



Office of the Superintendent COVID19 School Closure Update 05-03-20 With Appreciation: Thank a Teacher

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Dear HCST Families:

Week seven within our virtual learning environment is upon us. Our schools are progressing successfully thanks to the support of you and our dedicated faculty and staff.

Teacher Appreciation Week

As we celebrate this unique Teacher Appreciation Week, I encourage each family to reflect on positive HCST student experiences, during and prior to our distanced learning.

Do you have an HCST teacher who inspires you?

It's time to let that person know! Record yourself thanking this teacher or take a picture with a written note. Your family may wish to join in this thought of appreciation.

♦Please submit your thoughts of thanks: [Teacher Appreciation Submission Form](#)

School Spirit - We Are #HCSTstrong

HCST plans to create a short **district-wide video** to spread positivity – *our advisors and counselors want your help.*

A photo of you displaying HCST pride while at home or a short video is a great way to capture the essence of this project. From your submissions, an upbeat video will be created to show that though *we may be physically apart during this difficult time, we are not alone.*

Inspire your friends to participate! Submissions can include (but are not limited to) selfies of support, creative projects and activities, a screenshot of you/students in your virtual class, your new home office, a quick display of a talent, etc.

♦Please submit your School Spirit photo or video: [School Spirit Submission](#)

* By uploading or emailing your photo or video clip, you authorize HCST to use your submission for the use of HCST-related content. Video will be posted to the HCST website and HCST approved media outlets.

Student Connections

We encourage all students to continue to check-in daily, Monday-Friday, with their Instructors and School Counselors/Case Managers. School-level team members are available to help our students navigate your days and answer any student/parent questions.

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I have enjoyed participating in Google Meet virtual conferences with some of the classes and staff. The resilience from our community during this time is encouraging. The students have shared sentiments of enjoying more family time, learning how to focus on self-care, time management and appreciating the “simple” things in life.

End-of-Year Planning

Our Central Office Team is working with each school administrator and class advisors to plan meaningful end of year activities within our current remote environment. As a reminder, we are awaiting the Governor’s reassessment and guidance regarding further end-of-school-year plans based on information and advice from public health and safety experts. I will keep you posted as I learn of new updates.

Remain Connected

On-site Tech Support is available!

If your HCST issued device is malfunctioning or is in need of physical repair, please put in a tech request.

Tuesdays: Frank J. Gargiulo Campus 9:00am - 1:30pm; **Thursdays:** Earl W. Byrd Center 9:00am - 1:30pm

Visit our website www.hcstonline.org COVID-19 site for *Virtual Learning Resources & Support* page. There, you will find Educational Remediation Resources, PowerSchool and Tech Support guidance.

The HCST district-level and approved social media platforms are Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @hcstonline.

I hope you and your families are healthy and well in these challenging times. THANK YOU for supporting the school spirit within our community! As always, remain **#HCSTstrong**.

With Appreciation,

Amy Lin Rodriguez
Superintendent

