

News for Parents

Apr. 20, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

This week we have Three Way Conferences in the High School! This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with your son or daughter's teacher. Please note that if you do not find a time slot that works, you can always contact the teacher to set up an appointment at a different time on another day. It will be great to connect with someone new! In the meantime, remember to ***Keep Calm and Carry On.***

Your partners in education,

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IMPORTANT DISTANCE LEARNING DOCUMENTS

[Communication Flowchart](#)
[Middle/High School Distance Learning Schedule](#)
[Distance Learning Handbook](#)

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

We have opened [the spreadsheet](#) so that you can sign up for the Three Way Conferences. If you have not seen [the tutorial video](#) with instructions, please watch it first so that we avoid any complications. Remember that if you are not able to sign up for a convenient time, you simply need to set up a time on a different day with the teacher. The sign up window will close on Monday April 20th at 3:00 p.m. Please be careful as you sign up not to override anybody else's information! Let us know if you experience any complications.

DISTANCE LEARNING SURVEY

We would like some parent feedback on how our Distance Learning is working so far. Please take a few minutes to fill out the [Feedback Survey MS/HS Parents - DLWeek 4](#). Please note that the survey is in both English and Spanish.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CNG ABOUT AP EXAMS

Please see [this letter](#) to get CNG-specific information about AP exams coming up in May. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Carolina Alvarez (caralvarez@cng.edu)

CONNECT AND RELAX

Please join the H.S. Counselors for a short (30 minute) activity designed to connect us as a community and relax together. We are offering two options (same activity, so just pick one).

Wednesday, April 22 1:20-1:50pm at the following [Zoom link](#) OR
Thursday, April 23 1:20-1:50pm at the following [Zoom link](#).

ZOOM Q&A SESSION

We will continue with our weekly Zoom session for parents questions and concerns. You can join at the below link:

Thursday April 23rd, 8:30 a.m.

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

ATHLETICS IS BACK

If your son or daughter is on a sports team, you will be happy to hear that there will now be some synchronous sessions with the team. Please see [this schedule](#) and your son or daughter can expect an email from the coach with the link to sign in.

ATTENDANCE

We understand that there may be technical challenges or other difficulties that could cause your child to not be able to attend class. If that is the case, please email hsattendance@cng.edu, so the absence may be excused and the attendance record may be updated accordingly. Thank you.

COLLEGE BOARD UPDATES

Here is the latest information from the College Board about [SAT tests and AP exams](#). Please let us know if you have any concerns not covered here. Below is some specific information from College Board about the SAT:

In the face of school closures, we're adapting to give students opportunities to show their strengths and continue on the path to college. Our top priorities are the health and safety of students and educators.

Right now, public health officials have made it clear it's not safe to gather students in one place. Many U.S. states have closed schools for the rest of the academic year, and globally there are widespread school closures across 192 countries. As such, we won't be able to administer the SAT® and SAT Subject Tests™ as planned on June 6, 2020.

We're working hard to make the SAT available in school and out of school as soon as the public health situation allows. Students will have opportunities to take the SAT to make up for this spring's lost administrations.

If it's safe from a public health standpoint, we'll provide weekend SAT administrations every month through the end of the calendar year, beginning in August. This includes a new administration in September and the previously scheduled tests on August 29, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Students will be able to register for these administrations beginning in May. We'll communicate directly with students when the exact date is available. Students who were registered for June and those in the high school class of 2021 who don't have SAT scores will have early access to registration for the August, September, and October.

In the unlikely event that schools don't reopen this fall, the College Board will provide a digital SAT for home use, much as we're delivering digital exams for three million Advanced Placement® students this spring. As we're doing with at-home AP® Exams, we would ensure that at-home SAT testing is simple; secure and fair; accessible to all; and valid for use in college admissions.

We're committed to giving students as many chances as we can to show their strengths to admissions officers. We'll regularly update our webpage with information at

https://pages.collegeboard.org/sat-covid-19-updates?SFMC_cid=EM299996-&rid=149562117.

Thank you for your understanding during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

College Board

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

Students have received information through the HS Student News about the Course Selection Process for 2020-2021. Although there will not be a parent signature required for the process, we highly recommend you work with your teen on the process. Here is [the checklist](#) that we sent students. Please note that if they did not meet the deadline, that is ok. We are hoping to have all course selections done by the start of Semana Santa. We will make sure parents have access to the course selections and have a chance to get involved before they are finalized.

MINDFULNESS UPDATE

Unfortunately last Tuesday's Mindfulness session did not work out because of technical failures (power outage).

As you might know, we've been having Mindfulness practice sessions in our school (in the Mindfulness Room) for almost the entire academic year. Due to the present conditions we want to continue that practice virtually, and remind you that everyone in our community is invited to join.

The practice of Mindfulness meditation is one of the best ways to center ourselves, regulate our emotions and develop resilience in challenging times.

We will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 8:20am.

This is the [Google Meet link](#) to access:

We hope to see you there!

Susana Castellanos

Felipe Merizalde

UPDATE FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELORS

We hope everyone is settling in and having a great second week of Distance Learning. Because of the current circumstances we have decided to cancel the Parent Meeting on April 1st. We will be sending updates about schedules, university applications, testing, etc as we find out more. Please reach out to us with any comments, questions or concerns.