



Office of the President

March 13, 2020

Our dedicated faculty and staff spent the day preparing to launch “Mercy Online” this Monday. Complete instructions regarding our online learning for both parents and students will be posted on the Mercy website this weekend. We will alert our school community by text when they become available. Here is a preview of what you can expect from Mercy’s plan to maintain a regular school day:

- Because structure and a regular schedule are so important to our health and wellness, particularly in times of high anxiety, students can expect synchronous (in real time) learning. Our school day will continue to be conducted between 8 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. and the classrooms will be online and live at their regularly scheduled times.
- Students will log on to PlusPortals each school day between 8 and 8:05 a.m. where their attendance will be recorded and they will receive daily messages, including morning prayer. Classroom attendance will be taken and documented by the classroom teacher.
- There will be times when asynchronous teaching would be better. In such cases, students will receive their assignments in real time, but will not necessarily be working together.
- Every girl will start each of her classes on PlusPortals. From there, she may be instructed to go to another platform, such as Teams, and a link will be provided.
- Students should get dressed each day, take their lunch break as they normally would, and come prepared to learn and work in class.
- Each night by 9 p.m., beginning Sunday, March 16, Ms. Blakeslee will email students through PlusPortals with messages about the next day.
- Each night by 9 p.m., students can log on to PlusPortals and see a post from each of their teachers with an advance look at the plan for the next day’s class.

We will begin on Monday with the understanding that “Mercy Online” is new for everyone. We will each need patience and good humor as we navigate this new reality. Please assure your daughters that their teachers have their best interests at heart. We look forward to seeing them online!

As a reminder, the deadline for online re-enrollment for the 2020-2021 academic year is also Monday, March 16. Understandably, it may have been easy to lose sight of this important deadline as the events of this past week have unfolded. Please log on to [School Admin](#) and complete the re-enrollment process if you have not done so already. If you have any questions, please email reenrollment@mercyhighschool.com. Thank you!

We are extremely proud of our community as we face the challenging realities of this public health crisis. We are deeply grateful for your suggestions and patience, as we work to support your daughters’ continued academic success and emotional well-being.

Sincerely,

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President

Jeanne A. Blakeslee
Principal