



April 17, 2020

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

I hope this communication finds you well.

[Please enjoy this video from our CHHS family to you and your families.](#) We miss our students so much and I hope this brings them and you some cheer!

We all truly miss your children. I want to encourage them now more than ever to access every resource for connection they have. In addition, we hope all of our students will make an effort to participate in our [virtual spirit week](#), have some fun, and submit their photos so we can celebrate our school together while we are apart. I also continue to encourage them to access their teachers' office hours each week whether or not they feel like they have a particular question or need assistance. These are times that they can work real-time with their teacher, talk through material, share thoughts, and just stay connected.

Attention Senior Families

I am happy to share that I have been working with our dedicated CHHS PTSA to deliver a CHHS Class of 2020 lawn sign that is a gift for each of our seniors from the PTSA. Here is a letter that I shared with our seniors about this: [Class of 2020 Gift Letter](#). I will let you know as soon as we have a delivery date (special thanks to our transportation department for helping us get this gift to you!). Seniors who ordered senior shirts will also get their shirts delivered along with the lawn signs. We hope this gift spreads some cheer to each of them and I thank the PTSA for their generosity and support of our seniors. Please encourage your children to participate in sending in photos with their signs when they arrive!

Grading Update

I shared this letter with students yesterday as an update to a previous communication about grading for the third and fourth quarters. This letter outlines how grades earned during quarter 3 and 4 will contribute to the overall average at the end of the year: [Grading Update 4-16-20](#).

Guidance Updates:

Please visit our updated guidance site that includes various resources as well as links to weekly emails that counselors are sending out to each grade under the “Weekly Update Archive”: [CHHS Guidance Website](#).

SAT Update

The Collegeboard recently announced that they are cancelling the June SAT administration and announced a plan for testing next year. Please visit their website to review updates: [Collegeboard 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.

Reminders From Last Week

All students received an email inviting them to a free subscription to the New York Times from now through July 6. Feel free to encourage your students to sign up and get reading!

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.

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

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).

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](#)

Regents Examination Exemptions

The New York State Department of Education announced that Regents examinations will be cancelled for this June.

Students who during the June 2020 examination period would take one or more Regents Examinations shall be exempted from the requirements pertaining to passing such examinations in order to be issued a diploma. In order to qualify for the exemption, students must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and will have earned credit in such course of study by the end of the 2019-20 school year;
- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents Examination and has failed to earn credit by the end of the school year. Such student returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course credit and is subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020; or
- The student was previously enrolled in the course of study leading to an applicable Regents Examination, has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents Examination but was intending to take the test in June 2020 to achieve a passing score.

Here is a more detailed memo if you would like to review: [Regents Memo](#) and the information can also be found on the [NYSED website](#). This information was shared with students already. Please reach out to your child's counselor if you have any questions about this.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Laura Dubak
Principal, CHHS