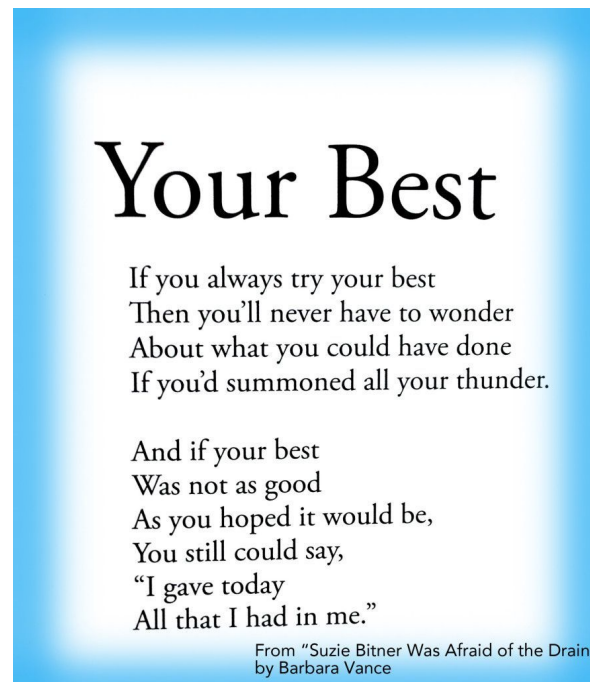




April 24, 2020

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

I hope that this communication finds you and your families well. I wanted to begin by sharing a poem that I read this week in one of my morning videos. A few students reached out to me and told me that they appreciated the poem at this time, so I wanted to share it with you as well:



Our CHHS students are doing their best. They are demonstrating initiative, self-determination, perseverance, and empathy. None of this is easy for anyone, but our students are doing it and I could not be more proud of them. Our teachers, counselors, clinicians, and support staff are reaching out and connecting with students regularly in addition to supporting them with their academic work. Our students are also finding the time and commitment to contribute to our community. Here is a link to [Dr. O'Connell's recent newsletter](#) that highlights some of the work and contributions of our students and staff.

Speaking of students we are so proud of...Congratulations to our Class of 2020 Valedictorian Ella Erskine and our Class of 2020 Salutatorian Rowen Gesue. We are so proud of you and your work and commitment throughout high school. You will be missed at CHHS and we cannot wait to see what is next for you!

Ways to Get Involved

Our counselors shared some information with students today about ways students can get involved in serving the community now with the Croton Face Mask Makers and the Croton Caring Committee. We are updating our [guidance site](#) with opportunities as they come up, so please feel free to check there for new opportunities we come across. We will send them to students via weekly emails as well. If you have any service opportunities that you become aware of, please share them with us so that we can post them and share with our students as well.

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](#).

Senior Parents

Mr. Maxam, Ms. Fiorini, and I held Google meets with seniors today to discuss their ideas and what they envision for the end of senior year including graduation, prom, and CHOOSE. I really enjoyed spending some time with them, seeing them, and connecting. I will be sending out an opportunity for a parent virtual coffee and conversation to senior parents next week, so I hope to get a chance to connect with some of you then to hear your ideas as well.

Finally, if you did not get a chance to see our CHHS message to our students last week, here is the link again: [we miss you from CHHS!](#). We miss our students so much!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Laura Dubak

Principal, CHHS

Reminders from previous updates:

PSAT 10 Update

The PSAT-10 has been cancelled for the year by the College Board. We are in process of issuing refunds to all families who paid for the test; a check will be mailed home and should reach families in approximately a week.

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 5 Activities for Families from Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES including resources about setting routines/schedules: [Family Activities](#)

Experience Science 2020

The annual Croton-Harmon Experience Science, Technology and Innovation Fair scheduled for May 7th has been postponed until further notice.

AP Exams Update

The Collegeboard has updated their website with date and time options for the AP Exams:

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>. You will see the early and late testing dates reflected on this schedule.

Croton Strong Campaign

We want to know what you are doing to stay strong! Send a picture with a caption to strong@chufsd.org and show us how you and your family are living Croton-Harmon Strong. We will be creating a video montage with all of the photographs we receive. During times like this, we all need as much community, positivity and perseverance as possible. Please consider contributing to this effort.

eLearning Updates and Reminders

It is very important to the safety of students and staff that we all do our part in creating a safe and productive online learning experience. As students and teachers continue to use real-time and online instructional tools and platforms, please be reminded that students are not to engage in the use of technology with the purpose to cause others

personal humiliation or embarrassment. The Code of Conduct applies to all online interactions that students engage in utilizing their school account and/or involving their participation in eLearning.

As everyone continues to transition to remote learning, please remember that it is important to protect the privacy of our children, and we need everyone's cooperation to do this. We ask that you not take screenshots or record any online session, especially with identifying student information visible on the device. We appreciate your cooperation with the above, so that we can maintain the safety and privacy of our students.

Finally, please remind your children that during live sessions like google meets for classes or for office hours, they should remember it is still a school setting (i.e. try to avoid meeting from their bedroom and they should not be meeting from their bed). Thank you for help with this!

Here is a [link to our board policy regarding internet safety](#).

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

Child Nutrition Program

Those students that qualify for free and reduced meals can continue to pick-up meals at the main entrance of PVC Middle School between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Monday (3 meals) and Thursday (2 meals).