

August 10th, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Although this is not the start of the school year that any of us had imagined, I think we can all agree that it will be filled with opportunities for everyone! There will be opportunities to grow, to show resilience, to focus on connections with others, and to improve our own self-care. We are here as a High School Faculty to support your teenagers in taking advantage of those opportunities and in not allowing our current circumstances to slow down their learning.

Teachers, counselors, and support staff are busy preparing for an unprecedented start to the school year and experiencing a higher than usual level of professional growth as they prepare. What you can expect from all our High School faculty this year is what you have become accustomed to expecting; a high level of professionalism, a caring and supportive attitude towards our students, and a commitment to helping them grow as learners and as human beings.

We thank you for your partnership and your support since we know that working together we can get the most out of this learning experience for our students. Please join us in welcoming this school year and in helping our students take advantage of all the opportunities in front of them this year!

We've got this!

In partnership,

Ivan Velasco
Principal
ivvelasco@cng.edu

Jesse Wagner
Associate Principal 10 & 11
jesse.wagner@cng.edu

Mary West
Associate Principal 9 & 12
mary.west@cng.edu

This week's high school news

COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART

We would like to remind you of the [Communication Flowchart](#) that should guide you when opening up communication with the school. By using this flowchart, we can ensure efficiency in communication and that the most relevant person is involved in any concerns or questions.

SENIOR PARENT BREAKFAST

Although we will not be providing actual breakfast, we would still love to see all of our Senior Parents to discuss the unique joys and challenges of being a parent of a Senior! There will be some important information provided about the particular issues that face all parents of Seniors. We hope to see all of you there!

Wednesday August 19th, 8:30 a.m.

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

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAM AT CNG

Check out one of our recent alumni (Manuela Cortés, Class of 2020) and one of our teachers (Mr. Jesse Tangen) being [interviewed by Universidad Nacional Radio](#). They are discussing our AP Capstone program and Manuela's Senior Research Project.

DISTANCE LEARNING 2.0 SCHEDULE

We have updated the Distance Learning schedule for High School to include some VIP time for Social and Emotional learning and check-ins with students. Please see the [following schedule](#) for details. On the first day of school we will have a [slightly different schedule](#) to allow for our opening assembly.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW INCOMING FACULTY!

Angie Lucia Puentes -- Spanish

Ariel Detlefsen -- Math

Bill Tanner -- Science

Chantal Gosselin -- Science

Greg Hessee -- English
James Housego -- Music
Juan Hernandez -- Social Studies
Julie Murphy -- English
Mariana Pinilla -- Spanish
Mary West -- Administration
Matt Sydow -- College Counseling
Russell Krummell -- Science
Tiffany Touma -- English
Tim Pope -- Math
Tony Graziano -- Social Studies

Monica Arrubla - Associate Director of Colombian Program
Silvia Castro - Social Service Teacher

ZOOM Q&A SESSION

This year we will continue with our weekly Zoom session for parent questions and concerns. 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:

Thursday August 20th, 9:00 a.m.

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

Reminders

No reminders yet. Just be kind to each other and to yourselves!