



September 18, 2020

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

On Monday, we are looking forward to our “full” hybrid model with the **Croton** cohort in the building on Monday and Tuesday and the **Harmon** cohort in the building on Thursday and Friday. This week we welcomed our 9th and 12th graders by cohort throughout the week and it was wonderful to see them in person and we greatly appreciate their attention to all of the important protocols we have put in place. As a reminder, you can find our schedules posted on [the high school website](#) as well as the letter day calendar through October. Please make sure that you have registered for LINQ so that you can complete the health screening each morning that your child is attending classes in person (see instructions copied below).



Thank you to our fantastic, supportive PTSA for providing this welcome back sign that stayed up for the week as we welcomed our 9th and 12th graders back in person! As a reminder, yesterday we sent out [information about joining the PTSA](#).

Please keep in mind that the times listed on the Infinite Campus parent portal schedules do not match the hybrid schedule times. Everything else on the portal schedule is correct - periods, times, letter days, etc. We shared a template with your children to help them stay organized with the new schedule. It might be helpful for them to fill in their schedule on [this template](#) if they have not done so already (also posted on our website).

As we look ahead to an exciting week, please keep in mind the importance of upholding health and safety guidelines both in and outside of school. We have spent months planning and preparing for a safe, successful school opening for our students and staff and we ask that you continue to support our school opening by being mindful of interactions, activities, and health/safety practices outside of the school day. What you do (or don't) truly makes a difference. We thank you for your partnership in this community effort.

Upcoming Dates:

- On **Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 PM**, the Director of Athletics will hold the first of 3 community forums entitled “An Evening with the Athletic Director.” Here is the link to meeting: <https://lhric-org.zoom.us/j/4529435185>
- Additional Senior Portrait Days - **Wednesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 30**
- Yom Kippur, school closed - **Monday, September 28**
- Virtual Principal's Coffee (prior to Back to School Night) - **Wednesday, September 30 at 5:30 pm**
- Virtual Back to School Night- **Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm**
- PSAT (11th graders) - **Wednesday, October 14**

Technology Help Desk

As a reminder, if a student is experiencing any technology issues, they can submit a helpdesk ticket to our student helpdesk: <https://www.chufsd.org/Domain/2777>. The link is also posted under quick links on our school website.

Masks

All students must wear masks on the bus and in school. Cloth and single use surgical (disposable) masks are acceptable. The mask should be secured snugly by ear loops or ties. Students should come to school with a back-up mask (stored in a bag to keep it clean). Our school will have disposable masks available in the event masks are lost or damaged. Masks with valves are not acceptable. Gaiters and bandanas are also not acceptable.

Health Screening/Entry and Dismissal Procedures

You received a K12 alert from Mr. Griffiths and Mrs. August (copied below at the end of this communication) asking you to create an account for the daily health screener. Thank you to all of the parents who set up and completed their LINQ Health screener

this week as students began coming in person. As we prepare for next week with more students coming in person, please make sure that you are set up and ready to screen your child each morning that they are coming into the building in person. Please also make sure that you have the green slips that were mailed to you ready to be signed and dated confirming that you completed the daily screening. These slips will be required for your child to enter the building. If they do not have their slip, we will need to get in contact with you and complete the screening over the phone before they will be permitted to go in the building and attend classes. We thank you for your cooperation in a smooth entry process. Please review the information below under “reminders from previous communications” that was sent to you previously to summarize [entry/dismissal procedures](#).

You have enough green slips for the first part of the school year and we will provide more for you as the year progresses.

Updating Chromebooks

Mrs. August recently sent out information about [updating chromebook software](#). Please review if your child's District-issued chromebook has not already been updated.

Material Pickup For Fully Remote Students

Most of you have already received some supplies/materials from your teachers to use at home. However, as we move forward, they may have additional hard copies of books or papers that they would like to give to you. To make this easier for everyone, we will have a material pick up opportunity each Wednesday. IF your teacher(s) has something for you, they will notify the student and then they will leave it in the main office. You can come to the window on Wednesdays any time between 7:30 and 3:30 and someone will pass the materials out to you. This will allow you to pick everything up for the week (if necessary) at one time rather than having to arrange a pick up with each individual teacher. You should only come for pickup if a teacher has emailed you to indicate that they have materials for you in any given week.

Driver Education Update

I know that many of you have reached out to Mr. Guilo, our interim athletic director, regarding driver education. For the 2020-2021 school year, we are not able to offer a driver education program. In addition to being mindful about health and safety, the driving school that serves our school and many others in the area is no longer in business to support a program. In the coming weeks Mr. Gulino will share resources and options for families who would like to pursue a driver education program outside of the school. You may also contact him directly with questions. For students who began

driver's education with us last spring before we were out of school and were not able to complete the program, Mr. Gulino will be reaching out separately to those students and families shortly to communicate about how to complete your course. Please stay tuned for a separate communication about that if you are in that situation.

Census 2020

Join the movement to make sure every child is counted in the 2020 Census. Please find information below about the importance of the Census and resources for different ages, grade levels and content areas.

[Census 2020 Flier English](#)

[Census 2020 Flier Espanol](#)

[Census 2020 Activities and Learning Resources](#)

School Lunch Program

Please review the [information regarding our lunch program](#) that was previously sent out as a K-12 alert. Please note that lunch is free of charge for all students for the time being as outlined in the letter.

In your summer mailing, you received several forms including a [Military Recruitment Opt-out form](#). The deadline has been extended to **Monday, September 21, 2020**. Please complete and return this form to the main office. Grades 11-12 only. You can also mail it in or scan and email it to Leslie.Valentine@chufsd.org as well.

Information From Our Guidance Department

Please review this information regarding the [upcoming PSAT](#) for juniors that we will be giving on **October 14**.

The School Counselors will be holding an optional meeting for seniors on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 1:45** on tips for writing the college essay. Students will be sent an email with the zoom links on Monday.

School counselors will be available to students virtually every Wednesday from 9:20-10:20AM to answer individual questions via zoom. The counselors zoom links can be found on the homepage of the [Guidance website](#). As always, students can still set up appointments with their counselors during free periods or study halls when they are in the building and remote.

College admissions reps are offering virtual visits specifically for CHHS students this year in grades 10-12. These visits started on September 14 and will run through mid November. These visits are a perfect opportunity for students to learn more about different colleges and make connections with the reps that will be reviewing applications, especially since so many campuses are not offering in-person tours at the moment.

To attend the scheduled virtual visit, students will be able to click directly on the visit link from the college visit details page in their Naviance accounts. Parents can view the calendar of rep visits by clicking [here](#) or go to the calendar tab in the guidance section of the CHHS website. Please encourage your child to sign up today!

40th Annual Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger

[40th Annual Run Against Hunger](#): Register to participate in this year's effort to fight world hunger. Harry Chapin Run Against Hunger [Poster](#) and [Brochure](#). Check out [this video](#) about the race and how you can make a difference in this community and beyond.

Finally, see below for information from previous weekly updates.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Laura Dubak

CHHS Principal

Reminders from Previous Communications

Video Outline of Procedures:

If you have not already, please take a moment to review this video that outlines some of the changes to our procedures and spaces: [CHHS - A Message from the Principals: 2020-21 School Year](#).

Emergency Contacts

As a reminder, please keep in mind that should your child become ill during school, we need your cooperation to have an adult who is able to pick up your child quickly. Please ensure that we have updated emergency contacts and that you have a plan for someone who can come in a timely manner if you are not able to do so yourself. We hope this will

not happen often, but it is important to the health and safety of all members of our community.

Other Resources and Opportunities

The Croton Caring Committee, a wonderful support to our entire community, has announced an [exciting new opportunity](#) for one of our high school students. The ExPOSE Program will be an opportunity for a Croton-Harmon High School (CHHS) student to enhance her/his educational experience while gaining familiarity with and participating with the Croton Caring Committee. The student will be appointed as an Honorary Member of the Croton Caring Board and can expect to gain a variety of exposure to Board processes, including: Agenda Planning, Presenting, Taking Minutes, Program Development, and Volunteer Recruitment.

Health and Safety Trainings

If you have not done so already, please review all [training videos and complete the Google form at the bottom of this document](#) with your child. You will be asked to review several training videos as well as to review our District's Covid-19 Code. Please complete the training regardless of whether you are attending school in person or not.

Remote Learning Expectations

All students will be engaged in some portion of remote learning each week. Please carefully review the [student and parent remote learning expectations](#). These expectations are essential to a successful learning environment and we thank you for your attention and support.

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Arrival

We will have a staggered arrival this year. On days that you are in the building, you will not be able to enter until 7:55 and will enter and go directly to your first period classroom.

Buses, walkers, and student drivers will enter through the main entrance (front doors).

- Buses will begin dropping off at 7:55 on a staggered schedule
- Walkers and student drivers:
 - Croton group A-F at 7:55
 - Croton group G-K at 8:05
 - Harmon group L-Q at 7:55

- Harmon group R-Z at 8:05

Parent drop off will be at the back parking lot doors beginning at 7:55

- Croton group A-F at 7:55
- Croton group G-K at 8:05
- Harmon group L-Q at 7:55
- Harmon group R-Z at 8:05

Dismissal

If you are going to helping period and taking the bus...

- remain in helping period until you hear your bus number called over the PA system and exit through the front doors

If you are going to helping period and walking/driving/getting picked up...

- walkers/student drivers should exit the building immediately after finishing helping period through the front doors
- parent pickup - please pick up your children at 3:00 in the back parking lot

If you are not going to helping period and taking the bus...

- wait in one of our common spaces (cafeteria, courtyard, aux gym) or outside of the main entrance socially distanced until your bus number is called over the PA system

If you are not going to helping period and walking/driving/getting picked up...

- walkers and student drivers exit immediately at 2:20 through the front entrance
- parent pickup - please pick up your child at the back entrance prompt at 2:20

Here is a summary of arrival and dismissal that you may want to retain a copy of for your reference: [CHHS Arrival and Dismissal](#).

Previous Communication About the LINQ Health Screening Program

Dear Croton-Harmon Families,

As we get ready to welcome some groups of students at each building next week, effective Monday morning, September 14, 2020, all parents will need to fill out the health screening form using the LINQ Health Screening Program for their child/children whenever a child is coming in person to school prior to the opening of the

school day. In addition, your child will need to bring their "green" slips with them each day, signed and dated by you, confirming that you have completed the health screener.

Please follow the directions outlined here to set up your LINQ account. Please note that you will need your child's ID number to set up your account. This number can be found on the district-issued device that your child is using or by logging into the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) and clicking on the "Today" tab.

- [English Instructions](#)
- [Spanish Instructions](#)

We thank you for your cooperation and partnership in this important matter,

John Griffiths, Assistant Superintendent

Deborah August, Director of Technology

Estimadas familias de Croton-Harmon,

Mientras nos preparamos para dar la bienvenida a algunos grupos de estudiantes en cada edificio la próxima semana, a partir del lunes 14 de septiembre de 2020 por la mañana, todos los padres deberán completar el formulario de evaluación de salud utilizando el Programa de evaluación de salud de LINQ para sus hijos cuando un niño viene en persona a la escuela antes de la apertura del día escolar. Además, su hijo deberá llevar consigo sus recibos "verdes" todos los días, firmados y fechados por usted, para confirmar que ha completado el examen de salud.

Siga las instrucciones que se describen aquí para configurar su cuenta LINQ. Tenga en cuenta que necesitará el número de identificación de su hijo para configurar su cuenta. Este número se puede encontrar en el dispositivo emitido por el distrito que su hijo está usando o ingresando al portal para padres de Infinite Campus y haciendo clic en la pestaña "Hoy".

- [instrucciones en ingles](#)
- [instrucciones en español](#)

Le agradecemos su cooperación y asociación en este importante asunto,

John Griffiths, asistente superintendente

Deborah August, directora de tecnología