

April 13, 2020

Good Morning Parents, Guardians, Faculty and Staff,

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I hope everyone had a great Spring Break and you and your family is safe. Tomorrow we begin our online schooling and I know that everyone is a little nervous but excited. This is a new journey for all of us, but we will get through this together. Last week Mrs. Downing created a very helpful video to assist you with questions and to give additional support. Attached is the link to watch https://www.loom.com/share/4a93ea5f04a24ce6ac666e5f0059f540

Honoring the Senior Class:

Last Thursday Night I had the opportunity to light up the stadium with Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Chenger and Mr. Palaia in honor of the Senior Class for twenty minutes at 8:20 PM (20:20 military time). We will continue to honor our seniors as they are missing out on experiences that they have worked towards since Kindergarten.







Student Chromebooks and Emails:

The following Tabs are already included on student Chromebooks as tabs:

Each student chromebook has tabs that help direct them. The tabs are as follows:

- CASD Website Homepage (<u>www.casdschools.org</u>)
- Technology/Student Handbook (https://tinyurl.com/CASDStudent1to1)
- Student Outlook pw Reset directions (https://tinyurl.com/CASDstudentHelp)
- Sign into your Microsoft email (https://login.live.com/)
- BSD Online/Home page (https://app.bsd.education/)

Below is the format for student emails

- Username = (studentid)@casdschools.org EX. 987654321@casdschools.org
- Password = (assigned by Technology or reset by student)
- Email can be assessed by going to office.com and clicking Outlook

Please have your students log on and check this email account for recent updates from teachers and guidance counselors.

AP Exams:

Exam Updates

- For the 2019-20 AP Exam administration only, they are developing secure 45-minute online exams for each course.
- Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option. They can take the exams at home.
- Exams will be given from May 11 -22. The full exam schedule can be found <u>here</u>.
- Make-up test dates will be available for each subject from June 1-5
- Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide
- Details of the exam formats can be found here, below the exam schedule, but for most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long, plus an additional 5 minutes for uploading. Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up.
- A great resource for learning about this year's AP Exams is <u>Trevor Packer's presentation</u>.
- In late April, we'll provide AP students and educators with information on how to access the testing system on test day, and video demonstrations so that students can familiarize themselves with the system.

AP Review Classes

- Students and teachers now have access to <u>free</u>, <u>live AP review lessons</u>, delivered by AP teachers from across the country. These optional, mobile-friendly classes are designed to be used alongside work that may be given by schools.
- Starting April 10, students will see a new Optional Student Practice section that includes the most relevant FRQs to help them practice the concepts and skills that will be tested in May 2020. They can answer these in any order and will have an opportunity to review how each question will be scored before they submit.

Instruction for Chromebook Pickup/Repair:

The technology department has added more dates and times for Chromebook pickup. Will are offering pickups on April 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th, with time slots from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Appointments will be set up by date and time only, no unscheduled walk-ins will be permitted. One person will be permitted to pickup/drop off devices during the scheduled Date/Time at our Coatesville Area School district office, 3030 C.G. Zinn Road, Thorndale. If returning a broken device, please place it in the box marked 'Returns'. Please fill out one form for each device. If you have additional questions about Chromebook pickup/drop off, please contact IThelpdesk@casdschools.org. Thank you!

Link to schedule a Chromebook appointment: https://forms.gle/PkRcTng5yrj2TYHM8

YMCA Helpful Links:

These links have been provided from our YMCA Executive Director LaKeisha Harris. Their staff have started uploading videos to encourage movement and time together with you and your family. You do not need to be a member to do any of the virtual adventures online. It is free and open to the community. They are open to anyone and are family friendly as we are working hard to stay connected during this unprecedented crisis.

Fitness & Wellness
Pilates with Jackie
HIIT Workouts

Sports & Movement
Geocaching 101
Virtual Gym Class: Basketball

Education & Enrichment
Activities to Develop Fine Motor Skills
Local Learning Resources

Meal Distribution:

Below is the dates and times of upcoming meal distribution for the upcoming weeks.

Monday April 13th at Coatesville Area Senior High School, Scott, Benner, Rainbow, Modena (at Veteran's Constructions), the West End (at Little Chef) and deliveries to Indian Run and Regency Park Apartments.

Wednesday April 15st at Coatesville Area Senior High School, Scott, Benner, Rainbow, Modena (at Veteran's Constructions), the West End (at Little Chef) and deliveries to Indian Run and Regency Park Apartments.

The purpose of the delivery system will be to limit the exposure to our community, volunteers and employees and it will make it more convenient then making trips every day. If schools remain closed past the return date of April 30, meals will continue to be distributed twice weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at the previously mentioned locations.

Sincerely,

Mr. Maloney