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Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed your beautiful sunny weekend. I saw so many fun social media posts that our students created. Our Student Council has done such a fantastic job hosting fun games and events for our students! Please read below some items that I want to share with you.

1. Student Council Connection Activities:

Look what our Student Council is doing to keep our kids connected and recognized:

Slideshow Sunday: Creating a video of and submissions from the previous week, to air on Sundays. Like a highlight reel.

Motivation Monday: Inspirational Thought to start the week off. We want to start this Monday with a video from StuCo. If you all could submit a clip of you encouraging, sharing love, supporting the student body.

This-or-That Tuesday: This would be a poll to get input from the student body about what they want to see during the weeks.

Workout Wednesday: A small/simple workout, activity, challenge, to get them doing something. For example: Take a Walk Wednesday, and submit a picture of your favorite place to walk to.

Thankful Thursday/Throwback Thursday: This is a chance to turn their thoughts to gratitude. Shoutout to people or things they are grateful for (teachers, parents, admin, friends, siblings, computers). And the Throwback would be submitting pictures from the awesome school year we've had already!

Film w/Friends Friday: Have Netflix Watch Party. It's a thing Netflix does, where you can watch a movie with friends, even if you're not together.

Saturday Night Live: Have a live stream of something (cooking, paint night, activity, something like that). Have it live on Instagram

2. Social-Emotional Learning Updates:

If you have not watched Mr. Crandall's videos on how to be productive and other coping strategies for stress, please do so. He posts the most amazing videos that my entire family can't get enough of.

We are particularly aware of the difficulties that may arise for our students and their families during these school dismissal weeks as a precautionary measure against COVID-19. With that in mind, the district SEL team has created a website called [Behavior Resources for Learning in the Home](#). This website consists of three main sections:

1. Recommended apps to help parents support their children's motivation to participate in remote learning.
2. Specific behavior strategies with brief tutorials and printable resources to facilitate implementation.
3. A list of online resources parents can reference on their own.

A link to this new website can be accessed from the [Health and Well-Being](#) website.

3. “P” Grades:

Students need to make sure that they contact their teacher with regard to getting a “P” grade by 9 pm on May 22nd. A “P” on a transcript does not lower a student’s GPA, nor does it affect acceptance into college as long as there is not a large number of “P” grades listed on the transcript. Colleges fully understand there will be a large increase in the number of “P” grades that students will have for the 4th term of 2020. Most schools in Utah are using similar grading practices, so colleges are more understanding concerning “P” grades for this term. I would encourage you to have your students continue to try as hard as they can to master the subject matter, even though it may appear that there is (“no point because I can get a “P”). Many classes, especially Math and English, teach foundational skills and knowledge, which are essential for subsequent courses.

4. Honoring Seniors:

- Watch for a very special surprise Wednesday morning around 10:00 on social media! I’ll post it as soon as I can.
- CVHS students actually get to walk at graduation across the stage!
- Our senior highlight video is being made right now.
- Additional video ideas are being planned for extra recognition that typically is not included in graduation ceremonies.
- CTE (Career and Technology Education): Students who have completed pathways in a CTE program will be recognized at graduation with a medal.
- Athletics: Due to incomplete seasons, we have asked our coaches to honor their athletes in meaningful ways. More to come.
- Aviator Scholars. The “Aviator Scholars” were announced last night! These seniors will wear medals and chords at graduation. They will also receive a special recognition gift. The counseling department decided to pay for these items in lieu of the Evening of excellence.
- High Honor/Honor recipients were also announced last night! High honor (3.9-4.0 Cumulative GPA) and honor (3.7-3.899 Cumulative GPA) graduation cords. Honor Cords: The counseling department decided to pay for these items in lieu of the Evening of excellence. This is a remarkable accomplishment and we are proud of your achievements!

5. Graduation:

Please read the email I sent out last week about graduation last week if you didn't get a chance. Our team is working hard ironing stows, organizing honor cords, getting our Aviator, and Pathway completers medals engraved, etc. Our program is unique because we are actually walking the students where parents can film their child receiving their diploma! Please keep watching for additional emails coming your way!

- Medals and honor cords will be included in Cap & Gown packets that can be picked up on May 4th – 6th from 9:00-11:30 am in front of the auditorium parking lot.
- As a reminder, seniors will only be allowed to wear (during the recording/videoing of the walk across the stage) their Crimson Cap and Gown, black stole, medals, and honor cords given by Cedar Valley HS. No leis or decorated caps will be allowed.

6. Spring Athletes and Parents:

Our athletic team is finalizing the refund procedure for spring teams to receive their refunds.

Please know you will be contacted through registermyathlete.com for your individual teams procedure. We will also post on cvaviators.com those procedures as well. We understand the need to get those taken care of asap, thank you for your patience with us as we work through all the correct steps. Please email smardesich@alpinedistrict.org for any further questions.

7. Senior Clearance for Graduation:

There are several things that seniors need to do to graduate and/or get their cap and gown:

- Seniors need to make sure that they have taken the Civics Test. This is a State requirement. If your senior student has not taken this test yet, then please contact your student's counselor. (alpinecivics.org)
- Seniors need to have all classes that they failed prior to the 4th quarter of this year made up.
- Seniors need to have all fines resolved.
- Seniors must have all classes and requirements met.
- Books, uniforms, and equipment returned. (more info coming)
- East Shore Packets Completed

8. Yearbooks:

Yearbooks are on sale. They are \$70 and can be purchased through myschoolfees.com. Quantities are limited—don't wait until the last week of May, or you might miss out.

9. Students Retrieving Personal Items from the School:

There will be an opportunity in a few weeks for students to come to the school to bring back items they need to return (calculators, instruments, equipment, etc). They can also retrieve personal items at that time from their PE or regular locker. If there is a reason a student needs to get something from the school before that time, please work with them to schedule a time using appropriate supervision and social distancing. We are still waiting for direction but if you have a need to get something from the school before the plan, please let us know.

10. UVU Information:

We received information from UVU concerning remote testing to help students get into their English and math courses at UVU if they did not score high enough on their ACT.

- Remote placement tests are now available through UVU testing services for both Math (ALEKS) AND English (ACCUPLACER).
- Students need to email TESTINGSERVICES@uvu.edu to make an appointment and receive further instructions on how to take either test from their home.

More to come!

Sincerely,

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