

Virtual PTA General Meeting
Wed May 6, 2020 @ 5:30pm

Becky Burgoon, PTA co-President welcomed everyone. This meeting will be recorded if you weren't able to attend or missed some information.

Any questions/concerns can be emailed to PTA
Bcchs.pta@gmail.com

Alicia Perez Katz -Principal

Welcomed everyone and mentioned that Baruch is looking for parent liaisons from each grade to meet with teachers and provided feedback and questions between parent body and teachers. If you are interested, please email the PTA.

Grading policy

Students receive either a numerical grade or an NX

Students with NX will have work to complete over the summer or up until Jan 2021

Parents can choose to keep the grade or opt for CR which will not impact GPA. You have until Jan 2021 to make that decision. Full grading policy was shared in weekly newsletter and will be linked to on our website

Teachers from each grade will now report on what their grade has been doing/policies and answer questions later in session

Ms. Vanna Marmo-9th grade teacher leader

All teachers are using Google classrooms to post assignments and mixed puzzles. They have been doing creative assignments, such as recording Romeo and Juliet skits. Students have 2-3 days to complete assignments, but that is flexible. Google Meets happen at least one per week and are scheduled to correspond with the curriculum. They are not mandatory but encouraged. Meeting times are always posted on Google Classroom pages. Teachers are also doing small group Google meets and one on one Google meets, as needed. Teachers are also doing one on one check ins. Overall good feedback from students. Students doing great job with work.

Ms. Ruth Cogan- 10th grade teacher leader, Math Dept

Each teacher meeting is at least once a week virtually. Once Regents were canceled, sessions went to 2 times per week and an optional help session for Math. Literature meets 2-3 times a week. Sci and history meet 1 a week. Encouraged but not penalized if they don't attend. All assignments are posted on Google Classroom. Ms. Cogan- posts every day. History posts at beginning of week all work for entire week. 10th grade teachers want students to be in charge of their learning, but it is harder virtually. Hard to track where students are at. If you are struggling, set up time for Google meet session. Don't wait until an assessment, do it before. Encourage your children to reach out to their teachers. Encourage them to attend virtual meetings. Instagram campaigns were kicked off before

COVID and are continuing. You can check Ms. Cogan's Instagram and you can follow the kids Instagram as well. Posting about how COVID has impacted poverty and racial injustice. Students have been collaborating and being creative. Action piece of their project- that has become extra credit as they can't do some of the activities they were set to do.

11th Grade- Ms. Josie Forman

Mix or pre-recorded video and have assignments that are due the next day. Encourage students to advocate for themselves if they need help or if they need more time. Teachers are very understanding. AP English and AP History exams coming up in next few weeks. Preparing for these tests. Math curriculum slowed down to accommodate for that. Have test prep sessions to prepare for these exams. Encourage students to attend review sessions. Students like the prerecorded videos so they can do at their own pace. English will begin looking at the college essay process and potential schools. This will start after AP exams. Science – Ms. Klein had a baby, so they are doing review activities and weekly chemistry assignments. College office has been sending things to the students, including surveys and college info and meetings. This information is communicated through their advisors Dept of Ed covering cost of all AP exams. Students will get reimbursed once back at school. There will be no new instruction in classes on AP Exam dates, for anyone.

Grade 12 Ms. Lauren Biggs

Trying to keep Seniors engaged. Congrats to Sr parents to making it through the process Mr. Sparrow has been reviewing for History exam on May 22nd. Economics – meeting twice a week spending time on personal finance Math- AP Statistics meeting everyday to review questions for test. Taking practice test on the weekends. Meeting with them individually to see where they are on their final project. Mr. Zimmerman-Physics- AP doing review for the Exam May 14 AP Language- meeting MWF, also posting recordings in case students can't make the class. Having one on one meetings. AP test on May 20. Will be working on Rhetorical analysis- how to write Rhetorical essay.

Questions from Parents

Do you offer Calculus class instead of Statistics for rising 12th graders?

Planning for 2020 is delayed due to COVID. It is on agenda and we will have more info in next coming weeks what next years programs and options will look like. We will make sure students will have lots of options. Will also be asking for feedback on prior classes.

Re: Ed Puzzles – Are they graded on completion or accuracy? 9th grade on completion.

11th grade- more of an engagement tool not assessment. Some teachers are using them for an assessment (history.)

10th grade- don't do Ed puzzle, Do Khan academy and U Tube. Once a week assignment for correction. Students know or should know which ones are graded for correctness.

How will end of school year look without Regents? Not having Regents gives more flexibility. Regents week will be similar to Spring break. Can complete outstanding work and catch up. Teachers still brainstorming about what else to do.

What will summer assignments look like? Not sure what summer will look like and waiting to see what comes from the Chancellor. Haven't discussed assignments yet and will come back to that.

Can you provide update on end of year Sr activities?

Prom is rescheduled for Dec 21st. – All colleges will be off from school that week and the committee is hoping they will be able to meet- sort of a reunion. Thinking of doing something virtual on actual night it was supposed to be. Graduation committee college decision day is moved to May 15th. There will be a virtual Sr Awards night ceremony – May 27th original date. Will mail awards to all students. Having virtual graduation ceremony, still in planning stage. Sr's will be getting their caps and tassels and diplomas, all will be mailed prior to the virtual ceremony

Community Service

Community service will be required for 2020-2021 if back at school. Waived for this year

Thoughts on school reopening in Sept? Hoping, but we haven't heard anything yet.

What can student do with extra time if they have?

Presenting extra credit opportunities – allowing students to create videos about the content so students can view

AP College Board has been providing a lot of resources on their website, if students have time

10th- math extra credit: Leading a help session, creating videos. Students collaborating with students from other classes and hosted a virtual Earth Day. Attended virtual workshop about farming. Students have been investigating on their own.

Application for Sr mentors have gone out- and they will be selected soon as they will help plan our virtual 9th grade orientation.

Will Jr's begin working on their college essays after AP test over? Yes

Teachers reaching out to students that are falling behind. Making sure critical skills needed to move to the next grade is being concentrated on. School in Sept will not be the same. Want to start talking about how school will look differently. Bracing for serious budget cuts next year.

Budget cuts will be severe. If you would like to make a donation to the school, you still can. Funds are especially needed, since we did not have our Auction. We will try to hold an online auction soon, but these are challenging times and we will wait until the time is better.

BCCHS- Senior page Instagram- Posts students and where they have committed. Students have committed to great schools and a wide variety of the type of school.

We are looking for new members for PTA executive board! Please email the PTA if interested

Virtual orientation for incoming 9th graders- there will be different sessions to accommodate parents: June 17th and 18th at 10:30 and 1:30

There will be a separate session for Chinese families, with translation. New students will get their Baruch emails soon and will be able to sign up with that. Students will also meet with their Sr Mentor and we are still figuring out logistics for that.

Can kids get belongings from their lockers?

Not sure yet. School is very clean and have been making repairs. Belongings have not been touched. We will let you know when we find out if/when students can get back into the school.

Thanks everyone for attending and

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