

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

Teachers: Just log into Zablezoot, scroll down to the Zork! app and have the kids work through the assignments sent through Kracklezam or check the links posted in Drumblekick.

Parents:



The image shown to the left probably rings true for so many of you, and we definitely get it! You all are moving mountains right now and we want to reinforce that we are here for you and want to do whatever it takes to help all of you feel CONNECTED as COMMANDERS and to get the education you deserve.

Many of you have reached out regarding hardships you are overcoming as well as personal losses you have experienced during the pandemic. In order to be a support for our families in need, we have put together a Go Fund Me to pay for food baskets and other relief items. Follow this link to [donate](#) to Commander families who need the support of our community to make ends meet and stay healthy during this tough time. On the flip side, if you are in need, email Tiffany Almon at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org to indicate your need and we will do whatever we can to help you out, while keeping your situation private.

There are a lot of updates below about grading, counseling center updates, technology, Senior Celebrations, and more answers to your questions so please read

the rest of the Commander Communicator carefully.

With LOVE and Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Your Proud Principal
tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org

Grading Guidance

READ THE [DOCUMENT LINKED HERE](#) CAREFULLY FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. Mrs. Almon and the leadership team will have a Q and A about Grading on Tuesday the 21st from 4 -5 PM via Google Meet. Follow this link to join: meet.google.com/cei-kaub-tgf

- Students, if you would like to **choose the Credit/No Credit option** for one or more of your classes, as a family, please use this [Google Form](#) **by 4/29/20** to determine which courses you will choose to earn Credit instead of a letter grade. The form includes pros and cons for choosing the Credit/No Credit to guide your choice.

Technology Distributions

- Monday, 4/20 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the following locations:
 - Abraham Lincoln High School
 - Manual High School
 - Evie Dennis Campus

- Tuesday, 4/21 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the following locations:
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Manual High School
 - Evie Dennis
 - DCIS Baker
 - Place Bridge Academy
- IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT TO THESE DISTRIBUTION SITES OR NEED A HOTSPOT FOR INTERNET, contact Rick Brewer at rick_brewer@dpsk12.org immediately

Counseling Center Updates

- Counselors are entering all Choice of Studies course requests into Infinite Campus this week. The deadline for students to submit their requests was Friday, April 17th. Students with questions can reach out to their counselors via email.
- Counselors are contacting students and families to offer support with the transition to remote learning (missing assignment and mental health support)
- Counselors are available for appointments through Setmore: <https://jfkcounseling.setmore.com/>

Check out our School Counseling and Mental Health Team [website](#) for more information.

[JFK Counseling Resources Click Here](#)

[JFK Mental Health Resources Click Here](#)

SENIOR CELEBRATIONS

Seniors, we know that the culmination of your k-12 education is going nowhere near to plan, and our hearts and love go out to each of you as you navigate the wave of emotions and challenges this time brings. The Commander Community is planning some fun and memorable moments for you as your Senior year comes to a close. We know that these events and tokens are nothing compared to ending your Senior year TOGETHER, but we hope they bring you joy and help you see how special you are and how proud we are of you.

- ★ SENIOR GRADUATE YARD SIGNS -- your personalized Senior Yard Signs are in production and will be ready for delivery or pick up soon!
- ★ SENIOR SHOUT OUTS -- Follow this [link](#) to shout out a Senior on our webpage and Instagram page. We'd love to shout out every Senior between now and the end of the year!
- ★ Special commemorative Senior keepsakes will be delivered or available for pick up in mid May with the Senior Pics, Yearbooks, and Caps and Gowns.
- ★ DAY OF GRADUATION -- we will have a special online celebration and ceremony planned.
- ★ FUTURE IN-PERSON CEREMONY -- to be determined as soon as it is safe to convene.
- ★ We will be honoring our senior student-athletes during the week of May 4th. Please be on the lookout for videos and posts from our coaches during that time frame.
- ★ We will be hosting a virtual signing day for Cruz Ortega, more details to come!
- ★ Senior Announcements will be shipped directly to families homes. We do not have a date, but are working with Balfour to make this happen asap.

FAQs

What about Senior Check Out? We will create a detailed plan shortly regarding Senior check out and share asap.

How do I receive my Senior Pictures and Cap and Gown?

We are creating Senior packages to be safely distributed to Seniors with all items you've already purchased as well as some special treats. Details coming.

When will Graduation be rescheduled?

We will reschedule Graduation as soon as it is safe to reconvene as larger groups. We are planning something special virtually for the day Graduation was originally planned on **5/28**. Stay tuned for details.

Can I still buy a cap and gown? Yes, contact Laurentz Gilmore at laurentz_gilmore@dpsk12.org

Can I get the personal items I left in my locker?

When the stay at home order lifts and it is safe for students to be back in the school, we will let you know.

I still don't understand how this works!

You can find all the information you need for Remote Learning under the remote learning tab on our website jfk.dpsk12.org, you can access the Student Guidance doc [here](#).

How do I get on track during remote learning?

Contact your counselor to determine ways to get back on track through Edgenuity. We will be hosting a Junior Class Meeting virtually and will send out details soon.

If you have QUESTIONS, please enter them on this [Google Form](#) which will be posted to the website for you to access as questions arise, and a staff member will reach out to you via text or email with an answer.

REMINDERS and Celebrations:

- **The Future Center is hosting Office Hours you can sign up on the Schoology group for Seniors, or [HERE](#) for Ms. Emily and [HERE](#) for Ms. Ambria.**
 - The DSF application is STILL Open!! All [eligible](#) students still can apply!
- **Huge shout out to the following students who received scholarships (contact us if you earn a scholarship, we want to celebrate you!):**
 - Claudia Loya received the Inspired Leaders CORE scholarship from Regis, which is a full tuition scholarship!
 - Jaylantis London Brown received the 4 - year Denver Alumnae Chapter Scholarship.
 - Brian Tran was accepted to Columbia, Georgetown and UCD BSMD program which provides a clear path to CU Denver Anschutz school of medicine from an undergrad degree.
 - Krist Tran was also accepted to Cal Berkeley in their Chemistry Program.
 - Tam Nugyen is a Daniels Scholar receiving a full ride for all 4 years to her choice of CSU
 - Jocelyn Gonzalez is a Boettcher Scholar also receiving a full ride to CU Boulder to study Architecture.
 - Thuy (Suzie) Pham received the Musical Scholarship from Regis, which gives her a monetary reward and offers her free lessons in any instrument of her choice while at school. She auditioned on drums.
- **Ways we will take attendance and build community during remote learning --**
 1. **Mondays** -- Google Meet Advisory meeting -- *your advisor will send you the meeting invite and times by the end of this week. These meetings start the week of 4/13.*
 2. **Wednesdays** -- Commander Check In -- *JFK Staff and members of Student Council will create a Commander Check in video to update you on important information and on the #Anchor Fun Challenge for the week, we will send out a survey for you to enter your information so that we can record attendance.*
 3. **Fridays**-- Your teachers will grade your work and provide feedback, if you do not turn your work in at the end of each week (by Thursday 4PM), a member of the JFK staff will call you to make sure you are okay and have access to the learning the following Monday.
 4. **Mondays through Thursdays** -- your teachers will host office hours to answer your questions and provide instruction; our mental health providers and counselors will be available by appointment, and your Admin will be available by email or phone any weekday from 8am to 4pm.

Information about our JFK Remote Learning plan is found on our website (jfk.dpsk12.org), and you can find your student and family guidance document [here](#). Check your email and Schoology everyday!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LINKS:

- **MEETING YOUR BASIC NEEDS**
 - Information for Grab and Go Meal Centers found [here](#)
 - **If you need immediate Mental Health support** please call 1-877-542-7233 or visit <https://safe2tell.org/> which will provide an anonymous way to help someone who is struggling or hurting.
 - If you are inquiring about DPS free medical clinics during the extended break: [Denver Health at Lincoln High School](#)
- **TECH NEEDS**
 - If you still need a Chromebook please contact tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org or rick_brewer@dpsk12.org
 - [Link to Comcast's offer for FREE INTERNET for two months to low income households](#)

- **CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION**

- If you are reporting confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 and/or have questions about COVID-19, please visit the [DPS Corona Virus](#) page.

List of ONLINE Learning Sites

- [Industry Chats Online](#) -- learn about different professional pathways here
- <https://www.wilbooks.com/wilbooks-free-resources>
- Over 25 different online learning platforms for HS students found [here](#)
- Free ebooks found [here](#)
- 10 great FREE websites for HS students found [here](#)
- http://www.openculture.com/free_k-12_educational_resources
- Amazing [LIST](#) of educational resources
- [Khan Academy Learning Schedules](#)

ARCHIVED UPDATES and REMINDERS linked [HERE](#)

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R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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