



06-12-2020

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

It is hard to believe that our last week of classes is next week. Thank you for your support of our schedule that began last week to end the year strong and together. I know that the times to come together as a class have been meaningful and beneficial. As a reminder, the same schedule will continue next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and all work is due by **June 19**, the last day of classes for the year.

Good luck and congratulations to all of our students and Ms. Light-Donovan who will be participating in our first ever virtual science research symposium later this afternoon: [CHHS Virtual Science Research Symposium!](#)

Senior Updates

A separate K-12 alert was sent to seniors and their families yesterday, June 11. Please review carefully. Here is a link to the [one page overview](#) of graduation as well as the text of the [K-12 alert that was sent yesterday](#). We are so excited to celebrate with you - June 25th cannot come quickly enough!

Congratulations to CHHS Seniors Recognized by PNW BOCES

[National Technical Honor Society](#) : Lucy DeMichele, Chloe Ginman, Oona Moorehead, Allen Sun, Catherine Osborne, and Erin Reynolds

[PNW BOCES Awards](#) : Catherine Osbourne and Rachel Setareh

Senior Yearbook/Cap and Gown Pickup Event

On **Friday, June 19**, we will have a [yearbook/cap and gown pickup event for all of our seniors](#) in the morning from 9:00-11:00. Please check the invitation for your time slot. Families are welcome to come in the car with seniors! We ask that our seniors also bring their textbooks to return at this time.

Grades 9-11 Yearbook Pickup and Textbook Return

On **Friday, June 19**, we are inviting **students in grades 9-11** to pick up their yearbooks as well following the time schedule below. We ask that students bring their textbooks to return at this time. Even if they did not order a yearbook, they should still return their textbooks during their assigned time slot by name and grade. At that time, please follow the student drop off route through the CHHS parking lot. When you get to the back doors, please stay in your vehicle, and tell the staff member your name and whether or not you ordered a personalized yearbook or are just dropping of books:

9th Grade, Last Name A-L 11:30-11:50

9th Grade, Last Name M-Z 11:50-12:10

10th Grade, Last Name A-L 12:10-12:30

10th Grade, Last Name M-Z 12:30-12:50

11th Grade, Last Name A-L 12:50-1:10

11th Grade, Last Name M-Z 1:10-1:30

A Reminder From the PTSA Cap and Gown Committee:

We are working on end of year events that celebrate the seniors of the Class of 2020 and we would like your help to make the graduates feel appreciated, celebrated and supported. The end of year events are different this year, but we are making them special!

Seniors are scheduled to pick up their caps and gowns at the High School on Friday, June 19 as a drive thru event. We invite families, especially all our elementary and middle school future graduates, to make signs that include positive messages to the seniors. Some ideas: “Happy Graduation”, “Best of luck seniors”, “We’ll miss you”, “We’re proud of you”, etc. We’ll hang the signs on the fence for seniors to see as they drive to the high school. Use your creativity and enthusiasm to celebrate our graduating seniors!

How? We’ll provide materials if you need them! (Feel free to use your own materials; please use poster board and write in large, clear letters. We will have poster board and markers available if you need them.)

When? We’ll be outside the Black Cow on Sunday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. for you to pick up supplies. Drop off completed signs by Thursday, June 18 at front porch of Shannon Varekamp’s house , 13 Beekman Place.

Questions? Email: Cathy Deutchman, cdeutchman@mac.com or Ingrid Ross, ingross23@gmail.com

Thanks, in advance, for participating in this project for our graduating seniors!

Cathy and Ingrid, on behalf of the PTSA Cap & Gown Committee

Return of Chromebooks:

As the school year comes to a close, we are asking to have all our district devices returned to us. It doesn’t matter which building you return the device to. We need all the student loaned devices from all buildings returned, along with their charging cables, so that we can get them ready for the fall. We are setting up drop off stations at both CET and PVC to make it more convenient for you to drop off the chromebooks.

We have also created a drop off schedule so that you can just drive up, check-in and return the device and charging cable in a quick and organized manner.

Please find the [schedule and further details here](#).

Below you will find some reminders and resources from previous weekly updates to review.

Thank you for your continued support of CHHS, all of our students, and one another as we end this year strong,

Laura Dubak

Principal, CHHS

Resources for Discussing Current Events with Your Children

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/family/in-the-news/talking-about-race/>

<https://www.readbrightly.com/how-to-diversify-your-childs-bookshelves/>

[Challenge Success Resources](#)

[ADL.org resources and tools](#)

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/explaining-the-news-to-our-kids>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/05/31/how-talk-kids-racism-racial-violence-police-brutality/5288065002/>

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/Building-Resilience/Pages/Talking-to-Children-about-Racism.aspx>

<https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/kids-discrimination>

SAT Update

The Collegeboard recently announced that they are cancelling the June SAT administration and announced a plan for testing next year. They have announced an additional test date on September 26, due to the backlog of students taking the SAT. CHHS plans to offer the test on both September 26 and October 3 this fall, to help students who have not yet tested get a seat. It will be a good idea to sign up early as we expect demand for seats to be high. Please visit their website to review updates and we will keep you informed of any additional ones as they come: [Collegeboard Updates](#).

ACT Update

The ACT has recently updated their website with information about the June 13 test site cancellations: [ACT Updates](#).

More Family Resources

Here is a message and resources from Challenge Success, the organization that we have been working with to survey our students and families thanks to a generous grant from CHEF this year: [A Message to our Challenge Success Family during COVID-19](#)

And here are resources for Families from Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES including resources about setting routines/schedules. This link includes the archived issues of activities so you can see previous ideas:

[PNW BOCES Family Activities Resources](#)