



“ Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” ~ Aristotle

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Many of our teachers have mentioned how responsive you (parents and students) have been regarding internet connectivity and absence situations. I’m so proud to be a part of this supportive, collaborative community. This time away has definitely highlighted our strengths. As we move into week 3, let’s keep the communication going. If there is something you need, please ask- we are just a click away. The big request this week was about, “how can I help the greater community?” Please see resources from our social services department below.

Thank you's and Recognition:

- **National Junior Honor Society:** We are happy to announce the induction of 30 students to the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). It is an honor since students must demonstrate outstanding work in the five key pillars- Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. We are planning a virtual induction ceremony to welcome these students to the NJHS. Please stay tuned for more details.
- We are having great attendance and punctuality in distance learning - Keep it up!!
- Principal Coffee- we had 19 participants- thank you all for your input- see notes below
- Scheduling- a big thank you to those who have visited the parent portal, reviewed the MS Academic Program Guide and signed off on elective choices for next year. See scheduling due dates below
- Parent Reps- a big thank you to our reps who work closely with Dr. Habegger in sharing important information about the school, especially while we are in distance learning mode

This week:

Spirit Week- Parents, join your kids!

- Monday- Comfy/PJ Day
- Tuesday- Color Day- be bright and colorful!
- Wednesday- Wacky Day! Wild hair and wild clothes!
- Thursday- Hoodie Day
- Friday- Hat Day

From the Counseling Team:

PARENT Talk with MS COUNSELORS - Lina and Ms. Bodhaine

We look forward to talking with You!

Here [is letter and message to Parents in all school CCN-](#)

Middle School: Wednesday, April 1st at 8:30 am and 4:30 pm

- 8:30 am - [Zoom MEETING](#)

Meeting ID: 490 691 677

Password: 003295

****8th graders in the scheduling meeting, please attend at 4:30**

- 4:30pm -[Zoom MEETING](#)

Meeting ID: 401 506 105

Password: 093671

The counseling team is here to support you during this distance learning time. We will be presenting ways to succeed in a distance learning environment for each division. We ask that you please sit and watch this [10 - minute Video](#) with the comfort of a warm beverage or moment of pause for you. It has practical suggestions and advice to help parents navigate these new challenges!

Scheduling Information:

Current Grade Level:

6th/7th- Your elective sheets are due March 31st along with Pre AP applications for each class you are applying to. Please note, JMUN is being offered as a possible elective choice- but you don't need to take the class to participate- this is for students who want to have deeper knowledge and participation in JMUN. International students- please know that there are some important changes to your course offerings for next year:

1. Spanish as a New Language (SNL) will be offered 1 block (not 2 as it is currently)
2. Sociales and World Religion are available as electives with a pass/fail option for those wanting to learn in Spanish with limited language skills. We want you to have opportunities to learn more about the country we are living in!

8th Grade

Please join us- Class of 2024 Scheduling Process online meeting:

When Wed Apr 1, 2020 8:30am – 9:30am
(COT)

Where <https://zoom.us/j/975165053>

The link for the [HS Academic Program Guide 2020-2021](#). High School Counselor, Ms. Marcela Gomez will refer to it too during the meeting, and will be uploaded soon to the CNG website.

Students will have the opportunity to access scheduling forms on Friday, April 3rd with a due date to submit for 4/13.

Information/Reminders:

New Schedule- as a preK-grade 12 system, we have decided to change the secondary schedule. **Block 1 will now start at 10AM and Opportunity Day/office hours/staff meetings will happen 3-4PM.**

Please continue to support our online environment and treat it as students are in regular classes. Please limit interruptions at home to preserve class time. Available times for students are 8:30-10, 12-1, and 3-4- thank you!

PE Classes will NOT rotate this quarter. ONLY HEALTH AND DANCE. This will allow for continuity for the most of students during our distance learning. Please contact your child's current PE teacher with any questions.

Follow up from Parent Coffee chat 3/24-

- Need access to Staff emails? Please see this document posted in the Parent Portal
- Service Opportunities:
 - Fundacion Hogar Nueva Granada Food Drive- flyer [HERE](#)
 - This is the Facebook page of HandsOn Bogota a volunteer clearinghouse I am familiar with: <https://www.facebook.com/handsonbogota/>
 - I've also read about this initiative where large organizations are collaborating to increase reach of help needed: [Colombia Cuida a Colombia](#)
 - For animals:
 - TEPA www.fundaciontepa.org
 - Fundación Animalove www.fundacionanimalove.com
 - Peluditos con Futuro <http://peluditosconfuturo.org/>
 - Alma Perruna <http://www.almaperruna.org/>
 - Fundación Milagrinos <http://fundacionrefugiomilagrinos.com/>
- The food drive is going well, but maybe clean out closets and give the clothes to a specific foundation would be great
- Animal shelters are receiving an extraordinary number of pets. Please donate food, littler, old blankets!
- There was a question about school closures- this is NOT a CNG communication. I believe this is related to universities ending their programs May 30th.
- 3rd Quarter Marking Period- this marking period will be an informal progress report rather than a formal marking period. Rather, we will combine marking period 3 and 4 into an overall Semester 2 grade. This will allow students and teachers to adjust to the Distance Learning environment without impacting grades.

Absences: If your child misses any part of distance learning due to illness or connectivity issues, please have them contact the teacher as soon as possible and attend the next Opportunity DAy. Also, Contact ms_dismissal@cnge.org for absences or complete our fillable form for prearranged (2 days in advance).

- [Pre Arranged Absence Form](#)

For Resubmissions- In order for students to resubmit an assignment, test or other classwork, they must complete the [Student Resubmission Form](#)

[Parent Portal Link-](#) this is updated weekly on Friday. Access up to date information here.

Resources Available:

1. [MS Staff Emails/Contacts:](#)
2. [Home/School Communication chart](#)

Tech Resources:

1. <http://bit.ly/cngtechsmart>- this is for timely CNG tech support
2. [Google Classroom \(English\)](#)
3. [Google Meet \(English\)](#)
4. [CommonSense.org](#), which is considered to be an industry-standard in the technology support to parents.
5. [Acceptable Use Policy \(AUP\)](#).
6. [Parent copy of student questions](#)
7. [Distance Learning Expectations Slides](#)
8. [Distance Learning Schedule](#)

Looking Ahead:

April 6-10	Break- Semana Santa
April 21st	Principal Coffee- 7:15AM- webex link- <u>https://mycng.webex.com/meet/ashley.barker</u>
April- 22nd	MS Student-led conferences- will create a plan for possible virtual meetings