

Hello HMS Students, Parents & Guardians,

Wow, this has been a hectic couple of weeks. One thing we know at HMS is that we miss our students already. We have been working hard organizing and planning for the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience and grace. We will be monitoring the next couple weeks to make sure that there is enough patience and grace to go around as we are building this airplane while we are flying it! We know that we will get through this and our teachers are working quickly and collegially to develop high quality curriculum to bridge the gap between now and whenever we can come back!

I wanted to share with you the plan for Thursday and Friday this week. Technically, the Governor has not declared school canceled beyond this Friday, March 27. We are certain this will happen in the coming days and know that we need to be ready for a March 30 start to our distance learning. There is more around that distance learning that we will share by the end of this week, but we need to provide time where students/families who need devices can come to HMS to get them. At the same time we will also allow students who want to grab personal items out of their lockers or pick up their musical instrument to be able to do this. **All this needs to be done practicing social distancing.** Please read the information below to find out when you can come to HMS on Thursday or Friday. NOTE: we shuffled the alphabet for Friday, so please pay close attention:

Middle School Device/ Resource Accessibility

Students who do not have access to a device will have the opportunity to check out one from the school. See the distribution schedule below.

THURSDAY, March 26 A-H from 8:00 - 10:00 I-Q from 10:00 - 12:00 R-Z from 1:00 - 3:00	FRIDAY, March 27 R-Z from 8:00 - 10:00 A-H 10:00 - 12:00 I-Q from 1:00 - 3:00
HMS Use Main Entrance Door 1 for device pick-up and/or instrument pick-up Doors 15 and 16 will also be open on the north side of the building if you are coming for personal items in lockers only	HMS Use Main Entrance Door 1 for device pick-up and/or instrument pick-up Doors 15 and 16 will also be open on the north side of the building if you are coming for personal items in lockers only

Pick up procedure:

- Families are asked to check the schedule above to check out student devices if needed. We will have devices available for check out for each section of the alphabet to minimize the number of families in contact with one another. We based the number of devices we have available for checkout on the conversations that teachers had with you on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Thank you for sharing that information!
- In order to manage social distancing and potential demand for devices, we ask that you come for your pick-up during the allotted times. If neither of the times allocated to you, choose one that best fits your schedule.

- Please enter the main building doors (Door 1) and follow the signage to find what you need. **Device checkout will be in the cafeteria** which is to your right upon entering the building. If you are coming only to grab personal items from lockers, please enter school on the north side through doors 15 or 16.
- Please be patient with us regarding internet hotspots. We do have a limited number to checkout to our students, but we are still working out how this will happen. We will also share ideas with you for accessing internet in the community.