

Dear BLA Students and Families,

As always, I hope this message finds you well.

There is a little over a month left of school, and the time is even less for our seniors. As it has been said many times, this epidemic has greatly impacted everyone, especially the graduating class of 2020. Together we continue to support one another and strive to see the positives in a situation that is less than ideal. I ask that we all continue in this manner as we close out the year.

#### **Information for and about the Senior Class**

- **Last day for seniors in good standing will be Friday, May 22nd!!**
- **Seniors will be signing out the week of May 26th through May 29th.** You will find the procedures and plans for drop off and pick up of school items and materials here: [Senior Sign Out Plan for Students and Families](#)
- **Senior Week is this week.** Please read how seniors can participate by viewing the [Senior Week Plan](#).
- **On May 22nd from 5-6pm, there will be a [BLA Decision Day Virtual Celebration](#).** This is a time for students, families and staff to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of the students and highlight the new path each student will be taking.
- As you know, due to our current situation, many of our school events have been cancelled or postponed. Unfortunately, this means the celebration of our graduating senior class will look very different this year. **The team is currently finalizing the plans for a celebration of our students, and we look forward to sharing more information soon.** We do hope, once circumstances allow, that BLA will be able to gather our graduates together to honor and celebrate their achievements.
- To recognize our students and their achievements, **BLA will be giving each student gifts to commemorate their time at BLA.**
- To answer any lingering questions or just to see a few of the staff members, **we will be holding 4 Senior sessions this week on Wednesday and Thursday.** The following are the dates and times. Please sign up using this link: [Senior Meetings](#)
  - Wednesday, May 20th, 2:00-3:00
  - Wednesday, May 20th, 3:30-4:30
  - Thursday, May 21st, 2:00-3:00
  - Thursday, May 21st, 3:30-4:30
- **BPS is requiring all seniors to complete a [Senior Exit Survey](#).** This survey is an important way to gather information about the postsecondary plans of our students. Please complete as soon as you are able.

#### **Staying in Touch**

- **On Friday May 22nd, BLA will be holding two meetings for the parents of Seniors.** The times are as follows:
  - 8 AM - 9 AM (Senior Parent Assembly)
  - 2 PM - 3 PM (Senior Parent Assembly)
  - Please fill out this form ([Family Meeting of Seniors](#)) and a link to the meeting will be sent to you.

- **To provide updates and stay connected for our students in grade 7-11, we will be having grade level assemblies.** An invitation to the assemblies will be sent out soon via bps email to all students. They will be held at 2:30 pm each day the week of June 1st, one for each grade level.

Grade 11	June 1st	2:30
Grade 10	June 2nd	2:30
Grade 9	June 3rd	2:30
Grade 8	June 4th	2:30
Grade 7	June 5th	2:30

- We will be reaching out to the families of students in grades 7 through 11 at a later time.

#### **Information to be Aware of**

- **Memorial Day (May 25th)**
  - Virtual classes will not be held on the Monday of Memorial Day.
- **Guidance for the Remote Learning Period:**
  - Boston Latin Academy ([BLA](#)) [Distance Learning Schedule](#)
  - You can learn how Term 3 and final course grades will be calculated in this [BLA Grading Guidance](#) document.
- **BPS Surveys**
  - During these challenging times, it is more important than ever to hear from BPS families about what we can do to support our students and their families. BPS is asking all families to complete the short [survey](#) to let us know what you may need during school closure. Please complete as soon as you are able.
- **Advancement Placement (AP) Exams**
  - **Here you can find the [AP Exam schedule](#).** Students taking exams will be excused from class during those times. We continue to encourage all students to take their scheduled exam. Even under these current circumstances, we are confident that students will do their best and that they will do well.
- **Last day of school** has not yet been finalized. Once we are informed, we will communicate this information to the community as soon as we are able.
- **National Honor Society**
  - The NHS Faculty Council will be meeting this week to decide on final Junior class candidates for admission to the National Honor Society. Ms. MacIsaac will inform all candidates of the Faculty Council's decisions via email sometime over the next two weeks.
- **BLA Student Council elections** for the 2020-2021 school year are coming up on Thursday, June 4th. We will be kicking off our election cycle with a candidate information session held online through Zoom on Thursday, May 21st at 4pm. All interested candidates must attend in order to receive important information about the roles in the Student Council, to learn about this year's election process, and to register as a candidate. Please [complete](#)

[this form](#) to register for the meeting. We will send a Zoom meeting link on Thursday morning to all students who have registered.

- **BLA Remote Learning PD Sessions for Students and their Families**
  - To continue to support students and their learning growth, **we would like to provide live sessions on important topics for students to be successful during this remote learning period. Please complete this form [here](#)**, so that we can tailor the sessions to the needs of the students. Each family member of the students are encouraged to attend the sessions as well.

We look forward to engaging with all of our students in the weeks ahead. Please stay safe and be well!! Know that we are here for all members of our school community, so please reach out for support if and when you need it.

Best regards,

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Headmaster