

Please note that general cancellations are posted first, followed by specific event/program/field trip cancellations. For ease of use, specific cancellations are posted in chronological order using the date the event was supposed to take place.

General Cancellations

4/18/2020 Update - EXPLORE PROGRAM – HIGH SCHOOL

The High School's EXPLORE program, an internship program for the senior class, is canceled for Spring 2020.

FIELD TRIPS

Due to the on-going public health situation, the Millbrook CSD has made the decision to cancel all remaining field trips for the 2019-2020 school year. If you need information regarding refunds, please contact your building leader.

NYSSMA FESTIVALS

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

As of 3/13/20 all upcoming NYSSMA festivals are suspended until further notice.

Statement from NYSSMA:

"NYSSMA has been carefully monitoring the global COVID-19 outbreak. We acknowledge the concern surrounding the circumstances of public gathering and are most concerned for the health and welfare of our students, teachers, and communities. As of today, March 13, 2020 all upcoming NYSSMA festivals are suspended until further notice."

We are encouraging you to continue working on your NYSSMA solos as a festival date could become available or an *alternative* way to audition may become available. The Music Department at Millbrook CSD will keep students, parents and guardians posted on any changes as soon as we hear them.

Sincerely, Jennifer Tibbetts

REGENTS EXAMS

On Monday, April 6, 2020, the Board of Regents announced that June Regents exams are cancelled. Additional guidance regarding [graduation and course requirements](#) was released on Tuesday, April 7.

STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

- The administration of the elementary- and intermediate-level State assessments have been suspended for the remainder of the 2019 - 2020 school year. The suspension applies to the following New York State testing programs:

- New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Test;
- New York State Grades 3-8 Mathematics Test;
- New York State Grade 4 Elementary-Level Science Test;
- New York State Grade 8 Intermediate-Level Science Test;
- New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) in Grades K-12; and
- New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) for students with severe cognitive disabilities in Grades 3-8 and high school.

- AP Exams - The College Board will be posting updates regarding assessments here: AP Updates for Schools Impacted by Coronavirus (two online assessment dates will be posted in the coming weeks)

- Regents Exams - At this time, New York State has not indicated a change in the status of Regents exams for the 19-20 school year. We do believe this is subject to change and we will continue to provide you information as it becomes available. Staff is mindful of the need to continue to prepare our children for these exams until we get other information.

- SAT - The June 6 SAT and subject tests have been canceled and a September date has been added. The College Board has created a SAT and PSAT-Related Coronavirus Updates page. For access to the page, copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates>.

- ACT – The ACT has posted the following statement on their website:

The safety of students and test center staff is ACT's top priority. ACT has rescheduled its April 4 national test date to June 13 across the U.S. in response to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). All students registered for the April 4 test received an email from ACT informing them of the postponement and instructions for free rescheduling to June 13 or a future national test date.

Additionally, the ACT has developed a site devoted to [product updates, on-line learning, and other resources](#).

Specific Cancellations

MARCH 25 - 28, 2020 - SENIOR CLASS TRIP TO DISNEY

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students Who Were to Go on the Sr Trip to Disney,

We hope this email finds you well.

As you know, due to COVID 19, Universal Studios and Walt Disney World Resorts and Parks have been shut down. As a result, Millbrook High School's Senior Trip was cancelled.

We wanted to update you as to the status of our efforts to get you a refund for the trip.

We have been in contact with our Travel Agent, Jet Blue, Disney, and Universal Studios. As we currently understand, you will receive a refund for the amount of the trip that you paid out of pocket (We cannot refund fundraised monies to you.). At this time, we cannot say when the money will be returned to you since we are dealing with several different vendors.

Once the money is received from all vendors, a check will be mailed to the primary parent/guardian at their home address listed on our student management system (School Tool). Please let us know immediately if the check should be made out to and sent to a different individual other than the person who is listed first on School Tool.

All changes must be sent via email to the senior class advisors at the addresses posted here:

Michelle.Cring@millbrookcsd.org

maureen.ackerman@millbrookcsd.org

As always, please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cring and Maureen Ackerman

Class of 2020 Co-Advisors

APRIL 15, 2020 - HIGH SCHOOL - JR CLASS BROADWAY FIELD TRIP

Hi Parents of MHS Juniors,

I hope you are well, and spending meaningful time with your family.

I just wanted to give you an update on the 4/15 Broadway trip to NYC to see "Jagged Little Pill."

Since our nation is in a state of emergency at the moment, it is safe to assume our district may not be in sessions by April 15th.

I just spoke with our Broadway theater representative, and she received news from her supervisor that theaters may not open until May 10th.

She assured us that we would be reimbursed for the show. It may not be a quick process.

I asked her about the possibility of a reschedule, and she told me that is a possibility, however there is no way to know exactly if all shows will continue to run.

There may be show cuts in the theater - possible 15-20%.

A reimbursement may have to come before a reschedule.

Our MHS business office has been made aware of this situation.

When our bus company reopens, I will inquire about our bus situation - reimbursement or reschedule.

If a theater reimbursement is a smoother process than the reimbursement process, I am not opposed to rescheduling the trip for the summer.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via email.

Be well, and I look forward to seeing all the MHS Juniors in the future.

I posted a message to all Juniors on Monday afternoon.

It is posted below, for you to read and feel some comfort in knowing I've been thinking about my students during this time.

Thanks. Be well. Michelle

APRIL 23 – 25, 2020 - *ANYTHING GOES* POSTPONED

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

As of March 16, 2020, we are currently postponing the HS/MS show *Anything Goes*. Please note, the safety and welfare of our school community is a priority and as we continue to monitor the situation, we will keep you updated.

Please stay safe,

Sincerely,
Dan Dunninger and Jennifer Tibbetts

APRIL 28, 2020 - HIGH SCHOOL ART TRIP CANCELED

Good Afternoon,

I hope you and your family are well. I'm sending this email to let you know that the April 28th art field trip to MoMA and the Frick Collection in NYC has been cancelled.

As I currently understand, all students who were planning on attending the trip will receive a full refund in the amount of \$41.40. A check will be mailed to the primary parent/guardian home address on our student management system (School Tool).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, and stay safe!
Michelle Cring

MAY 13 – 15, 2020 - WASHINGTON, DC TRIP

Unfortunately, the DC trip scheduled for May 13-15, 2020 has been canceled. The tour company will be processing the refunds. Team 8 will be in contact with you regarding the details of refunds once they have more information.

MAY 15 AND 16, 2020 – HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP

Hello HS Band Parents,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy.

I am writing to update you that the HS Music Trip to Hershey on May 15th and 16th will need to be canceled. Of course first and foremost, we want to ensure the safety of our students.

Canceling in a timely manner has allowed us to receive most of our refund (minus the \$25 deposit per student). I will be in contact about when and how refunds will be distributed after consulting with our business office.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. It is my hope that we will be able to give our students these wonderful opportunities in the near future when we are past this unprecedented situation.

Please e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Dan Dunninger, Instrumental Teacher Grades 6-12
Millbrook CSD

JUNE 6, 2020 - TASTE OF MILLBROOK

With great sadness, the Millbrook Educational Foundation Board writes to share the unfortunate news that we are placing a pause on this year's Taste of Millbrook.

In these uncertain times, we owe great thanks for the wonderful support many of you have given us in the past. It would be unfair to ask or request anything of our generous vendors and sponsors at this time.

Our local businesses have made it possible to enrich the lives and education of our students and we are eternally grateful. It is now our turn to support you and your businesses in any way we can.

While we are pausing Taste of Millbrook this year and hope to see you all in 2021, MEF has joined forces with the district to assist our students and families in this time of uncertainty.

Sincerely,
The Trustees of the Millbrook Educational Foundation
