are **two changes** that I need to bring to your immediate attention.

1. Face masks will be a requirement for all staff and students in grades 6-12. Families will have the option to have their child wear a face mask and attend school in a traditional manner or opt out and receive distance (off campus) learning services.
2. The number of "walk-in" (non-scheduled) appointments is going to be limited to emergencies only. Parents will no longer be permitted to drop lunches or forgotten items such as homework, gym clothes or uniforms.

Enclosed you will find a "Face Mask Compact" that must be filled out and returned to the high school office by **August 21**. **Please read it carefully and return it as soon as possible**. I want complete transparency on this matter and fully expect many questions. Feel free to call, email or visit with me in person.

Looking forward to hearing from you,



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PLEASE TURN OVER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Distance Learning at the Manistique Middle and High School

Students that are receiving their education via Distance Learning (DL-Students) through the Manistique Middle and High School will "attend" classes according to their schedule. This is different from last year when students could work on their assignments at their own pace. Assignments will be given through the live classroom feed or as attached to the Google Classroom and submitted virtually or dropped off at school. DL-Students will have their attendance taken by the hour and receive traditional grades. Attendance and grades for DL-Students will be tracked in PowerSchool. DL-Students will agree and adhere to the guidelines as set forth in the Manistique Area Middle and High School Distance Learning Handbook. Finally, DL-Students will be expected to take all mandatory State Standardized tests, in person, at the Manistique Middle and High School.

Picture Schedule

High School Picture Day - August 25th

8:00 - 10:00	12th Grade
10:00 - 12:00	11th Grade
12:00 - 2:00	9th and 10th Grade

Middle School Picture Day - August 27th

5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	6th Grade
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	7th Grade
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	8th Grade

Pictures will be taken at the Middle/High School in the Community Room

Please refer to: <https://mmhs.manistiqueschools.org> for information about the Manistique M/HS COVID-19 Response Plan.