

January 24, 2020

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

Highlights at CHHS

We are pleased to share that we have been working with our fantastic CHHS PTSA to provide spirit wear for our students that can be purchased online. The items will be sent to the school so that students can pick them up here. I sent out the information to students as well - it's a great opportunity to get some gear before our **spring spirit week** (and of course for parents who want some CH gear as well)!

<https://chhsptsaspiritwear.itemorder.com/sale> . Additional information is available on the PTSA website <http://www.chufsd.org/chhsptsaspiritwear>.

As you know, we are planning for our pre-prom events for the junior prom on March 28 and the senior prom on June 12. If you have ideas or are interested in volunteering for either event, please reach out to me by phone or email at Laura.Dubak@chufsd.org. More information about the events is pasted at the end of this update.

Tomorrow is our [Hoops for Heroes](#) basketball tournament. It is a great day for a great cause and another opportunity to show our school spirit, so please encourage your students to attend if they are able.

Reminder: Parents of Seniors

January 31 is the last day to purchase yearbook ads congratulating your seniors. The link to order/create an ad is available [on our website](#) under quicklinks.

Reminder: Attention Parents of Juniors and Seniors

In accordance with federal law, recruiters from the various branches of the United States Armed Forces are authorized to request that the school district provide them with directory information about students in our schools, specifically the names, addresses and telephone numbers of students. You may recall seeing a form related to this in your summer mailing, however it is important for every family to read, review, and make a decision using the updated letter. Here is a link to the [letter in English](#) and the [letter in Spanish](#). Please review carefully, print, sign, and return following the instructions in the letter if you or your child are indicating that you wish to opt out. *Students 18 and older may sign for themselves; students under 18 must have a signature from a parent/guardian.* If you need a hard copy, we have them available in the main office. I

will be sending this letter to junior and senior students via email as well so that they are aware and we will be discussing in our upcoming CHAP. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions and **please note that the form is due by January 31, 2020.**

Reminder re: Friday, March 13 Calendar Update

Dr. O'Connell recently sent out a calendar update, **so I want to you remind you that Friday, March 13 is now a regular day of school for students** (it was previously slated to be a superintendent's conference day, but the conference day was moved to December 11 in lieu of using a snow day). The update sent also included information about what will happen on January 29 in the event there is a weather delay. January 29 is slated to be a half day for students, but if there is a delayed start due to weather, dismissal will be at our regular time that day (the half day will be canceled). Please see Dr. O'Connell's K-12 alert for more information or reach out to me if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

- **January 25** - [Hoop for Heroes Fundraiser](#)
- 2nd Qtr. Report Cards Published - **January 27**
- Supt. Conf. Day - Early Dismissal for students at 11:00 a.m. on **January 29****
*****In the event that we have a weather delay on January 29, 2020, our staff professional development will be canceled and students will have a normal day of school with our regular dismissal times.***
- Parent University (smart phones and their impact on children) - **January 29 at 7:00 pm**
- **ATTENTION PARENTS: There are 8 days left to order a 2020 yearbook or create a yearbook ad congratulating your senior. Links to both can be found on the high school website under the quick links. Please reach out to jaclyn.szymanski@chufsd.org or chase.itter@chufsd.org with any problems or questions.**
- Shakespeare Performances - **February 7-8 at 7pm.** (Snow date is February 9 at 1pm)
- **February 12 - 7:30 pm** - PTSA Meeting
- **February 17-21** - Winter Recess - Schools Closed
- Here is a link to the [athletic calendar](#) to see our upcoming events.

Other Information/Announcements

- **For JUNIORS** - please click on the [link](#) for information about the Big Buddy Program.
- 10th Grade: PSAT-10 will be held **March 25** during the day for those who sign up to participate. The cost is \$20. Please review the K-12 alert that went out and contact guidance with any questions.
- **Spring Driver's Education** Program Orientation-please click on the [link](#) for more information.
- Support the CHHS PTSA while you shop by designating them as your **Amazon Smile Charity**. [Follow this link](#) to begin shopping. You can also access the link through the PTSA website: <http://www.chufsd.org/chhsptsa>.
- CHHS PTSA has partnered with Princeton Review to offer **discounted on-site SAT test prep courses**. Details and registration instructions are on the PTSA website: <http://www.chufsd.org/chhsptsa>. For students who need more scheduling flexibility or prefer to work online, the website also contains information for Revolution Prep, an online test preparation and tutoring company.
- We are planning for a pre-prom event at CHHS before each prom this year. I have been working with our class leadership, faculty advisors, the PTSA, and the Croton Community Coalition to support this event. So, this year we are so excited to have a pre-prom event that includes taking a bus (required) to and from prom this year. We were finally able to share the idea with all of the juniors and seniors last week and held several opportunities for feedback and suggestions this week. Part of the reasoning for this event and bussing is safety so that we can ensure that everyone arrives to and from prom safely. But, equally important, proms are events that are all about our school and our community, so we want it to be special, fun, and a time for us to all be together, beginning at our school. We want our community and families to have this as an event for them as well where everyone is invited to come, have fun, take pictures, and see their children off to prom. In talking with the class leadership and students, some additional reasons for hosting this event and requiring students to take the bus are:
 - The pre-prom event and everyone going together as a class promotes school spirit and fun.

- Having a pre-prom event at school promotes inclusivity.
- Prom is the most fun when everyone is there together.
- The pre-prom event is a time that everyone is invited - students, teachers, family, friends.
- Required busing takes some pressure/expense out of figuring out prom transportation.
- You are still able to do any pre-pre prom events that you plan before coming to the pre-prom event at school and this is an addition to the total experience.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or if you have ideas that might contribute to our planning.

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