



## MOUNT HOREB MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Good Afternoon Middle School Families,

Below are informational updates for parents and guardians of middle school students. I continue to share weekly student updates during Viking Hour and via email with our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. If you ever have a question please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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**Cameras:** While we understand that there are times when our students would prefer to have their cameras off, there are times when it's very helpful for them to have them on. At times, cameras allow teachers to check for understanding, read body language, and determine engagement. Any encouragement you can give your child regarding this is appreciated.

**Material Pick-Up:** As we prepare for the second quarter of this school year, the Mount Horeb Area School District will host another material pick-up for all families. This will be on Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. As a general guideline, we ask that families with the last name beginning with A-K come on Wednesday and L-Z come on Thursday. If this is a hardship for your family we are flexible and you're welcome to come on the alternating day. We've simply separated these out to reduce congestion. Pick-up will be very similar to the process used in June and August.

- Please have a sign in your car window with your child's name and grade.
- Honor social distancing. This means staying in your vehicle.
- If you, or anyone with whom you have contacted, has been ill in the past 14 days, please do not come. We would be happy to make alternative arrangements when you are feeling better.
- If you have more than one child, please visit each building for pick up of materials.

[MHMS Map](#)

**Quarter 2:** To allow for all class periods to meet twice during the final week of the first quarter, the final day of the first quarter will now be Friday, November 6th instead of Thursday, November 5th. We will begin Quarter 2 on Monday, November 9th

**Small Groups:** As you may know, live synchronous learning at the middle school begins at 10:55 AM each day. However, there are other opportunities for students to ask questions as well. Middle School teachers offer 20-minute small group meetings designed to increase student understanding of the content. These are based on a teacher invite or a student request. Students are welcome to request a small group morning meeting with any teachers during these scheduled times. When teachers see that a student is having difficulty with a particular skill, the teacher will invite the student to join the

small group meeting. Please know that when students are asked or invited to attend small groups, they are not optional. We ask that, when invited, students attend, just as they do during afternoon live instruction.

**Science Olympiad:** It's not too late to join the MHMS Science Olympiad team! We have two short meetings a week, Mondays at 3:40 and Wednesdays at 11:35. Please contact Mrs.Stoddard if your child is interested. She'll send your child an invite to the Science Olympiad Google Classroom.

#### **From Ms. Baker in the library**

The Middle School is excited to offer a Virtual Book Fair this fall. The Book Fair will run from Monday, November 2nd through Sunday, November 15th. Since it is virtual, it will work similarly to most online shopping experiences. Any items ordered from Scholastic will be shipped directly to your house. If you spend above \$25 on book items, you will earn free shipping! As in other years, all purchases benefit our school. Please don't feel pressured to buy something if money is tight. The library will offer the most popular titles for checkout--in fact, many are already available today! Here is the [link](#) to request a book in case you haven't used it yet. The request does have to come from your child's school account.

All homerooms will be watching the Book Fair preview video on Monday, November 2nd. So students might want to share a "wish list" with you. Here is the [link](#) to the Scholastic book trailers on Youtube if you would like to watch. The playlist includes titles from each book fair in the district--all schools will have book fairs at the same time this year--so feel free to order from any school's site!

Here is the [link](#) to our middle school book fair site. I think books make great presents for birthdays, Christmas, or just as a way to say great job making it through 1st quarter of virtual school! Please feel free to email [bakerjacci@mhasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:bakerjacci@mhasd.k12.wi.us) if you need book recommendations for your child, that is my favorite part of this job. Turning all kids into readers is my mission!

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