

9/10 Grade meeting - Tuesday, 4/21 at 7PM

Information from Student Services:

1. Review of the current week's work on Google classroom:
 - The extended deadline for Google classroom work was yesterday, April 20.
 - Students were sent reminders if they have not already submitted the assignment.
 - Assignments can still be submitted, but a reduced score (-1) per day that it is late.
 - Grades for these assignments still count toward the religion homework grade for 4th quarter.
2. We will not be giving the PreAct this year. Students who are interested can use the free resources available via ACT and/or CollegeBoard to prepare for standardized testing
3. Course selection will tentatively start on Monday, 5/4. We plan to have the online catalog available on that date. Information on what they need to select and recommendations for courses will also be provided. Students will have the ability to select courses through their student portal.
 - Rising 10th grade students don't have many options, most students will take: American Lit; Geometry (students currently in Geometry will take Algebra 2); US History 1; Chemistry, Spanish 2 (students in Spanish 2 will take Spanish 3); Jesus Christ/Church History; and PE 2. Student choice is limited to requesting Honors vs. regular courses and Art or Theater. Scholar students will take Research and Inquiry, not Art or Theater.
 - Rising 11th grade students will take: British Literature; Algebra 2 (students in Algebra 2 will take Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus); US History 2; Sacraments and Morality and will be able to choose their science course and elective classes. Currently juniors have a study hall, but students will select alternate electives to ensure they get a full schedule.
 - We will offer multiple Zoom meetings to ensure they get this process completed with as much support as possible.
4. For Sophomores - ACE program applications were sent out last week to both you and your child. If interested, please fill them out and return to Mr. Gardner ASAP. If you have any questions you can put them in the chat or email Mr. Gardner at any time. The application deadline is Friday, April 24, so please communicate before that deadline if there is any interest in applying for the program.
5. Reminders:
 - If anyone in your home has gotten sick, or is hospitalized, or has passed away, please let the school know. You can email either Mrs. Johnston (rjohnston@hudsoncatholic.org); Mr. Gardner (tgardner@hudsoncatholic.org); Mr. Matthews (tmattthews@hudsoncatholic.org); or Mr. Garibell (rgaribell@hudsoncatholic.org)
 - Please let us know of any technical issues in the home, to do so please send an email to support@hudsoncatholic.org.
 - Student Services Office hours are 8-12 for Mr. Gardner and 11-3 for Mrs. Johnston. Outside of that we are always available via email, and in the event of an emergency, please email both of us - no matter last name - to ensure that your concern is received as quickly as possible.
6. Parents have indicated that they want to continue to have Student Services meetings, but also requested a Zoom meeting with a more open format so Parents can speak freely with each other. That has been scheduled for Thursday, April 30 at 6:30pm. Zoom information will be provided via email.

Parent Questions:

- a. **Parent concern that an assignment was given on Sunday and was due on Monday.** This should not be happening, we will address this with the faculty. This was addressed, and administration has confirmed that this should not be happening. Please let your child's counselor know if it continues. Just confirming that assignments should have 24 hours for completion and Zoom calls require a 24-hour notice. The issue of assessment practices has still not been solidified.
- b. **Will they still give the extra time for the kids that have it?** Yes, students who were allowed extra time during the school year should still be allowed additional time. Students who have not already been using extra time would not get it now. If your student should be getting extra time and is not, please communicate with your child's counselor.
- c. **Can the students be required to participate in an open Zoom call?** Yes, we will arrange for students to have a mandatory call during the next week. One parent was concerned about an additional requirement for her honors student, we will not require students stay for an entire call, but will ask them to participate for at least part of a Zoom meeting.
- d. **There is a concern about the timed questions/assignments via Google forms.** This is not meant to be for regular assignments, but for assessments and is still being reviewed to determine viability.
- e. **Did the school resolve on what to do with Community Service requirements?** Yes, students will not be held to the normal requirements for community service.
- f. **Will there be any allowance for students who completed their hours or who completed more hours than required for this year?** This question was posed to administration, and information will be provided when it is available.
- g. **What should be done if families did not receive the ACE information?** Please email myself or Mr. Gardner. Will St. Peter's waive the fee for ACE classes? Not likely, but you are welcome to make the request direct to SPU.
- h. **What about the program for the freshman students?** The dual enrollment information will be sent directly to the students when it is available. There will be a meeting in early May.
- i. **Are academic scholarships automatic?** Yes, students who are earning academic scholarships only need to maintain the grade requirements.
- j. **Can information regarding scholarship/financial aid applications be resent to parents?** Yes, I requested that Mr. Garibell provide a follow-up email with this information. This information will be sent with the information regarding re-registration for next year. The due date for applications is as soon as possible and parents who have not completed their 2019 tax returns can submit their 2018 taxes with their 2019 W-2s. This is only for Hudson Catholic financial aid, not for outside scholarship programs. Please email Mr. Deleon (jdeleon@hudsoncatholic.org) if you have specific questions about your financial aid application.