

Notes from 11/12 Grade parent meeting - Tuesday, 3/31 at 7PM

1. Review of the current week on the Student Services grade level Google classrooms:
 - a. Seniors should continue to make requests through their Naviance account.
 - b. We are still fielding emails regarding transcripts and will respond as quickly as possible.
 - c. Student Services will be sending another Google survey out to check in with seniors to make sure they are still on track with what they need with regard to the college process.
 - d. All assignments are reflective of information that we would have been completing in school with the students, so it is problematic that they are not completing assignments. It is important for the students to login and complete the assignments as it is all in preparation for what they will need to do in the near future. Especially for the juniors who will need to be comfortable on the platform within months.
 - e. The Religion teachers have agreed to assign extra credit for their classes for students who complete the Student Services Google classroom work - details aren't finalized on how the extra credit will be assigned, but it will happen during the 4th quarter. When we have confirmed details, we will share that information.
2. A request was made for information to go out to our community via the school website and it has been created. It is the second link that's available under "Parents" on this website and a link was emailed to all of the parents. The notes from last week's meeting, and any future meetings, will be posted on that page so please visit it often. We hope it will create another clear line of communication with the information that's going from the school out to our community.
3. College Board has opened up a resource page for the AP exams with AP teachers from all around the country offering live or recorded reviews for different exams. There is a link to that information and students who are involved in AP classes and scheduled to take AP exam should use the resource. Hopefully it will help our kids who are taking the AP exam (which as of right now is going to be done from home) to get ready.
4. Other standardized tests are still on the cancellation list, they already cancelled the May exams. No word June exams but it is not likely those early dates in June will happen. We will notify as soon as we get word that that cancellation. Also we've received no updates from the ACT regarding the March testing for juniors.
5. Third marking period ended on Tuesday, 3/31 and students need to make sure that they're on top of anything that needs to be completed so they get the full credit for the assignments. The portal will be shut down – there is no access to those grades while teachers are making adjustments. Final grades are due on Monday and will be released probably about mid-week, next week, through the portal. It is a very small window if they owe work to teachers, and they need to make sure that they're on top of that.
 - a. Specifically for seniors, there is only one quarter left and they need to be mindful that their graduation status depends on them completing all of their work. We won't be able to graduate students who aren't completing the online work. The teachers have been doing a good job of keeping us updated on those seniors that are currently behind in certain classes but it is up to them to make sure that they are completing all of the work that's assigned while we're doing our distance learning.
6. Course selection will begin tentatively on Monday May 4th, the plan is to have the online catalog available on that date. This is the catalog that the students can look for course descriptions. The full plan for course selection has not been finalized, but the students will be able to select courses through the student portal.
7. We are requesting that the school be notified if anyone in the home has gotten sick or is hospitalized. We need to keep track of anybody who has a family member (or the student

themselves) that is possibly hospitalized or has gotten sick. Please let us know as soon as possible. You can email either counselor (tgarner@hudsoncatholic.org; rjohnston@hudsoncatholic.org) or Mr. Matthews at tmatthews@hudsoncatholic.org; or Mr. Garibell at rgaribell@hudsoncatholic.org.

8. Mr. Johnson has been working around the clock with a lot of different issues and is staying on top of everything so if you need any technical assistance. Please email support@hudsoncatholic.org.
9. Student Services office hours continue, Mr. Gardner from 8am to 12noon; and Mrs. Johnston from 11am to 3pm. We're available outside of those hours as well if you have any issues, and in the event of any emergency please reach out to both of us, and one of us will respond no matter
10. There is a staff meeting on Thursday, 4/2, if there anything that you need to tell the staff that we can relay or if there any questions please let us know.
11. Parent questions from the meeting/chat:
 - a. Question #1: What happens with students who didn't make their deposits and were not able to actually order their junior class ring.

Mr. Garibell has followed up with Jostens and we will post the process for students to order their ring.
 - b. Questions #2: I don't think that [REDACTED] is challenged enough with what she's doing her it's like she's done in a matter of hour versus hour's right now and I just feel like there should be more engaging with the teachers instead of just do this assignment and it's done now.

We will discuss this at the next meeting. However, please be mindful that the teachers are doing their very best to accommodate all of the students which means a hard schedule (which would require students be online for specific times of the day) when many of our students will not be able to participate due to familial obligations is not reasonable or possible. The teachers are expected to keep in line with the curriculum and to cover what is necessary for each course. They all offer daily office hours, and many offer Zoom meetings during which they cover lessons that cannot be covered appropriately without the ability to demonstrate or answer questions.
 - c. Question #3: For seniors will they be able to have the graduation ceremony?

Mr. Garibell will wait until the last possible minute before he makes any definitive decisions regarding end of year events. He doesn't want to make a decision without having any clarity on the directives from government from the future. We are really trying to avoid is disappointing the kids, and we don't want to say we're going to be able to do something and then find out down the line that is just not going to be possible. As soon as Mr. Garibell is forced to make a decision based on what the state and federal governments decide to do, and we will make sure that everyone is fully informed once we know what is happening.
 - d. Question #4: Renee/Tim, will you help students register for their classes on May 4th?

We will certainly be. We've been offering online meetings for the students through zoom, a half hour every week for each of the grades. The kids aren't really taking advantage of the meetings, but we will keep holding those sessions open for kids. Once we have a final plan we will offer zoom hours so kids can sit with us and have a conversation. If parents want to meet with us and your student we can schedule a call as well. We will ensure availability to have a conversation so kids are not picking classes at random without any direction
 - e. Question #5: Also, will you be helping them with continuing with courses for St. Peter's if they are currently enrolled in a program?

St. Peter's has opened the ability to complete this process online. Information will be sent out via email this week.

- f. Question #6 – 2 parents: (Parent #1) Since taxes are not due until July 15th how will next years financial aid work since application asks for that info? (Parent #2) What about financial aid, if you haven't done your taxes yet for last year?

Financial aid applications must be completed by May 31st; Families who have not completed 2019 tax returns by that date can submit 2018 tax returns with their 2019 W-2 to be considered for financial aid for the 20-21 school year.

- g. Question #7: I am having issues with Lors delivering the graduation picture. they are not replying to my email. I order it since 11/2019.

Here is the response from Lors: We are open – we're actually working remotely, so our connection to the phones may be a little laggy, and they turn off around 4:30pm. The Customer Service number is: 908-964-0847, or they can email: customerservice@lorsstudio.com.

- 12. A reminder for future 11/12 grade parent meetings:

Apr 14, 2020 at 07:00 PM

Apr 28, 2020 at 07:00 PM

Please check your email for the Zoom link.