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As you know, City High will now hold classes virtually for the 1st trimester of the 2020-2021 school year. Below you will find additional information about distance learning at City High.

- Students are expected to spend 3 hours each day in their virtual classes and spend an additional 3 hours working independently on the day's assignments. We know that this is different from what we communicated for our original in-person plan. However, PDE is still requiring schools to meet the annual 990 hour requirement for high school students.
 - We think it's extremely important to get students back to as much of a "normal" school day as possible since we lost valuable educational time over the last 2 trimesters.
- Students will be required to join their virtual classes each day at the times listed on their individual schedules where they will receive instruction from their City High teachers.
 - Students can find their schedule in their online Portal. Students also received an email of their schedule.
 - Student AM/PM groupings will switch on Tuesday, October 13th.
 - Students access their virtual classes through the Google Meet link located on their Google Classroom pages.
- Parents will receive an email invitation to receive summaries of your student's Google Classrooms. The summaries will detail Missing Work, Upcoming Work, and Class Activity, including any announcements posted by the teacher.
 - Here is a link for more information on these [email summaries](#).
- In-Person Student Support is available each Wednesday throughout the trimester.
 - Please see page 2 of this letter for more details.
- If a student accumulates 8 or more unexcused absences in a class, the final grade for the class will drop one letter grade. An unexcused absence is defined by a missed day of school that is not due to COVID-19 illness or quarantine, where there is no note on file in the main office, and there is no reason for the absence from school.
 - Parents must email attendance excuses within 3 days to attendance@cityhigh.org
- A trimester 1 "How-to" video will be emailed to students and posted on our website, www.cityhigh.org, the week of August 24th

In order to ensure that your child is successful during distance learning, it's important that we continue to work together! If you have any questions about the distance learning plan, please contact your child's grade-level administrator.

As a reminder, laptop pickup days will be next week on August 26th and 27th from 8 am-4 pm. The final pickup day will be on August 28th from 8 am-2 pm.

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Class of 2022 – Ms. DeLaRosa – delarosa@cityhigh.org

Class of 2023 – Mr. Lyons – lyons@cityhigh.org

Class of 2024 – Ms. Platt – platt@cityhigh.org

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High School at *Life-speed*

In-Person Student Support Information

What: A voluntary opportunity for students to come to school, in-person, every Wednesday for a variety of supports including, academic, wellness, technology, etc., or just to interact with their teachers and others students, while socially distancing.

When: Every Wednesday starting on 9/9/20. Students scheduled in the AM group can come anytime between 9 am-12 pm. Students scheduled into the PM group can come anytime between 1 pm-4 pm. Students do not need to stay for the entire duration of the session.

How: Students who would like to attend will fill out a Google form each Monday indicating what they would like to focus on so that each grade-level team can plan accordingly to meet students' needs. On Wednesday, students will come to school during their scheduled window to work.

Why: Because we had to adjust our in-person learning plan to all virtual, we felt it was important to provide students the opportunity to have some in-person interaction with their teachers and classmates, and to provide access to additional services that are more challenging to do virtually.

Other Information:

- Students will not be required to be in dress code; however, we ask that students keep in mind that they are still coming to school and dress accordingly. Minimally, we ask that students adhere to the dress code policy for field trips.
- Students must wear a mask and keep it on throughout their time in the building and temperature checks will be done at the front door.
- The same rules apply regarding weapons, drugs, contraband, etc. while students are in the building. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more information.
- Students will not have access to lockers and will keep their belongings with them in the classroom.
- A cold lunch will be provided to students in both the AM and PM sessions. Students in the AM session will get a to-go lunch as they leave the building. If students in the PM session would like lunch, lunch will be available between 12:30 pm-1:00 pm in the cafeteria.
- Advisors and Grade-Level Admin will reach out to parents each week if your child is falling behind and suggest they attend a Wednesday session to get caught up. This would still be voluntary and we would not require a student to come in.

Thank you, in advance, for working with us as partners for a successful trimester amidst these unprecedented times.

City High Administration