

News for Parents

June 1, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

We have learned a great deal over the last couple of months and we have tried to prioritize our students' learning from the beginning. There are students who have appreciated the Distance Learning model and who have excelled and improved their learning. There are also many students who have struggled to maintain their level of learning, responsibility and grades that they were earning before we began Distance Learning. In order to support the latter group, we have decided to use the days originally scheduled for exams as Resubmission/Retake/Remediation days.

June 5, 8, 9, 10 were days originally scheduled for exams and when we canceled exams, they became regular school days. Now, we are using these days as opportunities for students to resubmit work, reassess standards, and remediate material. What this means for students is that there will be no synchronous classes after this Thursday June 4th. Our teachers and counselors will be working with those students who most need to use that time to finish the school year strong. These days and this work are optional and if your student is not interested in raising their grade by using these days, then they are essentially done on June 4th.

We hope these days will allow students who are failing classes or achieving at lower levels than usual to raise their learning and their grades. It is the final push and we encourage all students to take advantage of this time!

If you have more questions about the rationale or details for these days, please join me through [this link](#) on Tuesday June 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

Sincerely,

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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 June 2nd, 8:30 a.m.

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

RESOURCES FOR SUMMER LEARNING

Are you wondering how you are going to keep your teenager actively engaged all summer long? Worried that they will have nothing productive to do? We have compiled the [following resources](#) that you can go through with them and help them select some options for continued growth and learning in different areas.

AP MAKE UP EXAMS

Here is a [letter with some guidelines](#) for students who are preparing to take makeup AP exams this week. This was sent to students as well.

STUDENT ORGANIZED EVENT

One of our 11th grade students is organizing a series of webinars called, "Colombia: The Changing Business World". The two remaining webinars will be June 3rd and June 10th. Check out the flyer below for more information.

Webinar

Juan Pablo Neira
CEO PRESENTARTE- AUTOR- SPEAKER

**EL ANTIVIRUS: Una
nueva vision con
Resilencia, Union y
Solidaridad**

**MIÉRCOLES
JUNIO 3
5:00 PM**



Inscribanse en el siguiente link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZNkpfCLNROq30ZIkR_BrzA
Luego de la inscripción, recibirá un correo electrónico de confirmación con información para unirse al seminario web.

 **webinar.business.colombia@gmail.com**

Serie de 3 webinars - evento abierto para todos los estudiantes interesados -
presentado por Nicole Cortés - invita Colegio Nueva Granada

STUDENTS HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE

COL5VID is a network of students and professionals working together to support the most vulnerable communities of Colombia during the crisis derived from COVID-19. For more information, please see [this article](#) written by Class of 2018 CNG alumni, Hector Cure. “Our main role is to connect donors with beneficiaries in an efficient and transparent way. Our objective is to develop a bank of both monetary and in-kind resources for distribution across the national territory through our strategic partners. We pick up your donations, pack them at our collection centers, and distribute them to the beneficiaries. If you would like to donate canned food, clothes, books, toys, electronics, or school supplies, you can fill the following [Google form](#) and a member of our team will contact you.”

If you would like to donate monetary resources, we have an account in Bancolombia through which you can make direct transfers or through Vaki. What you donate will be invested in groceries made by Grupo Éxito, Mercados La Recetta, and Banco de Alimentos de Colombia.

Vaki: <https://vaki.co/COL5VID>

Visit our Website: [Col5Vid](#)

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MORE STUDENTS HELPING THE LESS FORTUNATE

"Hi everyone! Recognizing that in this time of chaos, there are many families who do not have any income, Valentina de la Pava with the help of other adults created the campaign: **Mayapo Sin Hambre**, with the purpose of delivering groceries, water, and medicines to a community in Mayapo, Guajira, Colombia. If you're able to, please make a donation in our GoFundMe page ([link](#)) or through a transaction (the information needed is in our Instagram @MayapoSinHambre.) If you're not able, I would like to invite you to follow our Instagram and if possible share it, by doing this you will be helping us a lot! Stay safe, and thank you for contributing to a better Colombia!"

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!