

Hello Montgomery Ridge Families,

Our faculty and staff are excited about the possibilities of connecting with you in a little different way over the next couple of weeks. My goal today is to communicate with you about what "school" will look like beginning tomorrow morning.

If you access the following link (<u>https://mris.maryville-schools.org/parents-students/technology-distance-learning</u>), you will find a wealth of information that will guide you through our transition to online instruction. This information includes:

- A summary of our commitment to you and how we will structure online learning while we are closed. Our goal is to start slow and build our capability to deliver instruction with you, so that no one gets too overwhelmed. I would suggest reading this first as it highlights several details not included in this email.
- A sample schedule that shows what a "school" day might look like in your home. This will include office hours for teachers where you can email them and get feedback in real time.
- Finally, you'll see a Helpful Hints for Online Learning. These are tips that you may find useful as you set up your student for success during this experience.

As we begin online learning together, let's honor that we are all different and online learning for some will be easier than others. I like to think of myself as a disciplined person, but know that a sunny day would be hard to pass up for schoolwork. Know that we are here to support you in any way we can to make this as easy as we can. Our office will be answering phone calls each day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (865-980-0590)

I started this message telling you how excited we were to begin this journey. We hope you will share and bring that same enthusiasm as we kick off tomorrow morning. Take care, be safe and let the learning begin!

Kevin

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