



## Marquette University High School (MUHS) COVID-19 Statement

*Cura personalis*, which translates as care of the whole person, suggests individualized attention to the needs of others, distinct respect for unique circumstances and concerns, and an appropriate appreciation for singular gifts and insights.

It is this mission that shaped our approach and response to our virtual learning format.

### Spring 2020 Summary

**OUR SCHEDULE:** Virtual instruction at MUHS began on March 18, 2020 with a complete and robust online learning class schedule, with eight distinct synchronous class periods from 9 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. each day. This allowed for the timely conclusion of the 2019-20 school year with minimal loss of instruction.

**OUR GRADING:** MUHS maintained its grading scale (A-F) throughout the spring virtual learning period. Grades were earned based on performance not simply attendance

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT:** In keeping with our rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum, student attendance and participation was monitored closely by every teacher. All teachers kept daily virtual office hours from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 1:40 - 2:40 p.m. as an additional way for students to connect with teachers and counselors for help.

**STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT:** Social/emotional support was offered to students through school counselors and advisors, and resources were shared with students and parents. Check-in surveys were sent to parents and students to continually assess the effectiveness of the MUHS virtual learning program, and the school made check-in phone calls to every family. Families who encountered technology and/or internet limitations, food concerns and loss of employment were assisted by our school.

### Fall 2020 Academic Plan

As we begin fall 2020, we are offering in-person instruction through a hybrid model and detailed plan approved by the City of Milwaukee Health Department. Students attend in-person classes every other day. On days they are at home, they attend synchronous classes virtually. Sixty students (Hilltoppers@Home) have opted for a fully virtual experience so these students attend synchronous virtual classes daily. All students follow an 8-period day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. (our pre-COVID schedule).