



**MISS  
HALL'S  
SCHOOL**

**Family-Student Information Sessions**  
**August 27, 2020**

## Goals for Today:

- Welcome MHS families and students to the 2020-21 school year
- Provide information about reopening campus, academics and schedule, student programming, DEI initiatives, and more
- Answer questions submitted in advance as well as new questions
- Gather and talk in smaller breakout groups for **students, returning families, and new families**

# Webinar Reminders

- In this webinar format, you will be able to see and hear all the presenters but they cannot see or hear you (no need to mute)
- **Please post questions them in the Q&A field** and one of the MHS leaders will respond right away
- In the small groups, you will be able to see and hear each other (and us!) and ask more questions
- All sessions will be recorded and shared afterwards, upon request

# Introductions: MHS Leadership Team

Julia Heaton	Head of School
Lisa Alberti	Dean of Academics & Faculty
Bobby Aldrich	Director of Operations
Merritt Colaizzi	Director of Advancement
Christie Higuera	Dean of Students
David Hopkins	Director of Admissions & Enrollment Management
Paula Lima Jones	Dean of Equity and Inclusion
Helen Telfer	Chief Financial Officer

# Introductions: MHS Leaders, continued

Mary Bazanchuk

Director of Residential Life, Asst. Dean of Students

Tanya Kalischer

International Student Advisor, Weekend Programs

Kim Kinne P'18

Admissions and Communications Coordinator

Ryan Malumphy

Campus Safety Coordinator, Programs

Natalie Matus P '05

Director of Alumnae & Family Engagement

Josephine Nicholson P '21

Spanish Teacher, Global Program Liaison

Christie Puz

Director of Health Services

David Smith P '20

Director of Communications

Sarah Virden

Director of Academic Counseling

**Why?**

# Reopening Updates: Arrivals & Calendar

- MHS campus will reopen for students on Saturday, September 26
- Boarding students arrive on a staggered schedule, Sept. 26-October 3
- Day students will come to campus starting October 19
- Term 1 (Sept. 8-Oct. 16) will be online for all students
- Term 2 (Oct. 19-Nov. 20) will be hybrid - online and in-person
- Term 3 will be online (Nov. 30-Dec. 18) and then hybrid (Jan. 5-22)
- Boarding students may stay at MHS during breaks at no additional cost in order to minimize the challenges associated with travel
- Any refunds will be processed in January and June

# Community Expectations

In order to keep the MHS community healthy, all students and adults must do their part and the **Common Good Guidelines**:

- Wearing face coverings indoors and when distancing is not possible
- Stay 6-feet apart and follow campus traffic protocols
- Wash hands often and help keep spaces clean
- Hold group gatherings outdoors or virtually
- Limit visitors and off-campus activities
- Monitor your health daily
- If you are sick or symptomatic, stay home or go to the Health Center

Please refer to the **FAQs page** on our website for more information.



# Health Information

# Testing and Screening

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 at MHS, all students will have:

- **Pre-arrival testing:** students must have a **NEGATIVE** PCR test result within 72 hours to 1 week in advance of coming to campus
- **Baseline testing:** after arrival, on-campus testing will be provided through CIC Health in partnership with the Broad Institute
- **Monitoring testing:** on-campus throughout the year; schedule to be determined in partnership with the local Health Department
- **Rapid testing:** for individuals with COVID symptoms - in process
- **Symptom screening:** using the MyMedBot app, students will monitor health and symptoms every day

# Responding to positive COVID cases

- If a **day student** tests positive, they will stay at home to recover
- If a **boarding student** tests positive, they will isolate in the Infirmary until their designated caregiver can take them home to recover
- If a **boarding student** does not have a designated caregiver, they will recover on campus, cared for by the Nurses and other MHS adults
- All absences due to illness are considered excused
- We will partner with the local Health Department to identify close contacts, conduct contact tracing, and provide instructions for quarantine and isolation, as needed

**Christie Puz, Director of Health Services** [cpuz@misshalls.org](mailto:cpuz@misshalls.org)

# Student Quarantine on Campus

- All boarding students will be required to quarantine on campus for up to 14 days after arrival
- All students will quarantine in a single room
- On-Campus Quarantine - what to expect
  - Schedule
  - Meals
  - Movement
  - Connection

# Program Information

## 2020-2021 Academic Program Hybrid Learning @MHS

The 2020-2021 academic program is designed with maximum **flexibility** to serve both on-campus and online learners, emphasizing **active learning** and **deep engagement**. Whether in person or at a distance, students will be **connected** to the Miss Hall's community and to each other through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning.

# Academic Courses

- There are 6 Terms. Students will take two courses each term.
- Each course will meet together, twice a week for a total of 3 hours.
- A great deal of learning and work will happen beyond the class time. Students will be connecting with teachers and classmates for individual meetings, small group collaboration, throughout the day and evening.
- Curriculum has been designed specifically to integrate both synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- During Term 1, when all of our students will be learning online, synchronous academic classes will happen from 8-10 a.m. EST.

# Extra Curricular Activities

Students will be engaged in a rich variety of learning experiences including academic classes, the Horizons Program and Athletics Program.

In addition, there are many opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, such as:

- Ensembles
- Clubs
- Essential Coalitions
- Student Leadership
- Writing Center, Math Center, Academic Skills Center



# A Week at a Glance - Term 1 (U.S. Eastern Daylight Time)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15 - 9:45 <b>Hallmark Humanities</b>	8:15 - 9:45 <b>Physics</b>	8:15 <b>Horizons Meeting with Ms. Boland - 12th Graders working in Hospitals</b>	8:15 - 9:45 <b>Hallmark Humanities</b>	8:15 - 9:45 <b>Physics</b>
10:00 <b>Theater Ensemble</b>	10:00 Office Hours with my Hallmark Humanities Teacher	10:00 <b>Advisor Meeting with my group</b>	10:00 Virtual College Visit with NYU	10:00 <b>Grace Notes Rehearsal</b>
11:45 College Counseling Meeting with Ms. Virden	11:00 Piano Lesson	10:30 <b>Community Meeting</b>	11:00 Writing Center Appointment: college essay	11:30 Meet with my internship supervisor
12:15 Lunch and problem set for Physics	11:30 Lunch	11:15 <b>Grace Notes Rehearsal</b>	11:45 Lunch and touch base with my Physics Teacher	12:15 Lunch
12:45 Work on my Common Application	12:00 - 1:00 Work in the Prepare my outline for my Humanities Project	2:30 - 5:00 Homework and Asynchronous Work for Hallmark Humanities and Physics	12:15 - 1:00 Finish outlining my reading for Humanities	1:00 Theater Ensemble - Run Lines with my partner
1:15 <b>12th Grade Horizons Class</b>	1:15 Theater Ensemble rehearsal	5:30 Dinner	1:00 - 3:00 Physics Reading and Problem set	2:30 Virtual College Visit with UNC Chapel Hill
3:00 Connect with My Advisor for Individual Check-in	3:00 "What I need" - scheduled break	7:00 Affinity Group Meeting	3:00 "What I need" - scheduled break	3:00 Meeting with Ms. Bazanchuk (Hall Parent)
4:00 Dance Class over Zoom	4:00 Walk around my Neighborhood	8:00 Essence Meeting	4:00 Dance Class over Zoom	4:00 Voice Lesson
8 - 10 Virtual Collaboration Time/Study Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8:30: Connect with my lab partner to go over results of experiment</li></ul>	8 - 10 Virtual Collaboration Time/Study Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Read and respond for Hallmark Humanities; Lab Notes for Physics</li></ul>	9:00 Hall Meeting and Check in with Proctor	7:00 Student Council Meeting 8 - 10 Virtual Collaboration Time/Study Hall	

# Student Orientation & Connection

- A letter with information from the Deans was emailed yesterday
- Students have received registration packets with class schedules today, 8/27!
- Orientation is next week! A schedule with zoom links has been sent and we will continue to send a schedule out each day to \*student emails

## **Priorities for Fall 2020 Orientation include:**

- Academic need-to-knows
- Opportunities for fun and connection within Advisor Groups and Classes

\*It is important that students are now accessing their Miss Hall's gmail accounts. Tech questions? Contact [support@misshalls.org](mailto:support@misshalls.org)

# DEI: Same Storm, Different Boats, Heading to Shore Together

**MHS DEI Statement:** “Being an inclusive community requires ongoing work and commitment, we foster cross-cultural dialogue and allyship to honor and celebrate our diverse community”

This past spring and summer we witnessed an increase in racial bias and violence, disproportionate impact of Covid 19 on communities of color, and extreme disruption to our lives. We have also been witness to an outpouring of support from people across the globe (our very own students and alumnae included) with a commitment to seeking a more inclusive and just world.

Horizons Program

Student programming

Academic courses

Anti-Racism education

## Small Group Sessions via Zoom

- Students - hosted by Ms. Lima Jones & Ms. Bazanchuk
- Returning families - hosted by Ms. Higuera & Ms. Alberti
- New families - hosted by Ms. Colaizzi & Ms. Heaton

Please go to the link in the Chat to link to your small group session.

**Thank you!**