

April 12, 2021

## **From the Principal's Desk**

Last week we started the course selection process for students for 2021-2022. We met with students in an assembly and then we had a Virtual Course Fair where they could find out more about the classes available to them. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak with your teenagers about their interests and preferences, their future goals, and their profile as a learner. Parents will be required to sign off on student selections, so it is a great time to get involved! Students need to be considering graduation requirements, mandatory classes, as well as whether they want to be in any honors level classes for next year. Their Counselor and their College Counselor will be available to them to support them through the process.

On Friday April 16th at 9:30 a.m. we will be having a zoom meeting at the following [Zoom link](#) for any parents interested in finding out more about the process. We will be discussing the course selection process as well as some changes in PreAP courses for next year. Hope to see many of you there!

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

### **COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION**

Here are some documents that have been shared with students regarding the course selection process for 2021-2022. This should help you to work with your teenagers on these decisions.

[Course Selection Guide 2021-2022](#)

[Virtual Course Fair slides](#)

[Course Selection Process Checklist](#)

Please feel free to reach out to your teenager's counselor if you have any questions or if you need some support as you support your teenager.

### **PARENT SURVEY**

Please take a few minutes to provide us feedback through this [Parent Survey Link](#) on our last module whereby all opt-in students in Group A and Group B were on campus together before the break? This feedback will help us continue with instructional processes that are working for your children and make adjustments in other areas. The survey deadline is Friday, April 16, at 5:00 pm.

### **SECOND WEDNESDAY COLLEGE COUNSELING MEETING**

Please note that the First Wednesday College Counseling meeting for parents that was scheduled for April 7th has been moved to April 14th due to the new date for Three Way Conferences. The topic is "Ranking & GPAs: Basics Info" and the meeting will happen at [the following zoom link](#). If you would like to see previous meetings, you can check them out at [this link](#).

## **Reminders**

### **PRE AP AND AP & COURSE SELECTION PROCESS MEETING**

Our next Parent Q&A will be focused on two topics. PreAPs and AP courses throughout the high school and the course selection process for 2021-2022 for students. We hope to see many of you there.

Date: Friday April 16th

Time: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Location: [Zoom link](#)

## DATES FOR SENIORS

Please see the updated end-of-year dates for Seniors below:

- April 16      Meeting about Mandatory Military Service 8:30 a.m. [Zoom Link](#)
- April 23      Community Hours Completed and reported to Office of Community Service and Social Responsibility
- May 11-14      Senior Cumulative Semester Assessments. Only for select classes. There will be regular classes.
- May 18-28      AP Exams. Students do not need to attend school on the day of their exam. There will be no additional Study Days.
- May 31      Senior Research Presentations. These will likely be virtual presentations.
- June 3-4      Senior events. Some version of the Senior Walk, the Senior BBQ, Senior Awards Assembly, Art Gallery, etc... This will all depend on what we can do on campus.
- June 6      Graduation Ceremony(ies). Time and details TBD.

## AP EXAMS DATES

[Here is a listing](#) of all the AP Exams that will be offered at CNG in May. Please note that there is a mix of Digital and Paper and Pencil exams. Students will be expected to come to campus for all exams unless they have been doing Distance Learning consistently since March. Please note that students will have excused absences for the entire day of their exam, but there will be no additional Study Days excused. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carolina Alvarez (calvarez@cng.edu)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

As we move along the year we want to remind you that the Community Service requirement for all the HS students still stands despite the current situation we are currently living in. This year we have focused on providing online opportunities and here is a list of activities that your teenagers can currently get involved in to work on their service hours. If you click each link it will open a PDF with the description and further information of each opportunity:

- [Arts, Crafts & Science Activity Kits for La Casa de la Madre y el Niño](#)
- [Read Alouds for CFNG](#)
- [Informational Booklets for La Casas de la Madre y el Niño](#)
- [CHA Youth Summit by Mikva Challenge](#)
- [PS Reading Buddies](#)
- [Recycling Club](#)
- [Sages & Seekers Program](#)
- [Smithsonian Digital Volunteers](#)

We understand that there might be students who are not interested in any of the opportunities that we have been providing, so there are two other things they can do to work on their hours. First, they can reach out to Non-Profit Organizations (NPO's) that offer volunteer opportunities. Here is a [list of the NPO's](#) that are already approved or recommended by the Community Service Office at CNG. For students to work at a NPO not listed in the document they need to complete a pre approval form before they start working with the organization. Second, they can propose their own community service project and in this case they will need to provide a detailed project plan to the Community Service team to be evaluated and approved.

Every week we are posting service opportunities in the HS Student News, so we invite you to check them with your teenagers. In addition, keep in mind that they need to turn in the corresponding paperwork for each activity for hours to be validated and uploaded to skyward.

There is still time this semester for successful completion of their hours!

## DAILY WELLNESS CHECKER

[Daily Wellness Checker](#) - we need your help to ensure that this form is being completed daily for each one of your children. Thank you for your support!

## 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!

## **GATE PASSES**

We remind you that Gate Passes must be filled out before 12 noon every day to give us time to make the necessary adjustments and follow all our security protocols. We thank you for your attention to this issue.

## **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](#).

Apr. 14	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 a note through Skyward. 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?