

August 3, 2020

Dear MCS Families,

I know that the opening to this school year will look and feel very different from all previous years. However, I also know that our commitment to serving your children and family is unwavering, and the dedication and enthusiasm of our 1,200+ staff is as strong as ever.

As we begin the 2020-2021 school year this week, I wanted to share a few helpful links and reminders. By now, you should have received correspondence from your child's teacher(s), and we will continue to over-communicate with you as we have important information to share. Please know that we are here to help, to support, and to do all that we can to ensure your student's success.

Schoology

We have created videos that show you how to login and use Schoology from the parent/family account. If you need additional assistance, please send an email to schoologyassistance@marietta-city.org.

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/DUSZW8SVA-Q>

Portuguese: <https://youtu.be/35YVA2OZEJk>

English: https://youtu.be/lcr6z_cdSq0

Virtual Learning Family Guides

If you have any questions about virtual learning schedules, expectations, etc., please refer to our level-specific family guides. Additional questions may be sent to your principal or student's teacher(s)

- [Virtual Learning Family Guide ELC](#)
- [Virtual Learning Family Guide K-5](#)
- [Virtual Learning Family Guide 6-8](#)
- [Virtual Learning Family Guide 9-12](#)

Technology (Chromebook/hotspot)

It is important to us that your student has the technology needed to successfully participate in virtual learning. Please refer to the Virtual Learning Family Guides for specific information about assistance with technology or email techhelp@marietta-city.org. If you are interested in our bus wifi hotspots, the locations can be found here: marietta-city.org/buswifi

Meals During Virtual Learning

We know that students are not able to learn when they are hungry. As we did during the spring building closure, we will provide meals through school bus deliveries. More information can be found here: marietta-city.org/meal-delivery

It is also important that all families interested in free/reduced meal benefits submit an application for this school year. If you qualified last year, your benefit will expire on September 14 if you do not apply again. Please apply as soon as possible using this application:

[https://mariettacity.strataapps.com/\(S\(sfoulyj55bxxxoz3kgeshedb\)\)/default.aspx](https://mariettacity.strataapps.com/(S(sfoulyj55bxxxoz3kgeshedb))/default.aspx)

Please call MCS School Nutrition at 678-695-7274 with any questions about meal deliveries or the meal benefits application.

Finally, I want to assure you that we are working diligently each day to determine when we will be able to bring our students back for in-person learning. This is on our minds and in our hearts and though we will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of health and science professionals, we will also explore every possible solution to bringing our teachers and students together.

Sincerely,
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