



**MERCY**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**Mercy High School**  
***Mercy Online 2.0***

In response to the concerns of our students, families, and faculty members about the amount of screen time that synchronous online learning entails, and with the potential of slower internet speeds as working and learning from home for many people increases, we are activating *Mercy Online 2.0*. *Mercy Online 2.0* is a robust blend of synchronous schoolwork (students learn content together in class) with asynchronous schoolwork (students work independently on content), guided and supported by our expert Mercy faculty.

In the Online Teaching and Learning World, the universal tenets are:

- Teaching and learning depend upon relationships, so online teachers must focus as much on developing and keeping relationships as they do on delivery of content (we need to keep our students connected, engaged, and supported);
- Teachers are curators of content, determining and teaching what is essential in the discipline; and
- Clear and consistent communication is critical to success.

While we are online and not on campus, Mercy High School will move to *Mercy Online 2.0*, beginning Monday, March 23. We will be using Days I–IV rather than color days. In our first week online, our experience has taught us that:

- Students and faculty need more time between classes in order to change platforms from one class to another;
- 45 minutes seems to be the optimal timing for online sessions; and
- Students at home need time to prepare and eat lunch.

To preserve continuous teaching and learning and maintain consistency within *Mercy Online 2.0*:

- Approximately 30–45 minutes of asynchronous schoolwork will be assigned for each class, with an emphasis, as much as possible, on off-screen work;
- All teachers will use PlusPortals as the Launching Site;
- Teachers will be available to students and parents between 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

*Mercy Online 2.0* cycle is a four-day cycle; during the first week, both Monday, March 23, and Friday, March 27 will be Day I, with Patterns A–D meeting. Magic Time on Monday will be Advisory and on Friday, Faculty Check-in. Please see the calendar notation below.

Only some students, but particularly Freshmen and Sophomores, need to pay attention to the numbers 13 and 24 that are assigned to each pattern. This notation affects those classes that meet twice each week: Physical and Health Education, Design: Computer Science, Madrigals, Ensemble, Shield, Lance, World Music, Introduction to Art, Design, and Drawing. The class number is on the PlusPortals class page as well as on paper schedules.

## ***Mercy Online 2.0***

<b>Time</b>	<b>Day I</b>	<b>Day II</b>	<b>Day III</b>	<b>Day IV</b>
8:20	***** daily check-in and announcements *****			
8:30 – 9:15	A13	E13	A24	E24
9:30 – 10:15	B13	F13	B24	F24
10:30 – 11:15	C13	G13	C24	G24
11:15 – 12:00	*****	lunch	*****	
12:00 – 12:45	D13	H13	D24	H24
1:00 – 1:45	Magic Time	Magic Time	Magic Time	Magic Time

### **Magic Time**

Monday:	Advisory
Tuesday:	Sophomore and Senior Seminar/Department Meetings
Wednesday:	Freshman and Junior Seminar/Other Teacher Meetings, as needed
Thursday:	Student-oriented Meetings (TBD)
Friday:	Faculty Check-in

### **Calendar:**

Monday, March 23	Day I
Tuesday, March 24	Day II
Wednesday, March 25	Day III
Thursday, March 26	Day IV
Friday, March 27	Day I