

September 13, 2019

Dear Croton-Harmon High School Families,

Week 2 Highlights at CHHS

Monday was the first day of our lunch program and the cafeteria has been buzzing! We had our first student faculty congress meeting on Wednesday, 9/11. College representative visits are also underway. Worcester Polytechnic Institute kicked off the start of the visits on Monday. To date we have 110 colleges and universities signed up to visit CHHS this fall. Students and parents, grades 10-12 were sent an email on how to access the calendar on Naviance and sign up to attend. (Parents cannot sign their child up, they can just view calendar). This calendar is also linked on our website under the [college tab](#).

Congratulations to our 3 National Merit Competition Semifinalists Evan Hunter, Rowen Gesue, and Jesse Pollak!



Upcoming Events

- First principal's coffee on Tuesday, **9/17** at 9:00 am in the Community Room
- Parents of 9th graders - if your child is interested in running for SFC or Class Government positions, they should see Mrs. Morrison in the library ASAP. All materials are due by **9/20**.

- Back to school night on **9/25** at 6:30 pm. For more information and the schedule, please click [here](#). I look forward to seeing you!
- PTSA Meeting **9/19** at 8:30 am
- The senior class is sponsoring a "Tiger Bowl" that is open to all students that will be played after the homecoming football game on **9/21**. Your children this information via their school email, but please encourage them to sign up and participate when they receive it. It is a great way to start the year with great school spirit during our homecoming week: [Tiger Bowl](#)
- Senior Interview Training Night **10/7** and **10/10** - Parents, please click on [this link](#) if you are able to sign up as a volunteer. Student sign-up will be coming soon.
- The CHHS PTSA Invites you to a College Essay Writing Workshop. Please click on the [information](#) and sign-up. Registration due by **9/19**.
- Please join us for our homecoming week athletic events **9/16-9/21**. Here is a link to the athletic calendar where you can see all of the games during homecoming week!
Here is a link to the [athletic calendar](#) to see our upcoming events.

Please read this important information that was shared with us from Student Assistance regarding vaping:

The US Surgeon General has declared adolescent vaping an epidemic and we know that Westchester teens are not immune from this very serious situation.

Here are some recent advisories regarding vaping:

* On September 6, the NY Times reported that "the number of people with a severe lung illness linked to vaping more than doubled to 450 possible cases in 33 states and the number of deaths rose to five.

* On September 8, the NY State Health Commissioner issued this appeal: "Heeding the warnings from CDC and at the direction of Governor Cuomo, today I am urging New Yorkers to stop using vape products while the investigation into the definitive cause of reported vaping-associated illnesses nationwide can be better determined"

It is unclear exactly what is causing the severe lung disease in people using vape devices. What is clear and compelling is that the risks associated with vaping are immediate and significant. In addition to the imminent risk of severe lung damage, most youth who vape are vaping products containing nicotine or THC concentrates. Nicotine and THC carry their own short and long term risks including addiction and impact on learning and memory. There is evidence that all products that are vaped carry serious risks to lung, heart, and gum health.

We urge all parents to share this information with their children and to strongly urge their children to avoid all vape products. Please click on the links for an [update](#) and [flyer](#) for parents with important information about vaping. If you have any questions, please contact our Student Assistance Counselor, Mrs. Morales. She can be reached directly at 914-271-2147 x1222. Ms. Morales can provide you with up to date and confidential information.

Reminders

Security protocol (effective last November):

- During the school day hours (9:30 am-3:30pm), the only area open to the public without an appointments is the main office. Visitors to all other areas of the building, including the guidance office, must have an appointment. Appointments can be made by contacting the staff or office with whom you wish to meet by telephone or email. Please note that the building is not open to parents or other visitors prior to 7:30 am.
- After the school day (3:30 pm-8:00 pm), no visitors will be allowed into the building without an appointment, except when attending an event open to the public.
- All visitors must check in at the window outside the main office with a valid ID (e.g., driver's license, etc.) and be buzzed in.

We thank you for supporting the safety and security of our building, students, and staff!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Laura Dubak
Principal, CHHS