

December 20, 2019

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,



Highlights at CHHS

I hope that you have a restful, wonderful break celebrating with family and friends. We have a lot to look forward to after the break!

We are already getting ready for students to begin thinking about their courses for next year. At the coffee this week, we discussed course selection resources and timelines. Here are links to some resources (all available on the [CHHS guidance site](#)) that we discussed:

[Calendar/Timeline Including Course Selection](#)

[Course Catalog \(will be updated shortly for the 2020-2021 school year\)](#)

When students return from break, they will have a round robin where they will learn about course options and offerings and begin planning for next year's course requests.

As you may have heard from your children, we have made a change to our online grading portal where the running average for the marking period is now shown as a letter rather than a numerical value (the same way that it is reported on report cards and transcripts). This change is something we had been anticipating since the high school moved to letter grades several years ago, but the system was not technologically capable at that time. The change aligns with the philosophy of using letter grades as

well as how final averages are reported on report cards and transcripts already. I know that changes can be hard to navigate, so we will continue to be in conversation with students about this after the break. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about this. For your reference, you can find the values associated with each letter grade as well as description of the GPA and how it is calculated in the [student handbook](#) that is posted on our website beginning on page 35.

Upcoming Events

- Schools resumes **January 2, 2020**.
- Friday, **January 3, 2020** - Round Robin [Schedule](#) and [Locations](#). This is a time for all students to learn about course selections and course offerings.
- From the Guidance Department: There is a Gap Year Fair, which will be held at Scarsdale High School on **Monday, January 6th** at 6pm. Students and parents can register by clicking [here](#).
- Parent University (smart phones and their impact on children) - **January 29**
- Please note: The last day to purchase yearbook advertisements is **January 31**. The last day to purchase yearbooks is **February 29**. [Click here to purchase a yearbook](#).
- Here is a link to the [athletic calendar](#) to see our upcoming events.

Other Information/Announcements

- **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.

- **Community Service Opportunity at the Library:** Want to help younger students with and earn community service hours at the same time? Drop into the Croton Free Library on Wednesdays for Homework Help. **Wednesdays from 3-5pm.** No registration required (but you do need to log the hours in volunteer access to record credit for CHHS). All are welcome. Snacks provided!
- The PTSA is launching a Yankee Candle fundraiser. For details, visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com, click start shopping, and enter Group Number 999996594. The sale ends **January 8.**
- [Snow Delay Schedule](#) - Please note that the two hour delay schedule is also on the CHHS website should you need to access it.

Have a wonderful break, happy holidays, and happy new year,

Laura Dubak
Principal, CHHS