

## **Dear Parents of the Class of 2022:**

We hope that this letter finds you and your family well as we head into the 2020-2021 school year. At another time this letter would be suggesting that students have pens, pencils and a certain number of notebooks for the coming school year; however given the unprecedented events of last spring and the anxiety that many families may be feeling about the next school year, we the 11th Grade Team wanted to focus on the broader picture as related to our goals and plans for the year.

### **Our Vision:**

We believe all students deserve a safe and accepting environment to gain knowledge and be inspired to strive for excellence. Teachers will focus on big ideas that help students develop their analysis skills and problem solving abilities. Students are expected to try new things and work to the best of their ability in all of their classes, whether they are working in school or at home!

### **Goals for Our Students:**

- All students will treat one another with respect and they will understand and appreciate the diversity present in the school community.
- All students, at the end of the year, will have enough credits to be officially considered a senior.
- To prepare students for the PSAT in the fall and the SAT in the spring. (*\*details TBD*)

### **Our Plans:**

Junior year is the first step on a student's journey toward higher education and a career. In order to help you prepare for that transition, all teachers on the 11th grade team will incorporate the following topics and components into their regular classroom instruction.

- How is school going to be different this year? How does this affect your state of mind? How can you manage your stress? What do you need to do differently this year to be successful?
- Social Justice Issues and Racial Inequities
- Be the Change you Want to See in the World – Ways to work for a better community locally
- PSAT – What is it, how you can prepare and be successful, and test taking strategies
- Social Emotional Well-Being
- SAT Prep
- LBGTQIA Issues and Understanding
- College Essay Writing
- Plans for Senior Year and Beyond

Due to the nature of school this year, each student's most valuable school supply will be their Chromebook! It is exceedingly important that they have a fully charged Chromebook, charging cord, and headphones/earbuds with them **each day**. Some classes will have charging capabilities but most will not, that means that each student will need a charged computer and their charging cord every day that they CANNOT share with other students. If students have a technology issue/problem in school or at home, they MUST report it on the Technology Assistance Form that can be found on the Junior Schoology Group Page under Resources (or on the ASI website).

Per CDC guidelines, this year we will be going outside multiple times for mask breaks. Students should expect to be outside every day regardless of the weather and remain socially distant while outside of the building. Please wear comfortable and appropriate clothing and footwear!

Students that will be attending school remotely will be expected to log on to the Zoom for each of their classes at the appropriate time. Links for each class will be found on Schoology, the school's Learning management system. The schedule for both in-person and remote students can be found below:

<b><u>In School</u></b>		
<b>Grade 11/12</b>	<b>A Day</b>	<b>B Day</b>
<b>7:20-7:45</b>	Homeroom	Homeroom
<b>7:45-8:45 (60 minutes)</b>	Block 1	Block 5
<b>8:50-9:50 (60 minutes)</b>	Block 2	Block 6
<b>9:55-11:50 (115 minutes)</b>	Block 3 and 20 minute mask break	Block 7 and 20 minute mask break
<b>11:55-12:50 (55 minutes)</b>	Block 4	Block 8
<b>12:50-1:20</b>	Recess	Recess
<b>1:20-1:50</b>	Lunch 11/12	Lunch 11/12
<b>1:55-2:10</b>	Dismissal	Dismissal
<b><u>CREC Distance Learning (CDL)</u></b>		
<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>A Day</b>	<b>B Day</b>
<b>7:45-8:45 (60 minutes)</b>	Block 1	Block 5
<b>8:50-9:50 (60 minutes)</b>	Block 2	Block 6
<b>9:55-11:50</b> <i>*On your first day connect at 9:55 and your teacher will clarify start time based on mask breaks</i>	Block 3	Block 7
<b>11:55-12:50 (55 minutes)</b>	Block 4	Block 8

Every Monday and Wednesday will be an A Day and Tuesday and Thursday will be B Days. Fridays will alternate between A and B and will be posted on the ASI Website.( <https://asi.crecschools.org/> ) New students will attend school for the first time on Wednesday September 9th for an orientation half-day. Thursday September 10th will be an B day half-day for all students and Friday September 11th will be a A day half-day for all students.

We look forward to meeting your students and working with them throughout the school year. Please reach out to any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely:

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