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Hello Cougars!

So much of our world has changed in the past two months. As we have navigated those changes, one thing that has remained the same is our community's commitment to provide educational opportunities and foster supportive relationships with our students. As we celebrate the last day of Teacher Appreciation Week today, we are grateful for your support. If you have a special teacher you would like to recognize, it's not too late to send them a quick note of gratitude. This is the best gift a teacher can receive!

As we transition to the final two weeks of the school year, we pledge to continue to provide high levels of instruction and support. It is even more important for students to continue to be engaged in their schoolwork as we work to not only finish this school year STRONG, but also prepare them for the next school year. So many of our courses include content that builds upon previous knowledge, and we want to ensure that students are ready for the courses they will take in the fall.

Parents, we ask that you continue to encourage your students to take attendance in Infinite Campus each day, engage in activities posted in Schoology, and complete and submit assignments to their teachers.

Students, we want you to continue to engage with your teachers and classmates and complete all course expectations. As always, our staff is available to provide academic and social-emotional support to you.

AP Exams

Many students will begin taking AP exams next week. Our AP teachers have been working diligently to prepare students both with the content knowledge necessary to be successful on the exam and the skills and understanding of how to navigate the unique testing environment. We highly recommend reviewing information provided by the College Board at their [website](#). Here you can review important information about the format of the exams, along with a demonstration of how the exams will function on your electronic device.

Good luck to all students taking AP exams!

Important Information Regarding Materials and Equipment Collection and Locker Clean-Out

Over the course of the next few weeks, all students will be asked to return all school-owned materials. This includes all textbooks, athletic equipment (seniors should have already returned athletic equipment), calculators, art supplies, media equipment, instruments, music folders, sheet music, and library books and materials, etc. ... Art teachers will work with students to collect artwork that remains at school.

Current freshmen through juniors, along with seniors who have purchased their iPads, do not need to return those items. Seniors who have elected not to purchase their iPads have until June 5 to drop off their iPad and accessories.

Students are asked to bag all school supplies and place a sheet of paper with their name and ID number in the bag. Athletic materials should be bagged and labeled separate from the school materials. Seniors returning iPads and accessories should also bag and label those items separately.

During this time, students may also clean out any remaining items from lockers. This includes hallway lockers, gym lockers, athletic lockers and music lockers. If needed, students will be provided a bag to collect locker items.

Students will be asked to sign up for materials collection and locker clean out in limited groupings. Please arrive for materials collection at your scheduled time and enter the building at Door 25 (located off the main parking lot) to check in. After checking in at Door 25, students will be directed to drop-off points, and then to gather items out of their lockers. Students will exit the building at Door 1. If the weather allows, materials collection will occur outside and only students needing to empty lockers will enter the building.

In order to comply with social distancing guidelines and for the safety of all, school staff involved in collections will wear PPE and follow social distancing guidelines. Per the state order, all students should also wear face coverings. Only students will be admitted into the building, unless special arrangements are requested.

If students need to maintain materials for AP Exam preparations or as study materials for other classes that extend beyond the drop-off dates, there will be additional sign ups provided the week of Memorial Day.

Seniors should sign up for their materials collection in the link provided in the senior section of this letter. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will receive information next week to sign up for their materials collection and locker clean out.

Cougars In Need

This past week has been especially challenging for so many. Our Conant families have been sharing very personal challenges connected to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Students and parents continue to reach out to trusted adults at Conant to share worries about health concerns and how to meet essential needs.

The generosity of our community continues to make a tremendous impact on our families! We have received many emails from students and parents offering gratitude for the difference your donations to Cougars In Need have made. We have also had former recipients of Cougars In Need offer supports as they find themselves in a position to be a helper. This is the true spirit of "Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar!"

We will continue our Cougars In Need Campaign through the last week of school with hopes of supporting our families during the summer as well. Thanks to the tremendous support of our Conant Boosters, donations can be made at this [link](#).

Harper Promise

All students interested in maintaining eligibility for Harper Promise are encourage to carefully review all communications emailed to them from Harper College. All Harper Promise information and updates can be found at this [link](#).

Last Minute Show

In an effort to keep students engaged with theatre, we will digitally be presenting our 3rd annual Last Minute Show this Saturday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. Everything about this show is driven by students, which makes it a unique experience for students and audiences! Follow @conant_theatre on Twitter for more information. Not on Twitter, but want to watch? Email Ms. Apperson at kapperson@d211.org, and she will send you a link.

Senior Events

Please be sure you've read the information about materials collection and locker clean out in this letter, and sign up for a time slot [here](#).

Friday, May 8 (TONIGHT) – Seniors, be on the lookout for your Senior Message and Seniors Got Talent! This will be posted to Schoology and emailed to you at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. Honor's Convocation – Conant will host a live, virtual Honor's Convocation to celebrate our seniors' academic accomplishments, along with departmental awards. Scholarships specific to Conant High School will also be

awarded. Seniors who earned awards and recognitions have received invitations to this event, along with their parents.

Monday, May 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Senior Graduation Parade – Prior to the virtual graduation ceremony on May 18, we are so excited to celebrate graduation with a Senior Graduation Parade! In coordination with the Village of Schaumburg and the Schaumburg Police Department, the Senior Graduation Parade will take place at Boomer Stadium, 1999 Springinsguth Road in Schaumburg from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We invite all seniors to don their graduation attire and join us, with their families, to drive through a parade route where our staff will celebrate our graduates!

Important information about the Graduation Parade:

- This will be a highlight event! We sincerely hope all graduating seniors and their parents can attend!
- Be sure to wear your cap and gown! Don't forget to bring the paper with your name and number that was included with your cap and gown.
- There will be no restroom facilities available during the parade. We anticipate it will take about 20 minutes for families to follow the parade route, but this does not account for backed up traffic waiting to enter the event.
- All staff will follow CDC guidelines and will stay inside their vehicles, or stand just outside of their vehicles. Staff will have face-coverings or face masks with them, although based on distancing guidelines, it may not be necessary for them to be worn.
- Staff may not exchange items with graduates.
- We ask that graduates and their families not exit their vehicles at any time during the parade.

While none of us would have chosen to end our school year this way, the resiliency and determination of our students and school community is heartening. Thank you for leaning into new opportunities for community and connection, finding safe ways to support each other, and reinventing the ways we communicate and engage each other.

Together we have placed an emphasis on the value of our school community; we appreciate the opportunity to grow stronger together.

Monday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. Graduation – We remain very hopeful that we will be able to celebrate a traditional graduation on either Saturday, June 20 or Saturday, July 25 at the Sears Centre. More information will be made available once we get closer to those dates. Recognizing that public health guidelines may not allow us to gather on June 20 or July 25, Conant High School will celebrate a virtual graduation on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. The link to the Virtual Graduation will be published on this day.

Thank you,

Julie C. Nowak
Principal

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