

October 12th, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

We hope everyone has enjoyed a well deserved week of relaxation and time away from school. As we are on the brink of embarking on our newest adventure as a school, we want to once again thank you for your support, your patience, and your trust in us. There are many “moving pieces” as we plan the Hybrid Learning 1.0 model and we are trying to be as transparent as possible and give you as much information as possible.

The week before leaving we held a parent Q&A and we want to thank everyone who attended. Here is [**a document**](#) that outlines the benefits of sending students to campus. We would also like to direct you to this [**Q&A document**](#) that we developed based on all the questions you asked at that time. Thank you for helping us think of questions that may not have been obvious to us and for helping us know where the main concerns are among parents.

We look forward to seeing some students on campus!

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This week's High School news

CNG MASKS

There have been questions about which masks can be worn at school once we start Hybrid Learning. It has recently been decided that there will be a few options for masks. At Caracolitos they have CNG masks available, which is the preferred option. Other options will be shared with you once providers have been determined. More details to come.

OCTOBER 23RD - ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAY

We continue to receive positive feedback about our Asynchronous Learning days and we believe that these days are a great way to support our students in keeping up with the difficult demands of our current Distance Learning model. With that in mind, we let you know that on Friday October 23rd we will have an Asynchronous Learning day. As always, this is not intended as a free day or a holiday and we ask that you please support your teens by not making travel plans and by having a stable environment for them to get work done on that day.

We will also be using this day to do some virtual training for students who are intending to go to campus during Hybrid Learning. More details about this to come.

FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

During our next installment of October's First Wednesday Parent Meeting we will be discussing MaiaLearning and the College Counseling Program. MaiaLearning is a college and career readiness software provider that partners with high schools and universities to provide students with college planning, career assessment, and college application tools . Through this access, you will be able to see your teen's interest and career inventories, universities' data, and the history of CNG college applications. You should receive an email from MaiaLearning with the instruction on how to access your account.

Wednesday, October 14th from 8:00am-9:00am.

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

UNIFORMS DURING HYBRID LEARNING

Please note that students will be expected to be in full uniform during Hybrid Learning while they are on campus. Caracolitos on Calle 93 is open and they also have delivery service. Now is a great time to look through your teenager's uniforms and see if they have enough items to start school! Thank you for your support on this. In addition, we are looking at most likely doing an OODC day every Friday that we are on campus. Here is a reminder of the [uniform expectations](#) at the High School.

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 October 15th, 9:00 a.m.

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

Reminders

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.

Oct. 14	CNG College and Career Counseling Basics
Nov. 4	Applying to Colleges in Colombia
Dec. 2	Summer Programs
Jan. 13	Understanding the PSAT results (10th and 11th)
Feb. 3	College Seminar for Juniors (Junior Parents)
Mar. 3	Applying to Universities in Europe and UK
Apr. 7	Ranking & GPAs: Basics Info
May 5	Transitioning into College (Senior Parents)

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.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that Three Way Conferences in the High School have been moved to Wednesday November 11th. More information will come, but they will be done like last semester, which is online and by sign-up. More information will be sent closer to the date.

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?