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Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

It is hard to believe that it will be June on Monday! As we wrap up a school year where so much has changed, we have much to look forward to.

One of the things we are looking forward to is a change to our eLearning schedule during the week of **June 8** and the week of **June 15**. During our last 2 weeks of eLearning, students will have scheduled whole class meetings that will take place via Google meetings on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. During these class meetings, teachers have prepared learning experiences, celebrations of learning, reflective activities, current events discussions, synthesis activities, sharing work, and more. Our goal is for these positive experiences to allow our students to come together with their classmates and teachers and end the year together as best we can when we cannot be physically together.

Please find the schedule of classes below. We encourage and expect all of our students to attend each of these live class meetings and ask for your assistance and partnership in this effort. Teachers will be posting meeting links on their Google Classroom pages and usual forms of communication. Students should continue to follow the same procedures they have been in terms of checking Google classroom pages daily for work and materials needed for classes in addition to attending the live class meetings. The last day of eLearning for students will be on **June 19** and the last day for students to turn in outstanding work is also **June 19**. We thank you for your continued partnership and support as we end the year strong and connected. As always, please reach out with any questions:

Tuesday 6/9 periods 1-4 (A Day)

Wednesday 6/10 periods 5-8 (A Day)

Thursday 6/11 periods 1-4 (B Day)

Tuesday 6/16 periods 5-8 (B Day)

Wednesday 6/17 periods 1-4 (A Day)

Thursday 6/18 periods 5-8 (A Day)

Periods 1-4 meeting times (6/9, 6/11, 6/17):

Period 1 11:00 -11:20

Period 2 11:30-11:50

Period 3 12:00-12:20

Period 4 12:30-12:50

Period 5-8 meeting times (6/10, 6/16, 6/18):

Period 5 11:00 - 11:20

Period 6 11:30-11:50

Period 7 12:00-12:20

Period 8 12:30-12:50

Please note that if your child is scheduled for Resource Room, their case managers will be in touch about the particulars of the schedule for Resource support.

End of Year Events/Celebrations Overview:

- CHOOSE begins for participating seniors on **June 1**.
- Our Schoolwide Awards Ceremony was scheduled for **June 5**. On that date, we will share a tribute video sharing and honoring our award recipients and their extensive accomplishments. We will arrange for the physical pickup of awards later in the year/over the summer.
- We will be sharing a National Honors Society Induction Tribute video shortly to announce the induction of our newest inductees.
- Yearbook/Cap and Gown Distribution Event for Seniors - **June 19**. 9th-11th graders will be invited to pick up yearbooks that afternoon following the seniors. Details on the times to come as well closer!
- Our Senior Scholarship ceremony will be on the regularly scheduled date, **June 24**. We will share a taped "event" honoring and congratulating the recipients on that date.
- CHHS Graduation will be on **June 25**!(details coming early next week, thank you for your patience and ongoing communication about graduation planning)

Renaissance Star Testing June 1- June 5

You recently received communication regarding Renaissance Star Testing that many of our students will be engaged with during the week of June 1. Your children's teachers, for those students who are taking the tests, will be supporting the administration of this testing by assigning the tests as part of their classwork for the week. Please review this document that includes all of the information for high school students who are taking the exams including which classes are required to take them: [CHHS Renaissance Star Testing June 1-June 5](#). Please reach out to Erica Fiorini at Erica.Fiorini@chufsd.org with any questions.

End of Year Updates for Seniors

The graduation location and details will be shared next week. Thank you for your patience, communication, and partnership in this as we make sure we have the best possible plan in place. Here is a [link to sign up](#) to be a member of one of the committees for either graduation, the car procession on graduation day, or the cap and gown/yearbook pickup event. Committees will be working on things like decorations and logistics with us. The link will ask you to provide contact information (phone, email) that will be used by the PTSA to communicate with you and organize the core committees. By filling out the link, please know that this information will go to the PTSA to organize. We thank you for your support in this.

Because we are having a drive-in graduation, it is important that everyone is able to attend. If you do not have access to a car, we will work with you to make sure you are able to participate in the event. Please email me directly or your child's counselor if you are the parent of a senior and do not have access to a car for the graduation ceremony.

CHHS PTSA Positions for 2020-2021

The CHHS PTSA is looking to fill three positions for the 2020-2021 school Year: President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact current PTSA President, Adora Lam Byfield: adorabyf@yahoo.com. Kindly express your interest by June 5, 2020. Additional information can be found here: [PTSA Recruitment 2020-2021](#).

Parents of Sophomores and Juniors

With SAT tests being rescheduled starting in August, the CHHS PTSA has the opportunity to offer some practice for you!

REVOLUTION PREP is offering a free online practice SAT test, (end of June or July) and PRINCETON REVIEW is offering an online SAT prep class, for a fee (M,W, TH, Aug 3-20).

Please complete [this form](#) by June 10 if your child is interested in either the test and/or prep class. If we do not have enough interest, we will not be able to offer these opportunities, so we are trying to get a head count. THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM, JUST AN INTEREST FORM.

If you have any questions please email Marlena Horton, PTSA Junior Class Representative marlena.horton@chufsd.org.

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.

In closing, please enjoy this video of our incredible music department (Michael Katzman, Lisa Dwyer, Marlena Horton, Sara O'Brien, Jazz Zantay, and Jane Parkhouse) performing "Lean on Me." I hope their message of unity is a beautiful reminder that we are all in this together and supporting one another - enjoy: [Lean on Me](#).

Have a wonderful weekend,

Laura Dubak

Principal, CHHS

Supporting Our Seniors - there are many ways!

- CHHS is partnering with the Croton Caring Committee on a Seniors Cheering Seniors initiative. If you are a senior citizen or have a friend or family member who is, please ask them to participate! We are asking senior citizens to write messages of wisdom, hope, and advice that will be collected and shared with our graduates. Participants can access a [form](#) to submit an electronic message

to our students or they can mail a hard copy to the Croton Caring Committee. The information is also available on the [Croton Caring Committee website](#). We are looking forward to sharing words of wisdom and support with our seniors as they get ready to take their next steps after graduation.

- Check out our daily updates on Twitter with pictures of our seniors with their lawn signs [@CrotonHS](#) or take a look at our electronic sign in front of the high school scrolling the names of the Class of 2020.
- Check out the CHUFSD Facebook page for “senior spotlight postings” beginning next week.
- One of our seniors, Grace Reyer, is working on a project to photograph and commemorate our senior class: [Project Page](#). Students can reach out to her at greyer.20@chufsd.org to get their picture taken so that we can commemorate all seniors this way.

Student Assistance Counselor Update

Alison Millen, our student assistance counselor continues to be available for support. Please reach out to her at Allison.Millen@chufsd.org. Please see this information regarding [substance abuse and support](#) as a result of Covid-19 closures.

Virtual Spring Financial Aid Night

This event through our guidance department is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, beginning at 7pm. Our spring presentation focuses on financial strategy (how to best position yourself to maximize student financial aid) and is most appropriate for parents of students grades 9-11. All are welcome. We will include information in future communications about how to sign up as we get closer to the date.

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 and when to expect more information on that: [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](#)

Reporting Absences

As a reminder, if for any reason, your child is unable to attend to eLearning on any given day, they must be reported absent by a parent or guardian. An absence can be reported by sending an email from a parent or guardian's email account to Phyllis Cobb:
phyllis.cobb@chufsd.org