

January 25th, 2021

**From the Principal's Desk**

It was a privilege to welcome back all our students last week and from what we noticed, they mostly “hit the ground running” with their classes. Several people we spoke with acknowledged that this Distance Learning thing was actually something that seemed manageable.

As we finish this first semester (last day is January 29th), it is an important time for our students to finalize missing assignments, prepare for cumulative semester assessments, and ensure they are up to date with their learning. Although it is tempting for them to take it easy over this next couple of weeks, their focus and energy could make a big difference in their learning and their semester grades. Please do not hesitate to reach out to counselors or associate principals if you need some support with your teenager.

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## **This week's High School news**

### **ABSENCES AND MAKE-UPS**

You may have received an email recently from the High School Office saying that your teenager had excessive absences in one or more classes that will need to be made up for credit. If you received this email, but are not sure what it means, please reach out to your teenager's associate principal. Making up these classes is an important requirement and if it is not done, it could lead to a student not receiving credit for the course. Please help your teenager avoid this!

### **ZOOM Q&A SESSIONS**

Please note that we are now moving to a monthly Q&A meeting with parents. The next meeting will take place on Friday January 29th at 9:30 a.m. During these sessions there will be a couple of anecdotes or explanations from the Principal, followed by a Question & Answer time. We are usually done in 30-45 minutes. You can join at the below link:

*Friday January 29th, 9:30 a.m.*

*Join the Zoom meeting through [this link](#)*

## **Reminders**

### **FIRST WEDNESDAY COLLEGE COUNSELING MEETINGS**

Below is the schedule of topics of the First Wednesday College Counseling meetings. The meetings are at 8:00 a.m. and this will be [the zoom link](#) for those meetings. If you would like to see previous meetings, you can check them out at [this link](#).

Feb. 3	College Seminar for Juniors (Junior Parents)
Mar. 3	Applying to Universities in Europe and UK
Apr. 7	Ranking & GPAs: Basics Info
May 5	Transitioning into College (Senior Parents)

### **CONNECTION ISSUES**

Please note that if your teenager is having connectivity issues and cannot connect to any class we need for parents to send an email to [hsattendance@cng.edu](mailto:hsattendance@cng.edu). The protocol is the same as if they were absent for an on-campus class. In addition, if they are having issues with their account or their zoom platform, they can visit the [Virtual Fishbowl](#) for support.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Every week students receive information on the different service options that they can sign up for in the HS Student News. We invite parents to ask their teenagers what plans they have to get involved this year and serve others. Maybe you can review the options together and consider what the best fit would be?