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From the Principal's Desk

What an amazing first week back we had in the High School! Although it took some getting used to seeing almost 400 students around the hallways and at lunch, it was such a welcome breath of fresh air! Students were smiling, classrooms were full of learning, and lunchtimes felt like the social time that they have always been. Although day 1 was a bit difficult with following all the biosecurity protocols, day 2 and beyond were very well done!

We are aware that there are some students who will not be on campus this upcoming week, but we urge everyone to please stay focused on learning! Although it is not as easy to stay engaged from a distance, we hope all our students can continue to stay focused and motivated as we continue with some Distance Learning time upon return.

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This week's High School news

TEACHER AND COUNSELOR APPRECIATION

As you know, teachers and counselors are a critical part of student success. We have some amazing teachers on our faculty and we like to celebrate them! We have been asking for students to fill out the [Teacher and Counselor Shoutout form](#) and teachers have really enjoyed receiving these positive messages. We thought we would make the opportunity available to parents! If you have a compliment/celebration/congratulations that you would like to share with a teacher (it can be done anonymously), please fill out the form so we can get them the recognition they deserve.

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

One of our AP Research students needs some support with her research on Eating Disorders. Take a look at her project [here](#) and please consider giving consent for your daughter to fill out the anonymous survey. Thank you in advance for supporting our young researchers!

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

Please note that we have changed the date of our Three- Way Conferences to April 7th. Since we will be in Distance Learning on that date, we wanted to make sure to use that time instead of potentially using a day of on-campus learning. More information on signups to come, but you can expect that it will be similar to the last two TWCs that we have done virtually. The conferences will be approximately from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Reminders

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. 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 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?