



April 10, 2020

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

I hope this communication finds you and your families well. It is hard to believe that it has been several weeks since we have been out of the building and I thank you all for the ways that you have reached out and stayed engaged. Whether you are celebrating Passover, Easter, or enjoying Spring, I hope that you are valuing time with the family that you are with and finding virtual ways to be with extended family and friends.



Extension of School Closure

As a reminder from a K-12 previously sent by Dr. O'Connell, Governor Cuomo has extended school closures until April 29. He will reassess the situation at that time to determine if schools will reopen or if the closure should be extended.

Attention Parents of Seniors

As a reminder, the due date for scholarship applications for our seniors is **April 15**. If you have any questions about the process, please reach out to your child's counselor. We outlined the application process with an [instructional video](#) as well as [written directions](#). You can also view all of the scholarships available in these two links: [Scholarships with Supplements](#) and [Scholarships with the Common Application](#). All of this information is posted on the Google Classroom as well. The join code for students for the Senior Scholarship Google Classroom is: v4t6ilf. Please note that there are even

more additional outside scholarships that are also open to students beyond CHHS. You can find these scholarships under the “Scholarships” Tab in Naviance.

Allison Millen, our student assistance counselor, recently sent out an invitation to all seniors to take part in **senior groups**. Senior year is filled with a mixture of excitement, anticipation, and some challenges. In our transition to eLearning and not being in the building, we know that this part of senior is not how our seniors expected it to be. We are so proud of how they are handling it, but we want to support them and how they are feeling during this transitional time. Ms. Millen will be setting up small group meetings using Google Meet once a week to touch base with and work with seniors. She will focus on discussing disappointments and feelings about school being closed, what students can do to make this year great, and she will be sharing healthy strategies to cope with stress. If you think that your child would benefit from these groups, please encourage them to email her at Allison.Millen@chufsd.org to sign up.

Mr. Buonamano recently sent out a template to all senior athletes asking them to fill out some information and send it back to be featured daily on our social media platforms so that we can **celebrate our senior athletes**. We have gotten some responses already and I hope that ALL of our senior athletes will participate so we can celebrate them!

More Ways to Connect

Our teachers are offering multiple opportunities per week for office hours using Google Meet. Office hours take a variety of forms including small group meetings, individually scheduled time slots, and class meetings. I encourage all of our students to take advantage of these times to the extent possible, even if they do not have a particular question or are not in need of help with a specific assignment. Office hours can be an opportunity for help and support but they are equally an opportunity to connect with teachers and peers. This is so important now more than ever, so please encourage your children to take advantage of these opportunities.

All students received an email today 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.

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.

CHHS Spirit!

CHHS is having a [virtual spirit week](#) during the week of April 20!

Monday, April 20: Pajama Day

Tuesday, April 21: Funny Sock and Slipper Day

Wednesday, April 22: Hat Day

Thursday, April 23: Black and Orange Day

Friday, April 24: Color Wars (Seniors blue; juniors red; sophomores pink; freshmen purple, staff orange)

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](#)

Finally, quarter 3 **report cards** will be posted to the portal on Monday afternoon, April 13. Please review course progress and comments with your children, and please ask your children to reach out to teachers with any questions.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend with your families,

Laura Dubak

Principal, CHHS