

November 30th, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving day with family enjoying a physically distanced time together. I am sure we are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays and I think everyone has deserved a break with all the time and energy that we have been putting into Hybrid Learning. It is important that we remind our students (and we need your help) that the semester is not over yet. These will be critical weeks for students to stay connected, stay on top of their work, and beat the urge to procrastinate and lose focus. Three weeks of critical learning before everyone can take a break! Please do not hesitate to reach out to your teenager's teacher, counselor, associate principal or principal if you feel they are falling behind or having a particularly difficult time staying focused at this time. Together we can help get them back on track.

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This week's High School news

**** THIS WEEK ** 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](#).

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)

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 December 11th 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 December 11th, 9:30 a.m.
Join the Zoom meeting through [this link](#)

Reminders

CUMULATIVE SEMESTER ASSESSMENTS

Please note that we are moving the last day of semester 1 to Friday, January 29th. This will allow us to hold cumulative semester assessments (semester exams) during the week of January 25th, which will be a Distance Learning Week. More information to come.

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. 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?