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## West Hartford Public Schools

Dear Conard Families,

Below is a copy of the email that I sent to all Conard students earlier today.

I hope to see you at my last Principal's Coffee of the school year this Wednesday, June 17th from 9:30-10:00 am. If you do not have access to Google Meet, you can also call the number below and be part of the meetings. The purpose of this forum is to provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to ask questions, express concerns, or just say hello and keep connected with one another. As always, you can set up an individual meeting with any of our administrators (phone, email, video conferencing) to discuss specific issues. Hope to see you there!

**Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:00 am**

[Join Hangouts Meet](#)

[meet.google.com/dsc-iiwj-qoe](https://meet.google.com/dsc-iiwj-qoe)

[Join by phone](#)

+1 657-464-5060 PIN: 523 820 731#

In addition, here is a message from our transportation office:

### WHPS Open Seat Program Update:

West Hartford Public School follows the guidelines of the Connecticut State Department of Education, which requires transportation be provided to any school age resident attending a West Hartford public, private or parochial school who resides an unreasonable distance from school. Transportation is provided at the following levels:

- Elementary (including Kindergarten): 1 mile or more
- Middle: 1.5 miles or more
- High: 2 miles or more

While we do not yet have specific guidance from the CT Department of Education, due to COVID-19 we anticipate the need to limit the number of students on each of our buses for the next school year. On October 1st, our Open Seats Program traditionally allows students outside the transportation zones to ride buses that we identify having available space. Based on COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, we will not be enacting this program for the 2020-2021 school year.

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Dear Conard Students,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. Continue your great work and keep up your positive momentum as we enter our final week of school!

As this school year comes to an end, please help me wish the following teachers and staff a fond farewell as they head off into retirement: Ms. Edwards, Ms. Hartshorn, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Kennedy, and Mr. Porter! We wish you well! Remember, no matter where you go, you will always be members of the Conard Family!

### **West Hartford Public Schools Online Resources and Learning Plan**

Here is the link to the [WHPS Website](#) for any additional district information.

### **Resources For Support**

If you are struggling with:

- Access to Food - Click the hyperlink for information about [WHPS Nutrition Services' "Grab and Go" pick-up meal service](#) and community food programs
- Social/Emotional - contact your school counselor or assistant principal
- Academics - reach out to your teacher and/or contact our Academic Resource Center. Teaching Assistants, Rudina Kosova([rudina\\_kosova@whps.org](mailto:rudina_kosova@whps.org)) and Lourdes Navarro([lourdes\\_navarro@whps.org](mailto:lourdes_navarro@whps.org)). They are available for individual meetings if you are in need of their support outside of your teachers' office hours.
- Technology - If you need a Chromebook please email me ([Julio\\_Duarte@whps.org](mailto:Julio_Duarte@whps.org)) or for technology issues visit [Technology Trouble-shooting](#)

### **School Calendar**

Last day of school is Thursday, June 18.

Last day for Seniors will be Friday, June 12.

No final exams this year.

Graduation will be Wednesday, June 24 (Rain Date: June 29).

Gr 12 student item return/locker cleanout \*Sr Sign-Up link has been sent to student email

June 9 (Tuesday) and June 11 (Thursday)

Gr 9-11 student item return/locker cleanout \*Gr 9-11 Sign-Up link has been sent to student email

June 16, June 23 (Tuesdays) and June 18, 25 (Thursdays)

### **Graduation**

Seniors - I sent a reminder email to you last week with important dates to help you plan and ensure your involvement in our special graduation events. You can find the outline of the June 15 events [here](#). **Don't forget to wear your cap and gown!**

### **Grading**

- There will not be a 3rd and 4th quarter grade; rather, we will have one semester 2 grade.
- We will maintain letter grade reporting but offer the opportunity for any student's family to request P/F in lieu of letter grading. The link to request P/F grading has been emailed home to your parents. Please have a discussion with

them and your school counselor to determine if P/F grading is the best option for you. It can be applied to all or some of your classes and a “P” does not impact your GPA.

- Special note - if you earn a D in any class, it will automatically be replaced with a P on your report card and you do **NOT** need to have a P/F form submitted.
- GPA will still be calculated this semester.

### **2020 Summer School Registration is Open**

Semester 1 summer classes will begin June 22. Classes will be presented virtually through a mix of mandatory class meetings, small group/individual work time, and teacher office hours. While most classes will run from 8:30–11:30 in the morning, we are excited to offer some evening sessions during the first semester to meet the various needs of our families. This format will provide students the opportunity to take multiple classes. To learn more about class offerings and times, please visit the [Life Learn website](#).

Click [here](#) for the link to the financial aid form for summer school.

### **UConn/ECE**

UConn is allowing ECE students to continue coursework for college credit. Remember that for your UConn class, Pass/Fail will not be an option – students will receive either a grade or have the option to withdraw from the UCONN credit portion of the class. I would encourage you to speak with your teacher for specifics.

### **SAT**

The College Board has canceled all Spring 2020 SAT and Subject Tests.

Additional [Fall testing dates](#) have been added to provide more options. ***Please note*** that Conard will be hosting the SAT on Wednesday September 23rd for our seniors only (Class 2021). Students will be able to take the test on this date at no-cost. Registration for the 9/23 date will be managed by Conard and not through the College Board website. You can find more detail at [CHS Class 2021 SAT Options](#).

### **PPT and 504 Meeting Status**

If you have concerns or questions about your plan, please reach out directly to your case manager (IEP) or school counselor (504 Plan).

### **School Counseling**

Click [here](#) for the link to the school counseling department Resources for Distant Learning website.

### **Spirit Days**

Monday and Tuesday - Workout wear

Thursday and Friday - Red & Gray to celebrate the class of 2020

Julio Duarte  
Principal  
Conard High School

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