



March 24, 2020

*MVHS ensures a safe and rigorous education
 with high levels of learning for all.*

MVHS Student Enrollment

9th: 63

10th: 78

11th: 55

12th: 50

Total: 246

Important Reminders

By now you will have received some notifications from teachers regarding enrichment opportunities, makeup work, and office hours. For a complete list of office hours go to the high school page at uinta4.com. [You can also click this link to get to the MVHS page and look under MVHS Headlines for office hours.](#)

The office phones at MVHS will **NOT** be answered for the next two weeks. Please contact me via email at carrb@uinta4.com if you have questions.

Do you have a student in a **college class**? Especially Those classes are continuing online via WWCC. Students in those classes should be logging in and completing their coursework for those important classes.

All Uinta 4 facilities are closed for the next two weeks.

Parents and Students:

I would like to thank parents for your common sense approach to our current situation across the nation and in our district specifically. Your support of the schools as we catch our bearings over spring break is very much appreciated. Trust that we want to serve your children in the best way possible and even though you are probably reading this on Monday or Tuesday, we already miss our students. We have to know if a student has good internet service and if they have a reliable device. **Please contact me at carrb@uinta4.com if you have information related to this or any questions.**

There are many, many questions yet to be answered regarding our situation. When we have information related to the school closure or additional guidance from the State, we will pass that information along. We will use our K-12 Swift email notification system. Please be sure you are checking that email regularly for updates.

As of this moment, we are optimistically anticipating a return to school for all students on **Monday, April 6**. As each of you knows, this pandemic is forcing us all to be flexible and to constantly review our thinking. As a school and district we will respond appropriately to this crisis and do the things that are in the best interests of the students, the school, and our community. **Your child should hear from their teachers very soon with enrichment and makeup work opportunities via their school email.**

The back page of this newsletter will offer some “for now” responses to questions many of you may have. As always, if you have a question or just want to talk through something, please feel free to email me at carrb@uinta4.com; that is the best way for someone to contact me. Please feel free to follow up with me about any concerns you have.

I would also like to thank our custodial and maintenance staff. I think we tend to feel a tad over-safe in a community such as ours. Our district custodial and maintenance staff have worked hard to get the buildings sanitized and ready for use. If there is a surface in our buildings, it has been cleaned and sanitized. Those folks are in our buildings when no one else is making the buildings safe for your students, so thanks to them for their hard work.

I also want to mention our cook staff over at the K8 building. They have been planning and developing a schedule for brown bag lunches and how we can provide that service for some of our most needy students. We appreciate the hard work of all of our staff, especially those who have been in and out of the building over spring break preparing for these days when students should be in school.

It would be an oversimplification to say these are unique and difficult times, but I am also confident that we can work together as a community and school district to make difficult decisions with the best interests of students in mind. This is the type of thing that both tests a community and reveals it’s goodness as well.

Ben Carr

Congratulations to our cheerleaders and their State Championship performance in the Game Day portion of the State Cheer event! Great job and congratulations on your well-deserved championship. The cheer team was also third in the stunt portion of the event.

Congratulations also to our Regional Champion girls’ basketball team. They were in Rawlins when the team was turned around because of the State Basketball Tournament being cancelled. The girls’ basketball team defeated Lyman twice this season (including in the Regional Championship game!) on their way to a number one seed in the unplayed State Tournament.

School Closure Frequently Asked Questions

What next?

High school staff will begin communicating with students right away via student school email and Google Classroom. We want to offer students some enrichment opportunities and also some possible make up work for those students who weren't doing so well. We want to keep students engaged in school during this time and look at how we can refine our online process.

What about graduation?

We definitely want to honor the hard work of our graduates for the Class of 2020. Some of you may have heard that schools in other states have already cancelled school for the year or cancelled their graduation ceremony. For now, we are keeping graduation on the books for *Monday, May 18 at 6:00 pm*.

What about the ACT?

We have cancelled the April 7 testing date. Even if we come back on April 6, we didn't feel it was appropriate to have students take such an important test that has influence on college admissions and scholarships - including the Hathaway Scholarship - with only one day back in school. We are looking at an April 21 testing date. This ACT test *may* be online instead of paper/pencil.

What about spring sports?

Our last communication from WHSAA stated that WHSAA would extend the suspension of all activities until **Monday, April 6**. "So that everyone will be on an equal playing field, there will be **NO PRACTICES** during the suspension. If and when we do resume spring sports, we will hold to the 9 day practice rule and will count any practices from before the suspension of activities." We want to honor the hard work of our athletes, and we need to do it in a way that provides for their safety.

What about other big events like prom, PEAP, winter sports awards nights, musicals, and NHS inductions?

We are taking a similar approach as the WHSAA. It is too early to tell. If it is possible for us to reschedule something we certainly will look at that. Unfortunately, at this time of year time and space are at a premium. We know we are not going to be able to fit every single thing back into the calendar, and we want to honor the work and effort of our students as they move through the spring.

What if the pandemic causes the schools to close beyond April 5.

If we are in a position where we have to offer distance learning to students, we will use our system of Google Classroom where students can log in at home or with a wi-fi connection and access their work. Many students already do this through their phones and their cell phone data plan. Our staff would continue communicating with students through their school-based gmail accounts, letting students know that assignments are being posted. As a school and district, we would also communicate with parents through a variety of means so that parents are aware of the change in expectations.

For parents from the Centers for Disease Control:

Practice and reinforce good prevention habits with your family.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Keep your child at home if sick with any illness.

- If your child is sick, keep them at home and contact your healthcare provider. Talk with teachers about classroom assignments and activities they can do from home to keep up with their schoolwork.

***"The best preparation for tomorrow
is doing your best today."***

- H. Jackson Brown

