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Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

To begin this week's update, I would like to share a video that Ms. Zantay virtually put together of our students playing "We're All In This Together" from *High School Musical*. Please enjoy seeing/hearing our wonderful musicians: [CHHS We're All In This Together](#).

We are looking forward to seeing many of you and our students at our CHUFSD parade on **Tuesday, May 26 beginning at 1:00 pm**. You can review the communication and route sent out previously here: [CHUFSD Community Procession](#). We are looking forward to seeing our students and families on the route!

Fourth quarter progress reports are posted to the portal. Please review with your children and ask them to reach out to their teachers with any questions or concerns. As we continue in our eLearning journey, I want to remind you to encourage your children to take part in the opportunities that teachers are providing for office hours and other live opportunities and check-ins. These are opportunities to connect with teachers and peers, ask questions, and process information. We know how important connections are right now and how much it can lift our spirits to make those connections in addition to the valuable learning that takes place during these times.

Wellness Day

On **Friday, May 29**, CHHS will have a Wellness Day. This is a day for students to focus on just that. No new work will be posted for students on this day. For some students, this might be a time for them to decompress after a long two weeks of APs. For others, this will be a day for them to catch up on overdue work and connect with their teachers to focus on what they need to get done. If students are caught up on work, we encourage them to focus on hobbies, mindfulness, exercise, reading for pleasure, and doing things they love. Teachers will be available to students and any scheduled office hours will still take place. We hope this will be helpful and rejuvenating for our students as we wrap up the month of May.

Lockers

The following information was sent to students by email earlier this week:

Thank you for your patience as we organized a plan for you to retrieve your belongings from your lockers. We are looking forward to getting your belongings back to you and seeing you when you come to pick them up! During your time slot, please pull up to the back parking lot doors. We will come to your car to get your information and bring out your bag of belongings.

We ask that you try to keep to the assigned time/date. We have belongings organized by last name and location in the building, so it will slow down the process if you arrive outside of your time window. If you cannot make the specific time slot assigned for your last name, please reach out to Mr. Maxam and I in advance. Please have your locker number and the location in the building (e.g. English wing) ready to tell our staff when you pull up. If you do not know the exact number, we can look it up if needed.

Student athletes who have personal items and/or equipment stored in the locker rooms should also pick up their personal items during the assigned time slots. These items will be bagged and labeled for pickup and follow the previously stated protocol. If you have school issued practice/game gear, and/or apparel, please bag and label these items and drop off to coincide with your scheduled drop off. If you have any questions or concerns related to personal belongings in the locker rooms, please direct athletic related questions to Athletics@chufsd.org.

There will also be tables set up for textbook returns. When you receive your bags, please take out any school-issued textbooks including English books and place them on one of the tables to return. You should keep books you have at home already that are needed for your classes; we will have another date in June to drop off the rest of your textbooks.

Last names starting with:	9th and 10th grade	11th and 12th grade
	Tuesday	Wednesday
	May 26th, 2020	May 27th, 2020
A-D	9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	9:00 AM - 9:20 AM
E-G	9:30 AM - 9:50 AM	9:30 AM - 9:50 AM
H-L	10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	10:00 AM - 10:20 AM
M-P	10:30 AM - 10:50 AM	10:30 AM - 10:50 AM
Q-T	11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	11:00 AM - 11:20 AM
U-Z	11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	11:30 AM - 11:50 AM

End of Year Updates for Seniors

Thank you to the nearly 70 families who participate in Google Meets this week to share updates and discuss graduation plans. We are so excited to do this together for our students. I hope to be able to announce the location and more details very soon pending approval. 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 would 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.**

If you were not able to make it to a senior parent meeting this week, here are the basics of the plan from last week's update:

Please keep the date of **June 25** saved! The basics of the plan include having a drive-in graduation event at a venue in Croton where students can experience graduation with their families and peers as well as hopefully enjoy the experience of crossing the stage and receiving their diploma while their families watch. Much more to come on the details once we get approval, but I know our students are excited at the prospect of having an event together on our originally scheduled date and we are looking forward to coming together to make this a truly special event for our seniors.

In addition, we are working on plans for a drive-up yearbook and cap and gown pick up event during the week of **June 15** (specific dates/times to come once we have shipping information on the items) but this is another special event for our seniors. We are planning to decorate our parking lot/front loop and make it special for our seniors to drive up and get their caps, gowns, yearbooks, and other mementos. Stay tuned for details as it gets closer!

Finally, the CHOOSE program begins on **June 1** for those participating. Please email the coordinators with any questions at CHOOSE@chufsd.org.

Child Nutrition Program Week of May 25, 2020

Due to the upcoming holiday weekend, lunch pickup/delivery for this Thursday, May 21, 2020 will include an additional Grab & Go meal for Monday, May 25, 2020. There will be no pickup/delivery on Monday, May 25, 2020. Lunch pickup/delivery for the week ending May 29, 2020 will be on Tuesday and Thursday (There will be NO pickup/delivery on Monday, May 25, 2020). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact child.nutrition@chufsd.org.

Finally, 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. Have a wonderful long weekend,

Laura Dubak

Principal, CHHS

Supporting Our Seniors - there are many ways!

- Thank you everyone who participated in our community pep rally for our seniors last Saturday!
- 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.
- 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.

Springtime Celebrations of Learning

This time of year our district calendar is always filled with many celebrations of learning. These moments showcase how well our students embody the skills within our Profile of the Graduate - abilities we so dearly value and that are the focus of our Strategic Coherence Plan.

The spirit of these events will not be lost just because we are not together in our school buildings. Croton-Harmon's [Springtime Celebrations of Learning](#) is an opportunity for every student, K-12, to highlight their prowess in a fun and creative way.

Although being part of the celebration is voluntary, we think that every student will find one of the five challenges compelling. I will send this to students as well.

All entries are due by Tuesday, May 26th, and don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions.

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