

News for Parents

May 11, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

With the end of the school year in our sights, we start to think about closing the year. We have seen that motivation and focus during Distance Learning is getting more difficult for many of our students. In order to support them during these extraordinary times, we are offering two "Catch-Up/Get Ahead" days next week on May 18th and 19th. On these days there will be no synchronous classes, but instead teachers will be available during the day for individual conferences with students by appointment. These two days are not vacation days for students. We are expecting that students spend time on individual assignments, whether it is catching up on work and assessments, doing retakes, studying for upcoming AP exams, or getting a jump on projects that are due in the near future. We hope students take advantage of this time to ensure that the remaining few weeks are productive and that they finish the year strong!

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IMPORTANT DISTANCE LEARNING DOCUMENTS

[Communication Flowchart](#)

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

[Distance Learning Handbook](#)

ZOOM Q&A SESSION

We will continue with our weekly Zoom session for parents questions and concerns.

You can join at the below link:

Tuesday May 12th, 8:30 a.m.

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

UPDATE FOR SENIORS

Thank you to all of you who filled out the [survey about Graduation](#) for the class of 2020. We had 117 responses and we will still leave it open for another week, in case you did not get a chance to respond. The main preference of a majority of parents and students, if we are unable to have a regular ceremony (which is seeming less and less likely), is to try and have a celebration at school with only immediate family members, while respecting social distancing. We do not yet know if that will be possible, but it is certainly good to have the feedback. In addition, the preferred dates for an in -person celebration, if we are not able to have any face-to-face celebration, is August or December 2020. We will be in touch as soon as we have more information about Social Distancing in June and once we have made a final decision about Graduation. We thank you for your patience!

FINAL AP EXAM PREPARATIONS

Please ensure your AP student has taken a look at [this letter](#) to help them be fully prepared for AP exams coming up this week.

Reminders

MINDFULNESS UPDATE

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!