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### **From the Principal's Desk**

As we enter semester two, we want to thank all parents out there who are partnering with the HS team to support your teenager(s) learning. When we look at all the challenges facing them as learners over the last year, we recognize that although this is not what any of us expected, our students are growing in many positive ways.

Resilience is not something that can be easily taught and it is a character trait that comes from facing adversity. Sometimes resilience comes at a bigger cost than other times, but experts agree that it is one of the most important traits humans can develop on their way to success and happiness. Let's not lose sight that through all these challenges, our students are gaining invaluable experiences that will undoubtedly help them in their future.

That doesn't make any of this any easier, but at least there are some long-term benefits!

Please remember to reach out to your teenager's counselor or associate principal if you feel that you are seeing unhealthy habits that may go beyond what you would expect as our students navigate these sometimes rough waters.

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## **This week's High School news**

### **COLLEGE SEMINAR FOR JUNIORS**

On Thursday, February 11th we will be having the College Seminar for CNG Juniors (11th grade students) all day. We would like to invite you to hear about it on Wednesday February 3rd during our First Wednesday Parent Meeting at 8:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity to be aware of what your students will be learning about in the seminar and we encourage you to engage in conversations related to their college applications and plans. To access the meeting on February 3rd please use [this link](#): We hope to see you there!

### **SURVEY RESULTS**

We want to thank all parents who filled out the survey about Distance and Hybrid Learning in December. We received a lot of data and we will be sharing out some of our main findings once we have had a chance to go through it all. We very much appreciate all of your feedback.

### **ZOOM Q&A SESSIONS**

Please note that we are now moving to a monthly Q&A meeting with parents. The next meeting will take place on Friday February 19th at 9:30 a.m. 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:

*Friday February 19th, 9:30 a.m.*

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

## **Reminders**

### **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!

### **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](#).

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)

### **CONNECTION ISSUES**

Please note that if your teenager is having connectivity issues and cannot connect to any class we need for parents to send an email to [hsattendance@cng.edu](mailto:hsattendance@cng.edu). 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?