

April 6, 2021

From the Principal's Desk

We hope everyone enjoyed a well deserved break. As we enter back into Distance Learning, we want to remind everyone the importance of keeping cameras on as much as possible as well as the necessity to provide a distraction free environment for students. It is a challenging learning modality and we want to ensure that students are set up for success as much as possible. Best of luck to everyone and we all hope we can see students back on campus soon!

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This week's High School News

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

On Wednesday April 7th, we will be doing virtual Three Way Conferences in the High School between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. These will operate much like they did in November and April 2020. Please see the video with instructions for signing up for conferences [here](#). After watching the video, you can sign up [here](#). Remember that there will be no classes that day and that students are expected to attend conferences with their parents. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

SECOND WEDNESDAY COLLEGE COUNSELING MEETING

Please note that the First Wednesday College Counseling meeting for parents that was scheduled for April 7th has been moved to April 14th due to the new date for Three Way Conferences. The topic is "Ranking & GPAs: Basics Info" and the meeting will happen at [the following zoom link](#). If you would like to see previous meetings, you can check them out at [this link](#).

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS 2021-2022

This week we begin the Course Selection Process for 2021-2022 for students. Please note the following important dates so you can support your teenager with this important process.

April 6	Course Selection Assemblies during VIP. Links sent to students
April 8	Course Selection Fair during VIP. Links sent to students
April 8-20	Students select courses (parents should be involved in this process)
April 16	Parent meeting to discuss PreAP and course selections
April 20	Course Selection Approval Form due (will be sent to parents directly)

Please reach out to your teenager's counselor if you have any questions about the process.

PRE AP AND AP & COURSE SELECTION PROCESS MEETING

Our next Parent Q&A will be focused on two topics. PreAPs and AP courses throughout the high school and the course selection process for 2021-2022 for students. We hope to see many of you there.

Date: Friday April 16th

Time: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Location: [Zoom link](#)

DATES FOR SENIORS

Please see the updated end-of-year dates for Seniors below:

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| April 23 | Community Hours Completed and reported to Office of Community Service and Social Responsibility |
| May 11-14 | Senior Cumulative Semester Assessments. Only for select classes. There will be regular classes. |
| May 18-28 | AP Exams. Students do not need to attend school on the day of their exam. There will be no additional Study Days. |
| May 31 | Senior Research Presentations. These will likely be virtual presentations. |
| June 3-4 | Senior events. Some version of the Senior Walk, the Senior BBQ, Senior Awards Assembly, Art Gallery, etc... This will all depend on what we can do on campus. |
| June 6 | Graduation Ceremony(ies). Time and details TBD. |

AP EXAMS DATES

[Here is a listing](#) of all the AP Exams that will be offered at CNG in May. Please note that there is a mix of Digital and Paper and Pencil exams. Students will be expected to come to campus for all exams unless they have been doing Distance Learning consistently since March. Please note that students will have excused absences for the entire day of their exam, but there will be no additional Study Days excused. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carolina Alvarez (calvarez@cng.edu)

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

As we move along the year we want to remind you that the Community Service requirement for all the HS students still stands despite the current situation we are currently living in. This year we have focused on providing online opportunities and here is a list of activities that your teenagers can currently get involved in to work on their service hours. If you click each link it will open a PDF with the description and further information of each opportunity:

- [Arts, Crafts & Science Activity Kits for La Casa de la Madre y el Niño](#)
- [Read Alouds for CFNG](#)
- [Informational Booklets for La Casas de la Madre y el Niño](#)
- [CHA Youth Summit by Mikva Challenge](#)
- [PS Reading Buddies](#)
- [Recycling Club](#)
- [Sages & Seekers Program](#)
- [Smithsonian Digital Volunteers](#)

We understand that there might be students who are not interested in any of the opportunities that we have been providing, so there are two other things they can do to work on their hours. First, they can reach out to Non-Profit Organizations (NPO's) that offer volunteer opportunities. Here is a [list of the NPO's](#) that are already approved or recommended by the Community Service Office at CNG. For students to work at a NPO not listed in the document they need to complete a pre approval form before they start working with the organization. Second, they can propose their own community service project and in this case they will need to provide a detailed project plan to the Community Service team to be evaluated and approved.

Every week we are posting service opportunities in the HS Student News, so we invite you to check them with your teenagers. In addition, keep in mind that they need to turn in the corresponding paperwork for each activity for hours to be validated and uploaded to skyward.

There is still time this semester for successful completion of their hours!

TEACHER AND COUNSELOR APPRECIATION

As you know, teachers and counselors are a critical part of student success. We have some amazing teachers on our faculty and we like to celebrate them! We have been asking for students to fill out the [Teacher and Counselor Shoutout form](#) and teachers have really enjoyed receiving these positive messages. We thought we would make the opportunity available to parents! If you have a compliment/celebration/congratulations that you would like to share with a teacher (it can be done anonymously), please fill out the form so we can get them the recognition they deserve.

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

One of our AP Research students needs some support with her research on Eating Disorders. Take a look at her project [here](#) and please consider giving consent for your daughter to fill out the anonymous survey. Thank you in advance for supporting our young researchers!

Reminders

DAILY WELLNESS CHECKER

[Daily Wellness Checker](#) - we need your help to ensure that this form is being completed daily for each one of your children. Thank you for your support!

ABSENCES AND MAKE-UPS

You may have received an email recently from the High School Office saying that your teenager had excessive absences in one or more classes that will need to be made up for credit. If you received this email, but are not sure what it means, please reach out to your teenager's associate principal. Making up these classes is an important requirement and if it is not done, it could lead to a student not receiving credit for the course. Please help your teenager avoid this!

GATE PASSES

We remind you that Gate Passes must be filled out before 12 noon every day to give us time to make the necessary adjustments and follow all our security protocols. We thank you for your attention to this issue.

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. If you would like to see previous meetings, you can check them out at [this link](#).

Apr. 14	Ranking & GPAs: Basics Info
May 5	Transitioning into College (Senior Parents)

CONNECTION ISSUES

Please note that if your teenager is having connectivity issues and cannot connect to any class we need for parents to send a note through Skyward. The protocol is the same as if they were absent for an on-campus class. In addition, if they are having

issues with their account or their zoom platform, they can visit the [Virtual Fishbowl](#) for support.

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?