

September 7th, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

Although our students are very adept at technology and are navigating the Distance Learning world fairly well, we will be supporting them with a course from Global Online Academy called, "[Learning to Learn Online](#)". We have signed up all our High School students for this FLEX course that will be happening from September 15th to 18th. This course is something the students will do independently, but with the support of their VIP teacher. This short course is not for credit, but we expect every student to be engaged in the course to support their Distance Learning experience.

We hope you can help us encourage students to engage in the course as we feel it will be very beneficial to them as they continue to navigate Distance Learning. The students are being registered through CNG and they will be receiving an email to help them enter the course. There are other interesting courses available from GOA that we will be promoting to students as the year progresses.

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This week's high school news

DISTANCE LEARNING CLUBS

This week we will be asking students to sign up for Distance Learning Clubs (DLCs). These are completely voluntary clubs that happen on Thursdays during FLEX time (2:00-2:30) and are designed to help students CONNECT more with their teachers and peers in a fun space of common passions and interests. We hope you can encourage students to sign up and attend one of these clubs as we feel it will help their overall Distance Learning experience be more enjoyable! We have over 20 different groups including Sports documentaries, Sign Language, Mindfulness, Creative Writing, History of Rock Music, MUN, Cards Club, and others!

ATHLETICS NEWS

All athletic and Condor Activities are now in motion! We want to thank all the parents and students for committing to staying connected. As mentioned in previous CNG Community News, we will continually collect feedback from students and parents to improve our program during distance learning, hybrid, and the eventual return to on-campus education. An additional thank you to the parents that attended the open dialogue meeting with the Athletics and Condor Activities team. If you did not have the opportunity to attend the meeting, the presentation is available [here](#). GO CONDORS!

MAP TESTING

During the week of September 7th we will have MAP testing for students in 9th and 10th grades. These tests will happen every day during third block and FLEX time. Please help us get valuable data about our students learning by encouraging your teenager to get a good night sleep and some lunch before the tests.

COLOMBIAN PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

On Tuesday September 8th at 8:00 a.m. will be the Open House for the Colombian Program.

Tuesday September 8th, 8:00 a.m.

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

PERSONERO AND CABILDANTE VOTING

On Tuesday September 8th at 2:00 p.m. our High School students will be voting for the Personero and Cabildante (formerly Vice Personero) for the 2020-2021 school year during their VIP block.

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 September 10th, 9:00 a.m.

Join the Zoom meeting through [this link](#) (please note that this is a different link than the usual one)

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.