

October 26th, 2020

From the Principal's Desk

Last week was quite the week. As we continue to try to make the best decisions for our entire school community, it is understandable that sometimes emotions can run higher than usual. I want to thank all parents who have reached out to respectfully agree or disagree with the decisions and the work we are doing. Your input is valued and it is this type of open community that I am proud to be a part of every day.

Moving forward, we will continue to seek out input and feedback from parents and students as we strive for the best and safest learning environment for our students. Our students are very resilient and we have appreciated the extra challenges they are facing and the grace and determination with which they are doing it. We WILL see each other again one day!

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This week's High School news

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.

BIOSECURITY TRAINING AND PREPARATION DAY

On Thursday, October 29th we will be having a school-wide Biosecurity Training and Preparation Day. This means that there will be no classes for students so that our teachers can focus on the biosecurity preparations for returning to school. This day was originally scheduled for last Friday. Students will have time to work independently for the entire day. We will be asking you in a future communication to let us know how productive you feel your teenagers are during these days, so it would be great if you can get a sense of how well they use the time!

FIRST WEDNESDAY COLLEGE COUNSELOR MEETINGS

As you may know, every first Wednesday of the month our College Counselors host a meeting with different topics discussed regarding the College application process. If you missed the first three meetings, you can find the recordings at [this link](#). The College Counselors look forward to seeing you on November 4th to discuss the Application process for Colombian Universities.

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 November 20th 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 November 20th, 9:30 a.m.

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

Reminders

HYBRID LEARNING INFORMATION

Here is [a document](#) that outlines the benefits of sending students to campus. We would also like to direct you to this [Q&A document](#) that we developed based on all the questions you asked at that time. Thank you for helping us think of questions that may not have been obvious to us and for helping us know where the main concerns are among parents.

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.

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.

UNIFORMS DURING HYBRID LEARNING

Please note that students will be expected to be in full uniform during Hybrid Learning while they are on campus. Caracolitos on Calle 93 is open and they also have delivery service. Now is a great time to look through your teenager's uniforms and see if they have enough items to start school! Thank you for your support on this. In addition, we are looking at most likely doing an OODC day every Friday that we are on campus. Here is a reminder of the [uniform expectations](#) at the High School.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that Three Way Conferences in the High School have been moved to Wednesday November 11th. More information will come, but they will be done like last semester, which is online and by sign-up. More information will be sent closer to the date.

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?