Matignon Minute: A Letter from the Headmaster

Take a look at today's important letter from Mr. Welsh with information regarding Remote Learning updates and other important reminders!

We invite you to join us during this time of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving through our daily reflection blog. Every day, a member of the Matignon family will post a different reflection. You can find the Matignon Lenten Reflection blog HERE!

Today the Matignon Community came together to walk through the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to our students, faculty members, and Campus Minister, Mrs. Lenn Johnson, for leading us through this imaginative prayer. You can watch the entire video HERE!

Important School Updates

- While we are pleased to be able to continue learning in this time by using remote learning technology, there have definitely been challenges in this transition. To help support students academically during this time, we wanted to inform you that Matignon High School has a program known as the Academic Resource and Mentorship Society (ARMS) led by Mr. Chartier and Mr. Murphy. This program was available to select students when school was meeting in-person and now it is being extended to the whole Matignon student body online. As part of this program, students are able to receive individualized assistance with skills such as time management, organization, and studying. Mr. Chartier is available for any students on Wednesdays between 11:00am-12:00pm and Mr. Murphy is available from 1:00-2:00pm. They can be contacted by students initiating a Google Hangout chat with them at that time. Thank you and please feel free to contact Mr. Chartier (nchartier@matignon.org) or Mr. Murphy (mattmurphy@matignon.org) with any questions.
Important Reminder regarding Re-Enrollment: We are in the process of re-enrolling your student for the 2020-2021 school year. Please review your current FACTS payment plan. If you have not applied for Financial Aid please do so as soon as possible. Please also be reminded that a tuition down payment of $800 to confirm enrollment of your student is due on May 1, 2020 and will be automatically deducted from your account on that date. Please contact Eileen Gustin in the Business Office as soon as possible if you have any questions or concerns related to this initial payment.

During our time of socializing at a distance, we want to be mindful of those in our midst who have important needs. We are limited in the ways that we can reach out to one another, however we are not limited in the love that we can share. Please see the attached document with ideas for ways to continue your service hours virtually.

Student Clubs and Athletics

The Matignon High School Virtual Spirit Week will take place Monday, April 13th through Friday April 17th!

Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter for more information! Take a picture or video taking part of every theme and send it to Ms. Dugan to be featured on the Matignon social media accounts!

Every day, students can take part in the different themes with their remote classes and on social media. Be on the lookout for fun events throughout the week as well!

All students should take a look at their grade's Google Classroom! Student council has been planning fun events for each grade! Reach out to Student Council or Mr. MacDonald if you have any questions or event ideas!

Spring student-athletes: The MIAA voted for the Spring season to begin May 4th. If you have any questions about athletics, please contact Mr. Lahiff.

The yearbook is still in production and will soon be sent off to press. Seniors may still submit any pictures as soon as possible to mlistro@matignon.org

The Bullet Journal Club will be holding virtual meetings on Wednesdays at 1 PM. Students can reach out to Ms. Zhang to get the Classroom code and Calendar event invite.

Art Club and Photo Club will be posting challenges for the students to do on their own and upload to the classroom. Email Ms. Cascio for more information! Follow the Photo Club's Instagram @MatignonPhotography

Ms. Cascio and Ms. Arthur are holding live Spectrum club meetings! Reach out to join!

Self Care during Self Isolation
• Take a look at this newsletter from Guidance regarding self care tips and resources during this time of self isolation.

• Read the latest Newsletter from our Guidance Department.

• Take a look at this article! Students from Harvard and MIT are giving FREE tutoring!

• If you would be interested in participating in a small group conversation and/or faith sharing group with some of your classmates please reach out to Mrs. Lenn Johnson! She will coordinate a time that everyone can virtually meet. The goal would be to have a space for prayer, processing, sharing and uniting together.

• Check out this article regarding helping teenagers cope with anxiety surrounding COVID-19

• If any families are struggling with food challenges, take a look at CPS Emergency Meal Program

More Helpful Tips!

• Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.

• Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.

• Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.

• Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling