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Sun, May 31, 2020 - Senior Events in June

Scarsdale Public Schools - Infinite Campus Messenger

Dear Seniors and Parents:

As tomorrow is June 1st, I am pleased to share the [attached information](#) regarding a month of special activities the Senior Class government has planned for members of the Class of 2020. Please take note of all the opportunities for celebration and join me in thanking the student leaders for their efforts in providing such an exciting array of activities.

All best wishes,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

Thu, May 21, 2020

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Tue, May 12, 2020 - SHS Incoming Freshman Dean Assignments

Scarsdale Public Schools - Infinite Campus Messenger

May 12, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of student.firstName student.lastName:

I am writing to inform you of the dean assignment for your child who will be entering Scarsdale High School in September.

student.firstName student.lastName has been assigned to Dean student.teamName.

Given the current school closure, we will hold our orientation for incoming parents on the evening of Monday, August 31st (ninth grade orientation will be held on Tuesday, September 1st). If additional adjustments to this schedule need to be made, we will be in touch later this summer.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this brief video from the High School Deans and me. We wish you all the best throughout the coming weeks and months, and look forward to welcoming you to Scarsdale High School this coming fall

[Welcome Incoming 9th Graders](#)

The chart below indicates if your student is assigned to the Civic Education or Freshman Seminar program. As always, we have balanced caseloads so that all students receive the attention they deserve. Those students who were not selected in the Civic Education lottery have been placed on a waitlist. Should a space become available for your child, you will be contacted by Oren Iosepovici, the Director of Counseling. If your student was selected in the lottery for Civic Education and no longer wishes to participate in that program, please notify Kimberly Montesione by Wednesday, May 27th, via email at kmontesione@scarsdaleschools.org or letter so that we can make the placement available to another student.

The counseling relationship is an important component of your student's high school experience, and I am certain you will find this new relationship to be productive and successful.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bonamo

Principal

<u>Civic Education Program</u>	<u>Freshman Seminar Program</u>
Michael Hiller	Ava Laera-D'Elia
Aaron Mooney	Marcy Flamholtz
Jennifer Morgan	Oren Iosepovici
	Matthew Sweeney
	Mitchell Thompson
	Nancy Thompson

Fri, May 8, 2020 - Message to students taking AP Exams going out today

Dear Student,

For those of you taking an AP Exam, please carefully read below. Note the exact date and time of your respective exam(s), and the **College Board strongly recommends that you log on 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time**. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

AP Exam Information Summary

- Students will be excused from attending Zoom class sessions during the day of an exam. Of course, if you are able and wish to attend a class, you are more than welcome to do so.
- To see the AP Exam Schedule, click [here](#)
- **AP Exam Demos are available. AP students should use the clickable exam demo to practice the different ways to submit their exam responses.**

[Try the Exam Demo](#)

- **How will I access my exam(s)?**

Log in to [My AP](#) to remind yourself of the email address and cell phone number you've asked the College Board to use. Two days before each exam, you will receive an email with a personalized e-ticket that will include your eight-character AP ID code. If you don't receive the email, you'll still be able to access their e-ticket directly through [My AP](#).

- Students taking an AP World Language Exam must download the WLE APP prior to the test.

[AP World Language APP](#)

- If you experience technical difficulties during the demo or set-up before your AP exam starts, please reach out to Ms. Dutra (Instructional Technology) at mdutra@scarsdaleschools.org for assistance, as she may be able to help. If you experience technical glitches after the exam starts, however, it will likely be best to end the exam and submit a request to the College Board to request a retake, since the time spent requesting and receiving technical assistance will likely take too much time from the exam administration window for you to complete the exam successfully. Following the exam, please reach out to mdutra@scarsdaleschools.org for assistance.

Wed, May 6, 2020 - Update on Senior Options and Senior Events

Scarsdale Public Schools - Infinite Campus Messenger

Dear Seniors:

With the announcement of the Governor's recent Executive Order on the closing of school through June, our thoughts immediately turned to you, our seniors. It is deeply disappointing to accept the loss of our traditional senior events and celebrations, and we know that, for you and your families, the sense of loss is even more acutely felt. Please know that the administration and faculty of Scarsdale High School is committed to honoring your journey and collective achievements in the most robust ways possible. To that end, please review the following updates on senior events and stay tuned as decisions continue to unfold in the weeks ahead.

Senior Options

We are pleased to announce that a joint proposal of the Senior Options Committee and Senior Class Government has been accepted. [Details of our Senior Options 2020 program are linked here](#) and reflect an alternate experience that allows students to engage in research in a field of interest or a possible career path. We extend many thanks to José Lamela for spearheading a process that honored student voice and choice while recognizing the challenging landscape of this remarkable time. We hope our seniors bring passion to these projects and use this opportunity to make the best of a difficult situation. We also thank our faculty mentors for the guidance and support they will provide in leading our seniors through this final curricular milestone. Please review the program document, and please reach out to your individual faculty mentor if you have questions or concerns.

Senior Events Committee

We have convened a special committee to consider alternate ways to approach our end of year events for seniors. This committee has been charged with the collection and vetting of ideas from the community (teachers, parents and students) so that we can actively discuss and pursue options. The committee agenda includes discussions of Senior Options, our Awards Ceremony, Senior Day, Prom and Graduation. We have been discussing alternatives that include events with appropriate social distancing as well as those we may need if group gatherings of any size continue to be banned. Our work is critical, yet constrained by the slowly evolving information on restrictions. Again, we are committed to offering the best possible alternatives and will continue to plan as we receive additional guidance from the NYS government, the Department of Health, and our own District administration. We invite students and parents to pass along ideas and questions to their respective committee representatives: students should reach out to the Senior Class Advisers, Ms. Cagner (ecagner@scarsdaleschools.org) and Mr. Greenberg (agreenberg@scarsdaleschools.org); parents, please reach out to PTA President Deb Morel (moreldeb@gmail.com) or Beth Cukier (bethcukier@gmail.com).

Senior Class Government

The Senior Events Committee includes the Senior Class advisers and student leaders. Additionally, the class government remains active, considering ways to celebrate the Class of 2020. These include social media connections and virtual events, as well as managing behind-the-scenes logistics and advocacy involving senior events, such as prom and graduation. Stay tuned for information on upcoming projects and events!

It is my hope that this letter provides important updates for our seniors and their families. The SHS administration and faculty will continue to provide information as decisions are made, and we appreciate your continued patience as we aim to provide the best possible experiences and events worthy of the special Class of 2020.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

Fri, Apr 24, 2020 - SHS Quarterly Update

- [2020-04-24 SHS Quarterly Update](#)

Tue, Apr 21, 2020 - Message to 12th graders

Dear Seniors,

I hope that you're all doing well and staying healthy, and all of us in the Counseling Department wish both you and your family the very best throughout this difficult period. Please take a minute to read through the information below, and don't hesitate to reach out to your individual Dean with any questions or concerns.

College Decisions and Commitment Date

- Please be in touch with your respective Dean to make them aware about your decisions. If you would like to have a further conversation regarding your options, wait-list, etc....please let him/her know and they would be more than happy to talk directly.
- Given the fact that seniors are not able to visit potential options, we will do our best to connect you with Scarsdale alumni/ae at various institutions. If you are interested in learning more about a specific college, please reach out to your Dean.
- Some colleges have adjusted their response date for deposits. For the latest update, please follow the link below:

[College Admissions Status Update](#)

- If your college has not indicated they are delaying their deposit date, and you feel additional time would be necessary due to individual circumstances, we encourage you to reach out to that school directly.

Final Transcripts

We will automatically submit your final transcript to the institution that you will attend. In order to do that, please make sure that your Dean is aware of your intended destination. To verify, please complete the following steps:

- a. Check your Naviance account. Under “Colleges - I’m applying to”, verify at the bottom that the correct college is listed.
- b. If no college is listed, please reach out to your Dean to make them aware. This can be done once you have made your decision (anytime in April, or prior to July 1 if plans change).
- c. As we do every year, final transcripts will be submitted in early July.
- d. We do not require any forms. Final transcripts are submitted electronically through Naviance.

PTA Scholarship

Now more than ever, we appreciate the efforts of the PTA and larger Scarsdale community in providing funds to support students and families in their college goals. The Scarsdale High School PTA Scholarship Fund for College provides grants to SHS seniors who wish to attend college but need assistance to pay for their first year. Scholarships are based on financial need, and the deadline to apply is Friday, May 1. Applications can be downloaded from the link below.

[SHS PTA Scholarship Fund](#)

Advanced Placement Exams

Those students who registered for an AP Exam should refer to an email sent on April 7th for the most updated information. Final payments must be submitted by April 24th. If you registered for one or more exams and have not received an invoice from myschoolbucks, please contact Dean Iosepovici at iosepovici@scarsdaleschools.org

On behalf of the Counseling Department, we appreciate your continued resilience, and hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying healthy.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Tue, Apr 21, 2020 - Message to 11th graders

College Panel Night

May 7th @ 7 PM

Dear Juniors,

On May 7th (7 PM), the Counseling Department will be holding our annual “College Panel Night” through a Zoom webinar. This will be an opportunity for you to hear from several college admissions officers. The purpose of the event is not to learn about specific schools, but rather about the college application process from the perspective of those on the admissions side. The link to the program can be found below.

[College Panel Night \(May 7th @ 7 PM\)](#)

In order to facilitate the conversation, we will not be having audience questions that evening, and ask instead that you send us questions beforehand at CollegePanelNight@scarsdaleschools.org. This will allow us to gather common themes and make for a smoother experience. We will be asking our colleagues regarding the process in light of the current admissions landscape, and we therefore invite you to reach out with any other questions that might be of interest to you at the email address above. We will send out another reminder a few days prior to the program.

Thank you, and we’re looking forward to having you join us on May 7th @ 7 PM.

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Tue, Apr 21, 2020 - Message to 10th graders

Dear Sophomores,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy, and all of us in the Counseling Department wish both you and your family the very best throughout this difficult period. Please take a minute to read through the information below, and don’t hesitate to reach out to your individual Dean with any questions or concerns.

Scheduling Process

- The Deans have completed the initial scheduling process for next year. Later this spring, course requests will be available on the Infinite Campus portal. If you would like to make changes to your course requests, please be in touch with your Dean at that time. Please note that any changes will be contingent on course availability and/or teacher recommendation.
- Course recommendations may change based on your individual progress. We will continue to receive updates from specific departments, and you will be notified by your teacher if a recommendation to an academic course has been changed.

Signifer Tutoring

As always, we encourage you to reach out to your individual teacher if you are struggling with a particular subject. For additional support, Signifer Tutors (juniors and seniors) will be available to help as well. To request a tutor, follow the link below, and extra help will be available through Zoom.

[Signifer Tutor Request Form](#)

Peer Leadership

Ms. Hartman (Youth Outreach) coordinates the Peer Leadership program. Information will be available in early May, and you will receive communication regarding the application process at that point.

On behalf of the Counseling Department, we appreciate your continued resilience, and hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying healthy.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Tue, Apr 21, 2020 - Message to 9th graders

Dear Freshmen,

I hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy, and all of us in the Counseling Department wish both you and your family the very best throughout this difficult period. Please take a minute to read

through the information below, and don't hesitate to reach out to your individual Dean with any questions or concerns.

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Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Sat, Apr 18, 2020 - Virtual Jabberfest

I'm pleased to present a [virtual Jabberfest](#) to lift your spirits, especially on a rainy Saturday. Our thanks go to Keerthana Chari, the editor-in-chief of Jabberwocky, who made the iMovie; she spliced together all the videos and MC spots, and added the slides and time stamps. We also thank the other MCs: Anabel Calderon, Charlie Schulhof, T'Naysia Watt, and Kate Rosier. They, along with Jeffrey Morse, Mackenzie Harpster, and Claire Scott, all reached out to and coordinated with the performers. All of them are members of Jabberwocky.

Our thanks also go to the performers for sharing their talents with us. Finally, Jeanne Cooper is the person who works so hard behind the scenes to keep this beloved tradition going every year. That she and the students managed to do this during the closure is no small feat, and it's a testament to the joy that music and performance brings to our lives.

Enjoy!

All best wishes,

Ken

*Kenneth Bonamo
Principal
Scarsdale High School*

Wed, Apr 15, 2020 - Message to juniors

Dear Juniors,

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday, and that you're all doing well and staying healthy. All of us in the Counseling Department wish both you and your family the very best throughout this difficult period. Please take a minute to read through the information below, and don't hesitate to reach out to your individual Dean with any questions or concerns.

Scheduling Process

- The Deans have completed the initial scheduling process for next year. By early May, course requests will be available on the Infinite Campus portal. If you would like to make changes to your course requests, please be in touch with your Dean at that time. Please note that any changes will be contingent on course availability and/or teacher recommendation.
- Course recommendations may change based on your individual progress. We will continue to receive updates from specific departments, and you will be notified by your teacher if a recommendation to an academic course has been changed.

College Panel Night & Essay Workshop Speaker

Each May, the Counseling Department hosts two programs for juniors. "College Panel Night" is an opportunity for college admissions officers to provide insight regarding the college process. "College Essay Speaker" enables students to learn more regarding the college essay

from a College admissions counselor. **This year, we will hold both these programs through a Zoom webinar whether or not school reopens**, and additional details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Virtual College Fair

The New York State Association for College Admissions Counselors (NYSACAC) is partnering with organizations around the country to provide a virtual alternative for college awareness and knowledge in lieu of in person events. This College Exploration Week will take place from April 20-23, and features 300+ colleges from 44 states and 10 countries. For more information and to register, please follow the link below.

Note that SHS classes take precedence over any workshops, and that any class absences will be “unexcused”

[Virtual College Fair](#)

Standardized Tests and Test Optional Schools

- The College Board has announced the cancellation of the June 6th SAT. We do anticipate that additional standardized testing opportunities will be added to the calendar this fall (aside from the typical SAT or ACT dates). We will update you as more information becomes available. Please be in touch with your Dean if you have any questions regarding your individual testing timeline.

[Updated SAT Information](#)

- An increasing number of schools have communicated about their transition to “test optional” for the 2020-21 application cycle. Those institutions that are “test optional” do not require standardized exams as part of their admissions process, and instead focus on other aspects of the application (transcript, etc....). Please see the link below for a sample of these institutions.

[Sampling of Test Optional Schools](#)

Advanced Placement Exams

Those who registered and are planning to take an AP Exam should refer to an email sent on April 7th for the most updated information. Final payments must be submitted by April 24th. If you registered for one or more exams and have not received an invoice from myschoolbucks, please contact Dean Iosepovici at iosepovici@scarsdaleschools.org

On behalf of the Counseling Department, we appreciate your continued resilience, and hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying healthy.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 - Power outages and missed classes today

Scarsdale Public Schools - Infinite Campus Messenger

Dear Members of the SHS Community:

We have received word that some of our faculty members have lost power due to the ongoing wind and rain storm. Therefore, if a teacher does not appear in an online videoconference today, please allow a five-minute grace period before concluding that class will not be meeting.

Given that we are in for several hours of high winds, this may become more widespread as the day progresses.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. If your teachers miss classes, they will be in touch with you as soon as they are able.

Please stay safe and be careful.

All best wishes,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

Tue, Apr 7, 2020 - Message home re AP Exams

Dear Students,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy, and that you are getting a bit of a respite during this wellness week. We wanted to take an opportunity to provide the most updated information regarding Advanced Placement exams.

The College Board has announced the upcoming schedule for all exams. As per their policy, **only those students who registered for an exam prior to the College Board deadline (March 13) will be**

able to take the respective exam(s). All students must complete final payment by April 24th, and invoices have been sent from myschoolbucks.

Exam Schedule and Format

[AP EXAM SCHEDULE](#)

- For most subjects, the exams will be 45 minutes long, plus an additional 5 minutes for uploading. Students will need to access the online testing system 30 minutes early to get set up
- In late April, the College Board will provide information on how to access the testing system on test day, and video demonstrations so that students can familiarize themselves with the system.
- Certain courses—Art and Design: 2D; Art and Design: 3D — will use portfolio submissions and will not have a separate online exam. All deadlines for these submissions have been extended to May 26, 2020, 11:59 p.m. ET. Students may receive separate course-specific communications
- Students taking world language and culture exams will complete two spoken tasks consistent with free-response questions 3 and 4 on the current AP Exam. Written responses will not be required. Additional details from the College Board will be provided in the coming weeks to help students prepare.
- Students who have been approved for accommodations by the College Board such as extended time will be able to take online AP Exams with those accommodations. Details will be available soon.

[AP Information for Students](#) from the College Board

Exam Security

- This year's AP Exams will be open book/open note. The exam format and questions are being designed specifically for an at-home administration, so points will not be earned from content that can be found in textbooks or online. However, students taking the exams may not consult with any other individuals during the testing period. The College Board states that they will take the necessary steps to protect the integrity of each exam administration.
- The College Board indicates they will have a comprehensive and strict set of protocols in place to prevent and detect cheating. Some of these practices are confidential to maximize their effectiveness.

- Test takers should understand that those attempting to gain an unfair advantage will either be blocked from testing or their AP scores will be canceled, and their high school will be notified as will colleges or other organizations to which the student has already sent any College Board scores (including SAT® scores). In addition, they may be prohibited from taking a future Advanced Placement® Exam as well as the SAT, SAT Subject Tests™, or CLEP® assessments.

We will continue to provide you with updates as more information becomes available from the College Board. In the meantime, we wish you all the best in these extraordinary days.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Fri, Apr 3, 2020 - End of Third Quarter

Dear Parents and Students:

I hope this message finds you holding up well and remaining healthy under the current circumstances. Today marks the end of the third quarter, and we will be completing our fourth week of school closure and distance learning, as well as the umpteenth day of collective social distancing. The adaptations required of us in this new learning environment, combined with the isolation required to stop the spread of disease and the ambiguity of not knowing when this will end, continue to take a toll on our psyches. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of routine, connection, exercise, outdoor activity, and sleep in staying physically and mentally healthy during this time. The importance of well being is everyone's first priority, for ourselves, our family members, colleagues, and students and teachers.

We have been studying the question of fourth-quarter grades as a faculty, and we have come to the decision that fourth-quarter grades, as well as course grades, will be letter grades. These fourth-quarter grades will reflect graded work from the third and fourth quarters, and the weight of the fourth-quarter grade in the course grade will be adjusted accordingly. Having letter grades in the fourth quarter and as course grades will allow student work done in the first and second quarters to be reflected accurately in the course grades, in addition to graded work from the third and fourth quarters. Letter grades will also allow us to make important decisions about student placement when necessary and will allow student transcripts to reflect a more specific level of performance than pass/fail grades would.

The decision to allow pass/fail grades for the third quarter was intended to provide a period of time for students and teachers to transition to a distance-learning environment and to learn the features of online assessments.

While there are still limitations to this environment for teaching and learning and for assessments, enough data can be gleaned from assessments and learning activities and interactions in this environment to determine letter grades for the fourth quarter and thus for courses.

Please connect with your teachers regarding specific requirements for quarter and course grades, as they are in the best position to communicate expectations for student performance across the many courses we offer in the High School.

I hope you enjoy next week's learning activities that focus on wellness and connectedness and that you come back ready to begin the fourth quarter with renewed energy. We will be ready to complete the academic year with you successfully, whether virtually or in person.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

Thu, Apr 2, 2020 - Letter to Seniors

Dear Members of the Class of 2020:

When last we gathered as a community, our thoughts were on making the most of your closing months at Scarsdale High School. We encouraged a strong finish in your classes, a sense of optimism about your post-graduation plans, and the promise of spirited fun through the tradition of senior events like the senior show, prom, yearbook signing, and graduation day! It is not uncommon in times of stress or turmoil to focus on what has been lost and we join you in mourning the loss of these precious weeks together as a senior class.

The faculty and administration have been closely monitoring the extended closure and its impact on student life, especially for our seniors. Student and class government officers have attempted to keep spirit alive virtually, while teachers and students have offered ideas for the postponement and/or reimagination of end of year events. There will be disappointments, for sure, but we will do our best to preserve as much of the experience as we can while we await further word on our return to school.

Following is a list of programs and events specific to seniors, along with our current thinking about their status. If you have questions or ideas about the events, please reach out to the faculty member noted. All ideas will be taken into consideration as decisions and timelines continue to unfold. Decisions about prom and graduation, in particular, will depend largely on governmental restrictions in place at the time of their scheduling. We will postpone them as much as necessary to the extent possible in order to hold them, given their significance to seniors, their families, and the entire community.

These are trying and uncertain times, but the community spirit of Scarsdale High School is reflected in the collective efforts of your classmates and our faculty. We truly hope to see you soon and to salute the Class of 2020 for all you have accomplished, all you have endured this spring, and, most importantly, for all you will do in the future as alumni of our school.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bonamo

Principal

Senior Events

- Senior Options - Given the lack of available internship sites and impossible logistics for a hybrid program of this size, we are disappointed to announce that the program will be canceled for this year and the graduation requirement waived for all seniors. Seniors will remain in their current courses until the end of classes in June. If an alternate program for the end of senior year can be identified, designed, and implemented, we may consider such a program if feasible; we consider this unlikely at this time. If we do return to school this semester, seniors should be together as a class rather than disperse again outside of the building. Please direct questions to the Senior Options Coordinator, Mr. Lamela (jlamela@scarsdaleschools.org).
- Senior Final Exams - will be moved to June. Your teachers will announce final exam arrangements as we progress through the fourth quarter.
- AP Exams - will be conducted online as per the College Board. Please direct questions to the Director of Counseling, Dean Iosepovici (oiosepovici@scarsdaleschools.org).
- Awards Ceremony - the event will be held as scheduled if we have returned to the building without restriction. Award recipients will be notified two weeks before the ceremony date. We will consider a virtual ceremony if needed. Please direct questions to Ms. Frusciante (pfrusciante@scarsdaleschools.org).
- Senior Class Play - we will postpone decision making for as long as we can and consider an alternate practice schedule and date if possible. Please direct questions to the class advisers, Ms. Cagner and Mr. Greenberg (ecagner@scarsdaleschools.org, agreenberg@scarsdaleschools.org).
- Senior Prom - we are investigating all possibilities including the original plan, as well as postponement or relocation, and will do everything we can to preserve this event. Please direct questions to Ms. Cagner and Mr. Greenberg (ecagner@scarsdaleschools.org, agreenberg@scarsdaleschools.org).
- Senior Day/Yearbook Signing - Your yearbook staff continues to work on documenting your year for posterity. The event will continue as planned unless forced to postpone or cancel. In the event of a

cancellation, yearbooks will be mailed home. Please direct questions to the yearbook advisers, Ms. Dawes and Dr. Oliverio (sdawes@scarsdaleschools.org, koliverio@scarsdaleschools.org).

- Graduation - We continue to plan for our traditional ceremony on Dean Field. Should New York State require alternate planning, we will follow the State guidelines. Please direct questions to Ms. Frusciante (pfrusciante@scarsdaleschools.org).
- Senior Transcripts - Senior transcripts are sent electronically to colleges and universities in July. This is scheduled to happen without interruption at that time. Please direct questions to your individual dean.

Wed, Apr 1, 2020 - Letter home to seniors

Dear Seniors,

As we continue to progress through these uncharted waters, the Counseling Department wanted to provide an update, as well as offer you our continued support throughout the coming weeks.

Academic Progress

- Please keep in touch with your teachers through distance learning. If you have any specific questions regarding a class, reach out to the individual teacher.
- Your teachers have been working hard to keep you engaged in this unusual environment, and the Counseling Department will be sending a final transcript to your eventual college destination. Keep that in mind as you continue to fulfill your academic responsibilities. We all appreciate being part of this community together, and trust that you will complete the year with the same positive approach you have followed throughout the year.
- If there are extenuating circumstances that make this time especially difficult for you, please make your Dean aware. As always, we are here for you!

College Decisions and Commitment Date

- Most, if not all, college decisions have been released. Please be in touch with your respective Dean to make them aware about the latest decisions. If you would like to have a further conversation regarding your options, wait-list, etc....please let him/her know and they would be more than happy to talk directly.
- Some colleges have adjusted their response date for deposits. For the latest update, please follow the link below:

College Admissions Status Update

- If your college has not indicated they are delaying their deposit date, and you feel additional time would be necessary due to individual circumstances, we encourage you to reach out to that school directly.
- We will be automatically sending your final transcript in early July to the college you will be attending. Beyond making your Dean aware of that school, there is nothing else you need to provide us.

Advanced Placement Exams

Those seniors who registered for an AP Exam prior to the College Board deadline (March 13th), should have received an invoice from myschoolbucks regarding final payment. These payments must be completed by April 24th. If you registered for one or more exams and have not received an invoice, please contact Dean Iosepovici at iosepovici@scarsdaleschools.org

PTA Scholarship

Now more than ever, we appreciate the efforts of the PTA and larger Scarsdale community in providing funds to support students and families in their college goals. The Scarsdale High School PTA Scholarship Fund for College provides grants to SHS seniors who wish to attend college but need assistance to pay for their first year. Scholarships are based on financial need, and the deadline to apply is Friday, May 1. Applications can be downloaded from the link below.

[SHS PTA Scholarship Fund](#)

On behalf of the Counseling Department, we appreciate your continued resilience, and hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying healthy.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Apr 1, 2020 - Letter home to juniors

Dear Juniors,

As we continue to progress through these uncharted waters, the Counseling Department wanted to provide an update, as well as offer you our continued support throughout the coming weeks.

Scheduling

- We are moving forward with the scheduling process for next year. **If there are any electives you would like to add or adjust to your schedule, please make your Dean aware through email by this Friday, April 3rd.** If an additional conversation is necessary, your Dean will arrange for that.

Academic Progress

- Please keep in touch with your teachers through distance learning. If you have any specific questions regarding a class, reach out to the individual teacher.
- Your teachers have been working hard to keep you engaged in this unusual environment, and please keep that in mind as you continue to fulfill your academic responsibilities. We all appreciate being part of this community together, and trust that you will complete the year with the same positive approach you have followed throughout the year.
- If there are extenuating circumstances that make this time especially difficult for you, please make your Dean aware. As always, we are here for you!

College Admissions Process

- Deans are reaching out to juniors who have not had their college conference yet. We appreciate your patience, and are looking forward to speaking with all of you directly in the coming weeks.
- As of now, June standardized exams (SAT and ACT) are still on schedule to be administered, and both the College Board and ACT will provide us with updates in the coming weeks. Both organizations have expressed flexibility with exams that may include administrations beyond the usual dates, especially if school closures are prolonged. In addition, several colleges have already adjusted their standardized testing requirements for next year, while others will make decisions depending on the evolving landscape. As we move forward, please do not hesitate to be in touch with your respective Dean if you have any questions regarding your testing timeline.

Advanced Placement Exams

Those juniors who registered for an AP Exam prior to the College Board deadline (March 13th), should have received an invoice from myschoolbucks regarding final payment. These payments must be completed by April 24th. If you registered for one or more exams and have not received an invoice, please contact Dean Iosepovici at iosepovici@scarsdaleschools.org

Junior League of Central Westchester Award

The Junior League of Central Westchester is offering up to four \$500 Volunteer Service Awards to a female high school junior. Each recipient of this award will be a young woman who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to volunteerism and public service. An application can be found in the link below.

[Junior League of Central Westchester Award Application](#)

On behalf of the Counseling Department, we appreciate your continued resilience, and hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying healthy.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Apr 1, 2020 - Letter home to sophomores

Dear Sophomores,

As we continue to progress through these uncharted waters, the Counseling Department wanted to provide an update, as well as offer you our continued support throughout the coming weeks.

Scheduling

- We are moving forward with the scheduling process for next year. **If there are any electives you would like to add or adjust to your schedule, please make your Dean**

aware through email by this Friday, April 3rd. If an additional conversation is necessary, your Dean will arrange for that.

Academic Progress

- Please keep in touch with your teachers through distance learning. If you have any specific questions regarding a class, reach out to the individual teacher.
- Your teachers have been working hard to keep you engaged in this unusual environment, and keep that in mind as you continue to fulfill your academic responsibilities. We all appreciate being part of this community together, and trust that you will complete the year with the same positive approach you have followed throughout the year.
- If there are extenuating circumstances that make this time especially difficult for you, please make your Dean aware. As always, we are here for you!

On behalf of the Counseling Department, we appreciate your continued resilience, and hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying healthy.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Apr 1, 2020 - Letter home to freshmen

Dear Freshmen,

As we continue to progress through these uncharted waters, the Counseling Department wanted to provide an update, as well as offer you our continued support throughout the coming weeks.

Scheduling

- We are moving forward with the scheduling process for next year. **If there are any electives you would like to add or adjust to your schedule, please make your Dean aware through email by this Friday, April 3rd.** If an additional conversation is necessary, your Dean will arrange for that.

Academic Progress

- Please keep in touch with your teachers through distance learning. If you have any specific questions regarding a class, reach out to the individual teacher.
- Your teachers have been working hard to keep you engaged in this unusual environment, and keep that in mind as you continue to fulfill your academic responsibilities. We all appreciate being part of this community together, and trust that you will complete the year with the same positive approach you have followed throughout the year.
- If there are extenuating circumstances that make this time especially difficult for you, please make your Dean aware. As always, we are here for you!

On behalf of the Counseling Department, we appreciate your continued resilience, and hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying healthy.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Mar 25, 2020 - SHS Update

Scarsdale Public Schools - Infinite Campus Messenger

Dear Parents and Students,

Now that we are in our third week of closure with distance learning in full swing, I wanted to write with an update on some issues related to overall wellness, academic policy, and school events.

First, I want to highlight the importance of self-care and overall well-being in this time of school closure and general social isolation. There are so many variables of distress we are dealing with as adults and as adolescents. First, we have a new virus that is spreading and sickening people at an alarming rate and to a scary degree and media stories that all seem to be focused on this illness. Then the familiarity, structure, efficiency, productivity, and comfort that routines provide have been replaced with a seemingly amorphous day that has no demarcations between work or school and home. We've gotten some feedback on the challenges students are facing in keeping a schedule in the distance-learning environment. Finally, we have the anxiety of the loss of control and not knowing when or how things will change in the future. Staying connected and taking care of ourselves will help us in the short term, and we remain hopeful that things will change for the better.

To that end, I offer these common-sense approaches to organizing your time in this environment:

1. Keep a regular sleep schedule with consistent bed and wake times.
2. Keep a morning routine, including bathing and changing into school clothes.

3. Keep weekly and daily schedules using a paper or an online calendar. (Here is the class [schedule](#) with the online meeting times.) Use alarms on your phone to remind you of class meetings or other online activities.
4. Schedule online social time the way you would schedule real-life social activities.
5. Get outside every day during daylight hours, and get some exercise.

Next, I want to elaborate on the grading policy for the third quarter. As previously announced, third-quarter grades will be pass/fail. We always aim to have our grades accurately reflect student effort and performance, but the limitations of online assessment, at least in the short term, will not allow us to provide grades in the traditional manner. Graded work from earlier in the quarter, as well as work that can be graded during the school closure, will be included in fourth-quarter grades and course grades. The weighting of fourth-quarter grades will be modified accordingly. This allows those grades to impact course grades in a way similar to that if the third quarter were typical. Seniors who normally have truncated third and fourth quarters because of Senior Options will have their grades handled in a similar manner: third-quarter grades will be pass/fail, and fourth-quarter grades will reflect graded work in the third and fourth quarters, and the weight of the fourth quarter will be adjusted accordingly. If the closure extends beyond the third quarter (which ends on April 3), we will have to consider our options at that time, and we will share that with you, as appropriate.

Members of the faculty have been discussing the criteria for passing or failing the third quarter, and we've agreed on an approach that emphasizes participation, engagement, responsiveness, and performance. Individual teachers will be in touch with more specific criteria as appropriate.

Finally, I want to be direct and list the issues we are all thinking about but do not yet have answers to:

1. We do not yet know whether Senior Options will run, or, if it does, what it will look like.
2. We also don't yet know about whether and how Regents exams will be administered. If we're closed for a significant portion of the fourth quarter, we may need to rethink how we give course grades this year.
3. We are looking at our spring events, specifically plays and concerts, the carnival, awards night, senior prom, and graduation. We know how much joy and social connection these events provide, as well as the learning experiences students have in planning them for their peers.

We will need some more time to consider all the variables and have a clearer picture of the duration of the closure before reporting with any more specificity than we have at present on these issues.

I will close with a note of gratitude for our faculty members who have devoted significant effort to pivoting from a real-life to an online environment, as well as to our students and families for your generosity and patience. The grace and grit everyone has demonstrated in these days remind me of what makes Scarsdale special and why seeing each other on Zoom brings us some small measure of comfort and reassurance in a time of isolation and ambiguity. It's the people that make our school what it is, and together we will get through this.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

Mon, Mar 23, 2020 - Message re AP Exams: students and parents in 11th and 12th grades

Dear Students and Parents,

The College Board has announced that for this year, they are replacing traditional sit-down AP exams with online exams for those students and schools affected by closures due to Coronavirus.

Summary

- The College Board is developing secure 45-minute online free-response exams (not multiple choice) for each course.
- **This option is only available to those students who have already registered for an AP Exam through the College Board.** We will notify you if there is a change to this College Board policy, but their deadline to register has passed.
- You'll be able to take your exam(s) on any device you have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. You'll also have the option to write your responses by hand
- For each AP subject, there will be 2 different testing dates. The full exam schedule, specific free-response question types that will be on each AP Exam, and additional testing details will be available by April 3.
- Students with **College Board approved accommodations** will be able to take advantage of those accommodations. Details will be available closer to the exams.
- The exam questions are designed and administered in ways that prevent cheating. The College Board uses a range of digital security tools and techniques, including plagiarism detection software, to protect the integrity of the exams.
- The College Board is providing free online tutorials for each exam. These will begin on March 25th. You can find additional information in the link below.

[Information for AP Exams for students affected by Coronavirus](#)

We will continue to provide you with updates as more information becomes available from the College Board. **In the coming days, please look for an additional email with final payment instructions for your respective exam(s).** In the meantime, we hope that all of you are doing well, staying healthy, and managing these extraordinary days as best as you can.

Best regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Tue, Mar 17, 2020 - SHS Distance Learning Update

Scarsdale Public Schools - Infinite Campus Messenger

Dear Students and Parents:

I'm writing with an update on how we are moving forward with distance learning at Scarsdale High School. There's a lot to report since I last wrote; please forgive the length of this message. I wanted to share as much as we know now and address some questions that remain.

A word of gratitude

I'll begin with a big "thank you" to our staff members. Our teachers have been working hard to adjust to this new reality, adopting platforms, creating new lessons, modifying curriculum, and collaborating with one another to provide continuity of education for our students. Our deans and counselors have been working to support families with special needs, attending to professional responsibilities, and conducting scheduling conferences and college conferences. Our support staff members have been providing office support throughout, and our custodial staff have been working to disinfect, maintain, and secure the school building. I must also thank the assistant principals and department chairs who have spent innumerable hours in videoconferences and email conversations working on the transition to distance learning. In addition, I want to thank the students and families who have demonstrated flexibility and generosity in awaiting communications and organizing their home lives to engage successfully in distance learning. We will continue to rely on such flexibility and generosity from all members of our community as we move forward together in an environment without precedent.

Boundaries, Families, and Wellness

We are forging ahead in a way that provides continuity of education for students and that acknowledges the limitations of distance learning and the need we will all have for time away from screens and work. To that end, we are encouraging teachers to be thoughtful of the hours they devote themselves and require students to devote to synchronous and asynchronous instruction, virtual office hours, planning for lessons, and preparing and reviewing work. We ask that all of us are generous in the time we allow one another to return emails, for example. We also encourage you, as parents, to check in with your children. The situation changes so rapidly, and so may their emotions and the need to talk and emote. Our commitment to teaching and learning must not compromise our ability to tend to the needs of our families and to our personal health.

Distance Learning

The distance-learning experiences we are providing for our students will be composed of synchronous and asynchronous activities. The expectations outlined below will take effect by the end of this week to give students and teachers enough time to organize themselves to meet them.

Curriculum

The curriculum that can be taught in this environment will likely be narrower than that which we normally teach, which is to say that we must all moderate our expectations of what learning outcomes will look like. We are nevertheless confident that the quality of what our teachers can create in terms of curricular and course materials will be superior to off-the-shelf solutions, though widely available online materials may sometimes be the best option in the moment.

Instruction

We expect a blend of synchronous and asynchronous experiences for students, and that, at least twice a week, students will have a real-time experience with each of their teachers, either as a virtual office hour or in a

whole class. Please note that the experience of a videoconference serves as much as a way to establish interpersonal connection and a sense of community as it does to convey subject matter. Initial feedback we have from teachers is that much more can be accomplished through asynchronous instruction; the importance of synchronous instruction, however, is more than simply curricular in nature. We hope that these synchronous activities will be a source of emotional well-being for students and teachers in providing some semblance of routine and connection.

Norms for videoconferences

Instructional videoconferences on platforms such as Zoom and Google Hangouts should reflect a scholastic environment to the greatest extent possible. To that end, we ask that teachers and students place themselves in a common area of the home (i.e., not a bedroom) if possible, and to wear clothes appropriate for school (i.e., not pajamas) to establish and maintain an appropriate tone. On both ends of the computer, there will be unexpected interruptions; we must accept them and be flexible. Students may not record any other student or faculty member while connecting virtually. There are privacy issues associated with this, and we do not want to see videos popping up on social media. A learning environment must be a safe space in which students and teachers take intellectual risks and engage in academic discourse without fear of exposure outside of that space.

Logistics

We have devised a schedule, indicated below, of 25-minute meetings that teachers can use to connect with students in real time. This is offered as a way to prevent teachers' requests from creating scheduling conflicts for students. If another time outside of this schedule works better for a teacher and his or her students, the teacher may use it, knowing that in case of conflicts this schedule should prevail to the extent possible. This is not an expectation of daily meetings (as we have established a minimum of two synchronous whole-class meetings or office hours per class per week), just something to provide traffic control as these meetings get called.

1	8:30 a.m.	or	12:30 p.m.
2	9:00 a.m.		1:00 p.m.
3	9:30 a.m.		1:30 p.m.
4	10:00 a.m.		2:00 p.m.
5	10:30 a.m.		2:30 p.m.
6	11:00 a.m.		3:00 p.m.
7	11:30 a.m.		3:30 p.m.

The time indicated for the period corresponds to how we would have classes meet in school and would follow the days of the week as if we were in school. Teachers have been asked to provide students with ample notice of required meetings so that students and families can plan their days appropriately. We've also asked teachers to establish regular times of posting and collecting materials so that students know when to check for assignments, submit work, and view lessons or videos.

Grading and accountability for students

We will be going to a pass-fail grading system for the third quarter. Assuming we are able to be in school for the fourth quarter, grades students earned in the first part of the third quarter can be included in their fourth-quarter grades.

We've heard reports that some students are not connecting to Google Classroom or responding to emails. While some students who are not responding may be failing to do so because they aren't meeting their responsibilities, we are aware that some families may be in distress or have some sort of technological reason that they haven't yet connected. Teachers will be contacting parents and deans of students who are not meeting their responsibilities in this distance-learning environment.

Students are reminded that they are responsible for checking their school email accounts, teacher web and Google Classroom pages, and any other platforms teachers may require to conduct class. Parents are encouraged to check in with their children to ensure that they are organized and able to meet their obligations for their classes. Participation and engagement in distance learning during the time of school closure will be reflected in both third-quarter and course grades.

Senior Options

It is likely that we will offer an in-school option for seniors who choose not to participate in Senior Options, which may end up being a significant portion of the class; it is possible that Senior Options will need to be canceled outright depending on how things unfold. We have asked teachers of seniors to begin thinking about providing instruction for seniors until the end of regular classes, either virtually or in person. We will have more information on Senior Options when we have a better idea of what the state of affairs will be during May and June and hope to have clearer guidance for you by the end of this month.

Examinations

As a result, senior finals may need to be administered during the June exam period. In that case, the June final exam period will be revised to reflect these exams. We continue to monitor messages from ACT and from the College Board about the SAT and AP exams to assist students in planning to take those exams, and the deans will be in touch with information on those testing programs as appropriate. We know, for example, that the May 2nd SAT has been canceled.

Field Trips

All internal and external field trips are canceled for the remainder of the school year.

Summary

The reality is that students and teachers are in different places in terms of their readiness to ramp up to a richer, distance-learning environment. Some students don't yet have access to devices because their parents are working from home; some teachers haven't yet been able to retrieve their course materials or computers from school and are doing so today. In short, the range of engagement among students and among teachers is quite broad right now and will likely coalesce around a narrower mean as we all get accustomed to teaching and learning in this way. Again, we must temper our expectations for learning outcomes in this environment because of the limitations of distance learning.

We haven't figured everything out yet. There will be glitches with platforms. There are questions about Regents and final exams and Senior Options. We will continue to think through these challenges and come up

with the best decisions with the information we have at the moment, knowing that we may need to change course as conditions might warrant. We ask for your generosity and patience as we find our way forward together.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

Fri, Mar 13, 2020 - Important message for seniors

Scarsdale Public Schools - Infinite Campus Messenger

Dear Seniors:

While we know you are still adjusting to the unanticipated closure of school, this interruption of your senior year may also feel like a disappointing break from the remaining weeks of your time on campus. I'm sure you have many questions about how this school closure will impact your fourth quarter, Senior Options, and senior class events. Trust that the faculty and administration are discussing all possible avenues and will be in touch with you as decisions are made.

At this time, there are two specific items we would like to bring to your attention. First, the 100 Days Until Graduation event that was previously postponed has now been canceled outright in an attempt to limit additional interruptions to instructional time.

Second, prior to school closing this week, large numbers of seniors were participating in "Marker Tag." While not a sanctioned school event, your classmates made worthwhile attempts to respond to faculty and administrative concerns around the game by imposing strict rules around contact and conduct. While we appreciated these attempts, at this time we must insist that the game not be continued when we return to the school building. There are many people and situations that require thoughtful attention, and the game undoubtedly changes our focus and creates a feeling of unrest in the building. We are confident that you will respect your school community as we grapple with difficult circumstances and discontinue the game to help establish an environment that is caring and supportive when we return to school.

We ask for your cooperation as we look forward to reconvening as a school community. We will be in touch as additional decisions are made regarding other senior class events.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Bonamo
Principal

Thu, Mar 12, 2020 - email to juniors

Dear Students and Parents,

The Counseling Department continues to monitor the impact of school closures on our students. As indicated in yesterday's email to Juniors and their parents, we have seen this play out on the university side as an increasing number of institutions are either entirely closed or restricting access to visitors. In addition, we have

been notified some high schools in the surrounding area that serve as standardized test centers are closed or will be closed on test day. In the immediate future, that means those centers will not offer the March 14th SAT. Since that is the case, we offer the following thoughts:

- The College Board is working with some test centers to coordinate an alternate date for the March 14th SAT. The link below from the CollegeBoard indicates current closure by state, although that list is evolving (White Plains was added to the list last night).

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings>

If your child has registered for this Saturday's exam and a makeup date is offered, they will receive notification in the coming days. If a makeup date is not possible at that test center, please note the exam is offered both May and June. The registration deadlines are April 3rd (for the May Exam) and May 2nd (for the June Exam).

- For students who were scheduled to take the SAT with school-based accommodations during the March 14th "window" period, the district is working with the CollegeBoard on alternate options. Affected students will be notified once we have a clearer path forward.
- The next test administration at Scarsdale High School is the April 4th ACT Exam. ACT has reached out to high school schools to inquire about closures, and our test coordinators are in contact with them regarding our current status. As of now, no change has been made regarding Scarsdale's availability as a test center on that date.

We will continue to monitor standardized testing information and provide updates as they become available. If you have any questions regarding your child's testing timeline, please do not hesitate to reach out to their Dean. We are here to support them (and you) throughout these challenging times.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Mar 11, 2020 - email to seniors

Dear Students and Parents,

On behalf of the Counseling Department, I hope that this email finds you well. These are unusual times for all, and certainly for all of us at the high school. We have been communicating as a department to discuss how we could continue to support our students and parents given the circumstances all of us face, and are in constant communication with our building administrative team as well. To that end, we wanted to provide some notes and a quick update.

We have been notified by several colleges that they are closed to visitors in the coming weeks, and that includes some who will not provide “Admitted Student Programs.” At the same time, these communications have reinforced that these closures will have no impact on the work of respective admissions offices with selecting the incoming class, and we expect that decisions will be released in the usual timeline.

We recognize that this time of year is an opportunity for students and parents to finalize decisions, but that current circumstances make that difficult. Nevertheless, the following suggestions can serve as alternate options:

- Most colleges offer virtual visits tools that can provide students with a very good sense of that specific institution.
- Most institutions have a robust social media presence that can make it possible for students to learn a bit more about a respective school.
- Once school reopens, the College and Career Center at SHS offers a list of Scarsdale alumni/ae who are willing to speak with students regarding their experience at a particular school.
- Your Dean can provide support and counsel as you consider your options, including help with narrowing down any choices, providing context about fit, etc...

As always, we appreciate your support. We recognize the extraordinary times we are facing, and are committed to supporting your child and you throughout the coming weeks and months. If you have any specific questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to their Dean.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Mar 11, 2020 - email to juniors

Dear Students and Parents,

On behalf of the Counseling Department, I hope that this email finds you well. These are unusual times for all, and certainly for all of us at the high school. We have been communicating as a department to discuss how we could continue to support our students and parents given the circumstances all of us face, and are in constant communication with our building administrative team as well. To that end, we wanted to provide some notes and a quick update.

We have been notified by several colleges that they are closed to visitors in the coming weeks. We recognize that this time of year is an opportunity for students and parents to conduct college visits, but that current circumstances make that difficult. Nevertheless, the following suggestions can serve as alternate options:

- Most colleges offer virtual visits tools that can provide students with a very good sense of that specific institution.

- Most institutions have a robust social media presence that can make it possible for students to learn a bit more about a respective school.
- For those concerned about "demonstrated interest" at specific schools, please know that schools will adjust their approach considering the national landscape, and that there are other opportunities aside from an actual visit. Your Dean can share that with you at the appropriate time.
- Once school reopens, the College and Career Center at SHS offers a list of Scarsdale alumni/ae who are willing to speak with students regarding their experience at a particular school.

In terms of our work with your child, please note the following...

- Given specific deadlines for course selection, we have prioritized the scheduling process. If we haven't formally met with your junior for a scheduling conference, we are emailing them with information, and will answer questions they might have regarding their course selection. Of course, we will follow up with those students directly once school reopens.
- For College Conferences, we value the individual meetings we have with students and parents, and are looking forward to continuing those when we return. If you had a meeting scheduled during the time school has been closed, your Dean will be in touch with you directly over the next few days.

As always, we appreciate your support. We recognize the extraordinary times we are facing, and are committed to supporting your child and you throughout the coming weeks and months. If you have any specific questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to their Dean.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Mar 11, 2020 - email to 10th graders

Dear Students and Parents,

On behalf of the Counseling Department, I hope that this email finds you well. These are unusual times for all, and certainly for all of us at the high school. We have been communicating as a department to discuss how we could continue to support our students and parents given the circumstances all of us face, and are in constant communication with our building administrative team as well. To that end, we wanted to provide some notes and a quick update.

- Given specific deadlines for course selection, we have prioritized the scheduling process. If we haven't formally met with your sophomore for a scheduling conference, we are emailing them with information, and will answer questions they might have regarding their course selection. Of course, we will follow up with those students directly once school reopens.
- Once we conclude the initial scheduling process, parents will have access to their student's course selection on the parent portal. Any questions can then be directed to your child's Dean, and there will be opportunities to make adjustments moving forward.

As always, we appreciate your support. We recognize the extraordinary times we are facing, and are committed to supporting your child and you throughout the coming weeks and months. If you have any specific questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to their Dean.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Mar 11, 2020 - email to 9th graders

Dear Students and Parents,

On behalf of the Counseling Department, I hope that this email finds you well. These are unusual times for all, and certainly for all of us at the high school. We have been communicating as a department to discuss how we could continue to support our students and parents given the circumstances all of us face, and are in constant communication with our building administrative team as well. To that end, we wanted to provide some notes and a quick update.

- Given specific deadlines for course selection, we have prioritized the scheduling process. As you are aware, our scheduling conferences for ninth graders include both student and parent(s). We value those individual meetings, and are looking forward to continuing those when we return. If your meeting was scheduled during the school closure, we will reach out to you to reschedule that conference.
- Once we conclude the initial scheduling process, parents will have access to their student's course selection on the parent portal. Any questions can then be directed to your child's Dean, and there will be opportunities to make adjustments moving forward.

As always, we appreciate your support. We recognize the extraordinary times we are facing, and are committed to supporting your child and you throughout the coming weeks and months. If you have any specific questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to their Dean.

Regards,

Oren Iosepovici
Director of Counseling
Scarsdale High School

Wed, Mar 11, 2020 - SHS Update to students and parents

Dear Students and Parents:

I am writing with some important information regarding the current school closure because of the COVID-19 situation.

First, I want to clarify that teachers will begin sending and posting information to students this week on Thursday and Friday ahead of the previously announced start date of Monday, March 16. These materials are designed to provide enrichment, to activate previous learning, and to help students organize and plan their schedules for the days until school re-opens. As you know, the situation continues to be fluid, and the change in start date is a reflection of the hard work and flexibility of our teachers and staff and their eagerness to engage with students.

To that end, students should be checking their school email accounts as well as their teachers' pages on Schoolwires (the school website) and Google Classroom. In the coming days, their teachers will indicate the primary means of communication and content delivery for each class. Students who need to reset their passwords should contact Meredith Dutra, our Head Computer Teacher, at mdutra@scarsdaleschools.org.

Second, I want to reiterate that a goal of the school closure is to achieve social distancing to stop or at least slow the spread of the virus. Therefore, students should avoid gathering in groups. Parents, please support this effort by not hosting gatherings and not permitting your children to attend such events. We know this is difficult for everyone, but we must prioritize the importance of the larger goal.

We are doing our best to provide continuity of education during this time. We recognize that distance learning cannot fully replace the learning experiences students and teachers have in person in school. There will be challenges and bumps in the road as we implement distance learning as a community for the first time, in addition to dealing with the larger context of the anxiety caused by the situation in general and the disruptions to our daily lives. I ask for your patience and generosity during this time.

We look forward to learning together in this new way and also to the re-opening of school. In the meantime, please keep abreast of the requirements for each class, and please refrain from large gatherings of students during this school closure.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Bonamo

Principal