ROHS Families,

Earlier this week, our district shared a message with our community regarding the murder of George Floyd, its profound impact locally and around the country, and the ongoing issues of racism in our society. I sent parallel messages to both our students and our staff, making clear our commitment to fighting racism wherever we encounter it, and reaffirming our support for our students. As promised in the district message, below you will find some additional resources to support conversations at home. Despite our remote working arrangements, our counselors, social workers, and administrators are actively available to support students; please reach out if we can be of assistance.

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**Resources: Talking About Racism**

Earlier in the week, the district shared some resources to support conversations at home about racism. [Here are some additional resources on that topic.](#)

**Student Textbooks/Belongings Exchange**

On June 15, we will hold a “drive-thru” opportunity for 9th-11th grade families to collect students’ personal belongings and return textbooks. [Please click here for full information.](#)

**2020 Summer School/Credit Recovery (Registration window now open)**

Royal Oak Schools will be offering summer school/credit recovery courses beginning June 22. For this summer, all courses will be remote and virtual. If you are interested and in need of credit recovery, please click on the following link for details: [Summer School Packet 2020](#).

**Signing Yearbooks!**

Although only our seniors have received their yearbooks, we know our students can’t get together to sign each other’s yearbooks, but yearbook signing is still an option! Jostens is offering free digital signing yearbook pages. This program gives every student in our school the chance to create virtual
signing pages, invite their friends/family/staff to leave messages, and print out the final pages to keep with their yearbook. This is FREE for all students, whether they purchased a yearbook or not. For more information or to get started, register an account for your student at JOSTENS' YEARBOOK SIGNING. If students are unable to print their pages once completed, please contact Mrs. Hull (jennifer.hull@royaloakschools.org) and the yearbook staff will be happy to assist with printing.

Remote Learning Grading & Timelines Clarifications

Last Day of School/Classes. 9th-11th Grade, June 11. These are the final days to submit work for the semester.

Grading. All students will receive a letter grade for the semester based on the combination of all assignments for the second semester (January 27 to end of semester).

>>> Parents may opt for their child to receive “Credit” instead of the letter grade. To request Credit rather than a letter grade for one or more of your child’s classes, use this form. There is no formal deadline to submit this request.

Senior Activities

Our official graduation event for the Class of 2020 will be held at the end of June. We expect to communicate the firm date and logistics next week.

Counseling Updates

Attention Seniors- Final transcript Requests: ALL students that used the college or university application – need to request a final transcript using Parchment.com

Dual Enrollment Opportunities: Interested in taking College courses while still in high school and earning a high school as well as a college credit? Registration begins soon. Dual-enrolling Student.

Updated Michigan Colleges Application Process: Take a look at how Michigan colleges are handling incoming applications with regard to grades, CREDIT and SAT scores: link here
What does it mean if a college states it's test optional: Some colleges are not requiring the SAT or ACT amid the coronavirus, shifting the emphasis to other parts of an applicant's profile.

The link below provides important information about this process.


The following are links to your counselors’ online appointment calendars:

Mr. Paul Surdenik (A-C, OSTC students): https://surdenik.youcanbook.me/

Mrs. Jennifer Vick (D-J): https://mrs-vick-rohs.youcanbook.me

Mrs. Carrie Laurence (K-Po): https://carrielaurence.youcanbook.me/

Mr. Jim Bowker (Pr-Z): https://jim-schoolteacher.youcanbook.me/

School Social Work Updates

No new updates this week. Continue to reach out and schedule a time to meet with your social workers using the links below:

   Mrs. King: https://tina-king.youcanbook.me/

   Ms. McGrath: mcgrathssw.youcanbook.me

   Ms. Steinkampf: elizabeth-steinkampf.youcanbook.me

Please be logged into your school email account at your appointment time so your social worker can begin the session.

Testing and Career Development Updates

AP Testing. We will have a final list of those who did not test on June 8 and then we will begin to process reimbursements.

   Makeup Exam Exceptions: In their confirmation email on May 28, students will receive instructions about what to do if they have two exams at the same
time. They should take one exam on the makeup date and request to take the other one on the June 22-30 exception testing dates and information.

- The AP Exception Testing Request Form will open on June 1 at 12 PM, and close on June 7 at 6 PM. To complete the form, students will need the AP Makeup Request Key from their most recent e-ticket for the exam they want to take. If they can’t find their e-ticket email, a backup copy is available in their My AP account. They need to find the exam subject in their account and click the link below their e-ticket to copy the Makeup Request Key to their clipboard. Students who are approved for this final testing window will receive confirmation the week of June 15 and will receive an e-ticket two days before their exam.

- The deadline for students to indicate or change their free score report recipient through My AP is June 20, 2020.

- ROHS students will receive access to their AP scores starting on July 15.

- Thanks for hanging in there! Well done to AP staff and students!

**SAT and PSAT testing:** Please use this link for more detailed information and information on who will test in the fall.

**Xello:** New dashboard coming soon!

Continue accessing Xello through the Counseling/Career page of the Royal Oak High School website. For directions on how to log on, follow the Xello links.

You will have access to all information for 3 years after graduation.

**Other Opportunities:** Scholarship/Internship. Junior Leadership Oakland, Is going virtual! Apply by June 12, more information in Opportunities link.

**Janet Norling, Testing and Career Development Coordinator:**
janet.norling@royaloakschools.org

And, as always, we are here to support you in any way that we can. Please contact us with questions, concerns, or any needs you may be experiencing at this time.

Regards,
Michael Giromini, Principal
Royal Oak High School