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**PARENT FORUM ZOOM MEETING
APRIL 22, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

18:17:10 From Carl Lyon : We'll start letting people into the session in a few minutes. If your username isn't obviously your first and last name, you can email clyon@latinpcs.org with your username and name of your student(s) to get admitted.

18:25:13 Hi all.

18:25:34 I just wanted to know if there would be an interpreter?

18:27:21 From Carl Lyon : If your username isn't obviously your first and last name, you can email clyon@latinpcs.org with your username and name of your student(s) to get admitted.

18:28:35 From Carl Lyon: The interpreter is here. You can pin her video window.

18:35:40 From James Kelly: Welcome everyone - please bear with us for a moment while we admit folks from the waiting room.

18:35:55 I feel like I got admitted to a very exclusive club. It must be my outfit.

18:37:46 Hello, everyone. I hope all are well!

18:37:54 From Carl Lyon : If your username isn't obviously your first and last name, you can email clyon@latinpcs.org with your username and name of your student(s) to get admitted.

18:38:23 Hello!

18:38:27 Hello, everyone!

18:38:34 Good Evening Latin Family, I hope everyone is well! I am home not feeling well so I will be just listening. My child is doing well and missing everyone. It's good to see and hear everyone. Take Care!

18:38:43 From Kate Cromwell : Some of your user names are not clear to us. Please email who you are to either kcromwell@latinpcs.org or clyon@latinpcs.org

18:38:49 Hello!

18:38:49 From James Kelly: Say hi to your student for us!

18:39:24 Good evening.

18:42:26 Thanks to the staff for hosting this call!

18:42:42 Thank you Mr. Lyon for all that you do!

18:42:44 Happy Earth day to the Latin family - I hope everyone is well, having grace and staying safe! I am here representing my daughter, a senior.

18:42:59 Thanks for setting this forum up!!!!

18:43:02 Thank you ,Mr. Lyon.

18:46:10 Questions for seniors: Can the graduation commencement be rescheduled or will there be a virtual ceremony?

18:48:01 What's Latin's fiscal year period and will that affect the next school year?

18:48:19 From Yinnie Tse: Fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30

18:51:23 Thank you for all of your efforts. Asynchronous affords equitable reach to all students.

18:52:18 I'm glad you're considering how well this is working for some of the kids! It's an amazing learning experience for all of us to see this in action.

18:52:52 My daughter is thriving!!

18:54:42 Has social distancing affected next year's enrollment and waiting lists...either positively or negatively?

18:55:10 I understand why synchronous learning isn't happening more. But is it possible to provide more opportunities for students to interact with peers and teachers live? Zoom lunch once a week is the highlight of the week for my student.

18:56:00 From Kate Cromwell : <https://latinpcs.org/covid-19-resources/>

18:56:26 From James Kelly: We are brainstorming some ideas right now which we will briefly discuss later in the call - but one great opportunity is tutorial, which is streaming every day at 3pm for classes meeting that day. I've found sometimes my own tutorial is just a time to connect.

18:57:24 DCPS sent an email that the school year will now end Friday, May 29, 2020 (three weeks earlier than planned). Will Latin MS still end on June 10?

18:58:17 From James Kelly : We went through this briefly earlier in the call - we are working on this right now and will be in touch next week with an update.

18:59:05 Thank you, teachers. We miss you! I am a teacher, and finding live teaching works for connecting personally and Q&A, but it's very challenging to make it effective for instruction. Thank you for your efforts!

18:59:23 I worry about families where the kids are taking care of younger siblings so parents can work. Are they able to participate in school the way they need to?

18:59:28 From Yinnie Tse : Washington Latin has a long waitlist so we will have full enrollment for SY20-21. E-enrollment is a little trickier than regular enrollment but we are working on streamlining it and working on the kinks.

19:00:01 How are you working with teachers to ensure that their work levels are appropriate to the desired 1-hour time period per class? I'm seeing an uneven level of work assigned across the different classes that is sometimes presenting issues in turning work in on time.

19:00:22 The current 8th graders had a disruption in history earlier in the year, where its not clear if there has been a replacement (probably not with Covid); will this be taken into account for this particular subject as well?

19:00:23 Thanks.

19:00:56 Sorry, a replacement history teacher?

19:01:04 Thank you! It's a little chaotic here, so I missed that.

19:01:22 There is a replacement, Ms. Gifford.

19:01:25 From Kate Cromwell : Can you email me at kcromwell@latinpcs.org?

19:01:38 From Diana Smith : Thanks for the question of time. Each faculty member has a point of contact. Those administrators are talking to faculty about assigning too much. In some cases, we are seeing too much, and in others too little. Please let me know if there is a particular teacher who is causing an issue.

19:02:08 I agree that the ongoing assignments should count towards student grades. I am concerned about a *graded* culminating assessment in any form - oral or written. It could still present a high stakes event in an uncontrolled environment (home), particularly a challenge for households with parents still working and with multiple siblings all learning at home.

19:02:52 From Diana Smith : Yes, we will be sorting through all of the 8th grade history courses to figure out what students have earned. We apologize for the 8th grade history issue, although we do have a very good History teacher, Ms. Caroline Gifford, in place now.

19:03:18 From Yinnie Tse : Advisors and the student support team reach out to every student to check up on them and see what assistance they may need. The asynchronous learning hopefully makes it easier.

19:03:30 Happy to see you Ms. Brady - you are riding this wave with our Class of 2020.

19:03:52 Mr. Kelly, thank you and Ms. Bradley for whatever you sent my daughter and other 5th graders last night. Her exact words were, "They just sent something SO SO SO thoughtful to us mom". She didn't show it to me but she said she loved seeing her classmates. Thank you for taking the time to do something that meant so much!

19:04:23 I was unfortunately unaware of the live classes. Are the parents being notified of the live classes thru email or is it just listed in their lesson? If not can we get them?

19:04:28 It wasn't clear that she was the replacement history teacher, rather than the many subs that you all had in history.

19:04:57 My child loved the presentation that you all sent out also...she was laughing at the pictures that she had totally forgotten were taken!!!! Thanks.

19:05:02 Virtual College Acceptance or decision celebrations?

19:05:02 The teachers have been absolutely fabulous during this time! The creative and entertaining YouTube videos especially make our son's day. We especially enjoy Mr. Bane's teaching assistant - his cat :)

19:05:03 From James Kelly : For the earlier question about assignment length, we encourage you to write to us as we are refining this process. Harder to gauge when we aren't in the room together.

19:05:49 No problem. I think that she is a very good teacher.

19:05:55 From James Kelly : For live classes, we are announcing these in Unified Classroom by Friday the week before depending on the class. Every class that goes live will also have a non-synchronous alternative for folks who cannot join in real-time.

19:06:12 Following up on history teacher disruption, can you please clarify who the 9th grade history teacher is (I saw the clarification for 8th grade). Thank you!

19:06:24 Hi Senior parents, please share your feedback from your children with the admin and/or me, your Senior PFA Rep. Happy to brainstorm ideas.

19:07:16 Thumbs up from my child on the 8th grade history teacher. Thank you for working on that issue.

19:07:19 Can you provide your email for the senior PFA rep?

19:07:36 From James Kelly: Thank you - we are lucky to have Ms. Gifford step in!

19:09:05 Who is leading the upcoming scheduled grade assemblies via zoom?

19:09:29 From James Kelly: Ms. Bradley and I are leading that work in the Middle School with each grade level team.

19:09:38 My email is pa12rep@latinpcs.org

19:10:01 Will you be worried about space in summer school? Many summer programs are being cancelled so you might have more students than usual trying to attend summer school.

19:10:35 Thank you Dr. Smith for everything you do.

19:11:22 How much is the COVID-19 data guiding your decision on when the last day of school will be? I am sure there are a lot of moving parts, but will it be hard to land on a final date not knowing what the Virus data will look like in the future?

19:11:56 Or we could just follow the mayors directive?

19:12:06 I'm grateful to be at Latin at this difficult time. I know we can trust that any decisions you make will be thoughtful and well considered! Thank you!!

19:12:32 Will summer school options also be available for incoming school students (5th graders)?

19:12:59 If the summer enrichment classes are online, will they still follow the usual schedule of being a 3-week session 3 hours/day? Or will they be more spread out?

19:13:01 Thank you for such a well-organized approach, and for such a great website — both have been so helpful during this time!

19:13:42 From Kara Brady: Ms. Molly Waidmann is working with your ninth grade student's section for WH1.

19:14:59 Thank you. Lots of concerns with that whole circumstance. I know you are on it. I will reach out offline. I appreciate it.

19:15:19 I second your sentiment. Very grateful to be part of this school community.

19:15:40 From PFA President : Contact me or your PFA grade rep if you'd like to provide input/assistance for Teacher Appreciation Week efforts.

19:16:01 Please send out the link to the emergency fund.

19:16:18 Are there any volunteer opportunities available to students/parents to support the school/students during this difficult time other than the emergency fund?

19:16:28 My son asked me to ask how/when kids will be able to retrieve their things from their lockers?

19:16:52 What will finals look like for the rising ninth graders?

19:17:00 From James Kelly: We are anticipating rolling out more details about summer school next week.

19:17:46 5th Grade families - reach out to PA5rep@latinpcs.org. We are hear and happy to receive your feedback and comments.

19:17:57 Echoing everyone - thank you so much for the thoughtfulness with which you been approaching this situation. I think Latin has been doing an amazing job and I'm so glad my child and I are part of this community.

19:18:03 From Kate Cromwell : Thanks, we have two important funds right now: Emergency and Faculty Fund. There is a link on the COVID page for Emergency - <https://latinpcs.org/covid-19-resources/> And for Faculty Fund to support our teachers: <https://latinpcs.org/support/faculty-fund/>

19:18:24 Is that email address for incoming 5th graders too?

19:18:43 From Martita Fleming: We're figuring out the return of items from lockers but if there is something your student needs now for distance learning (or any other reason) e-mail me at mfleming@latinpcs.org and we'll arrange a time you can come get whatever he needs.

19:18:44 Exceedingly grateful for the thoughtful, compassionate approach by everyone at Latin - my daughter is so happy to be a part of this community!

19:18:44 Thank you, Kate Cromwell.

19:19:01 From Kate Cromwell: Thanks to all of you!

19:19:14 What options do students have for fulfilling their community service hours? They can't go anywhere.

19:19:57 Agreed.

19:20:18 Yay, Ms. Brady!!

19:20:19 Maybe students could volunteer Zoom tutoring to other students for community service hours?

19:20:20 Yeah Ms. Brady!

19:20:52 Thank you for this community meeting. I also appreciate that two times were offered to meet parent schedules. When things "return to normal," I hope that a remote option for parent meetings are provided as some of us can't make it to the Latin Campus -- most work nights.

19:21:10 Is there any thought given to charters working together to get enough and the right mix of summer school classes?

19:21:37 My student has been reluctant to do any online volunteering because he believes someone has to sign a document certifying his hours, which isn't possible outside of Latin online possibilities.

19:22:13 Thank you all. And I hadn't heard the waiver for community service for this year.

19:22:21 Love ya, Ms. Brady!

19:22:35 There are also organizations where students could help with food drives and social-distance food delivery.

19:23:46 Hi there - how do you anticipate handling / supporting new students coming into Latin next year, and their various learning experiences this spring?

19:24:13 Thank you for all your hard work and thoughtfulness in making the transition to distance learning a relatively smooth one for our children and for being open and responsive to feedback. We appreciate it.

19:24:20 Can some of the more positive aspects of distance learning that are working really well for a lot of students be integrated going forward when we are back in school physically, i.e. all assignments/homework posted on one site, electronic submission of homework, etc. - all things that are extremely helpful for kids with executive function challenges.

19:24:36 My daughter is also concerned about retrieving the contents of her locker. Thanks so much for the great job you're doing in this very strange time.

19:25:08 Has Latin seen a difference in what the colleges and universities may be looking for in their application process from students who may not have applied or made their final selection yet?

19:26:43 Will there be a bridge for incoming 5th graders?

19:27:19 From Martita Fleming : More info to come soon about how to get items from lockers. If the need is urgent though -- something for current distance learning, for instance -- e-mail me at mflaming@latinpcs.org and we'll find a time for you to come in and access her locker.

19:27:45 OK, thank you!

19:28:01 Thank you for all you are doing to keep the kids engaged remotely. It's important and a huge help!

19:28:13 Eternal gratitude to Ms. Latham for continuing to support seniors so effectively n their college search and selection and financial matters. Her wisdom, experience, pure knowledge, and genuine care for my senior will be life-changing,

19:28:39 From Kate Cromwell : Thank you for the good word - will share that with her!

19:29:25 Is Latin preparing for a situation where the shelter in place is extended in the fall (or re-imposed in the early winter)? Everyone has done a great job so far.

19:30:58 Hello Latin Admin, Very nice seeing you all. In my RSVP, I asked two questions that are related to senior grade. Will you be addressing those questions too?

19:31:28 Can you ask them here?

19:31:36 I might have missed it, but Kate, will there still be a drive for the Teacher's Fund this year?

19:32:02 Thank you for your service.

19:32:20 For re-enrollment I have one question -- my son's dentist is closed so how I'm going to meet the requirement?

19:32:20 Unified classroom - It's true!

19:32:27 Will pre-calculus and calculus be offered on line in the summer?

19:32:44 Are you giving thought/consideration or possibility of not returning to school building in the fall, considering the ever-changing situation?

19:32:46 From Kate Cromwell: YES. We are working on virtual Bacchanalia but definitely need support for the faculty!

19:32:48 Bravo to the Faculty and Leadership during this crazy time. You have done an outstanding job transitioning and supporting the students and families.

19:32:54 How are you planning on starting next school year in terms of placing students based on their understanding of material covered during distance learning this school year?

19:33:02 Thank you all for everything you do!

19:33:06 Thank you to all of the faculty for everything that you all are doing!!!

19:33:20 Yes please! this time has helped my 6th grader take ownership of her work.

19:33:22 Thank you, Latin!

19:33:38 Thank you for the quick setup of distance learning!!

19:33:40 When will students be able to retrieve items that are in their lockers?

19:33:44 Thank you Washington Latin. So proud and fortunate to be a part of this community.

19:33:46 Thank you all. This was very helpful.

19:33:49 Thanks to all of the WLPCS Administration! Very much appreciate this call and your dedication to our kids in these very challenging times. Wishing everyone good health and happiness!

19:33:57 Thank you all for your hard work and we are blessed to have you all working behind the scenes trying to make an unknown path we are traveling better than we could imagine. Truly appreciate you!!!

19:34:01 Thank you Team Latin for all you do!

19:34:02 Echoing the thanks to all staff/faculty.

19:34:15 Thank you for all the hard work you are doing!

19:34:17 Thank you all so much for your support, patience, and thoughtfulness. REALLY appreciate you all.

19:34:19 THANKS SO MUCH LATIN FOR ALL OF THE LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO MY CHILD AND THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES!! We truly appreciate each and every one of you! Stay Safe and Well!

19:34:28 When will we have another Zoom forum such as this?

19:34:37 Thanks to the Latin team - amazing job in an uncertain time! We are so lucky that our boys are at Latin!

19:34:39 It would be great if you could share some numbers around how students performed in this new environment (i.e. what percentage of student improved their performance at what specific tasks?).

19:34:42 From Carenda Nunn : Feel free to email enrollment questions to enrollment@latinpcs.org

19:34:44 Thank you for supporting each of my children in all their different learning styles. You have certainly made the best of a difficult situation.

19:34:49 Thank you, Latin faculty! Each one of you are appreciated!

19:34:51 From Martita Fleming: If you have a medical or dental form to turn in, you can either scan it to me or take a photo with your phone and send it to me that way. As long as it's legible and has your signature, we'll be able to use it. E-mail me at m Fleming@latinpcs.org to talk further.

19:34:51 Heartfelt thanks to all of you at Latin for your devotion to learning and our children and the wonderful adaptive learning and adjustment you are doing to deal with this unprecedented situation.

19:34:53 Thanks to you all for taking care of our children (and their parents!) Until we meet again!

19:34:54 Hello Latin. Thank you for your strong work!!!!

19:34:55 Great call everyone...let's do it again soon.

19:35:04 Agree with the sentiment that we need to consider that social distancing might still be necessary in the fall or may return. I know I may be concerned about ongoing risk even when the powers that be decide everything is "safe." If kids are doing well this way, could remote education be integrated going forward for some students? Fewer kids in building is a nice idea.

19:35:13 Thank you Latin for all you do!! Stay safe!

19:35:17 Thank you all for the great job! And thank you for arranging the interpreter for me tonight!

19:35:17 If it's easy, we'd appreciate knowing about the online community service options shared previously

19:35:27 Thank you, all! You've done an incredible job during an uncertain and concerning time. Terrific leadership. Bravo/Brava - all!

19:35:27 Thank you thank you to all the staff!

19:35:27 Thank you all and stay safe!

19:35:28 I reiterate my appreciation and THANKS to all the staff for the relatively seamless transition to distance learning.

19:35:29 Thank you all so much!

19:35:30 Thank you to all of the Latin team for being so thoughtful and forward thinking during this time and always.

19:35:32 So grateful!

19:35:34 Good night.

19:35:40 Thanks bye.

19:35:40 From James Kelly : Wonderful to see you all virtually. Have a good night.

19:35:42 Deeply grateful. Thank you.

19:35:46 So grateful for the Latin leadership and school community!

19:35:51 Thank you all

19:36:00 Thank you everyone!

19:36:20 Can you explain the cancellation of community service requirement! Does that include the entire 100 hours for seniors?

19:37:16 I didn't want to take time away from others being able to ask their questions, but, as the parent of a senior, who also happens to be my youngest, I wanted to tell all of the Latin staff how much we love Latin PCS and how hard it has been for me to be physically distanced from the school! Thanks for all you do!

19:37:28 From Carenda Nunn : Please email me with questions regarding Community Service cnunn@latinpcs.org

19:37:40 Thank you, I'm not sure how to tell if my child is actually learning more through this way as I don't know if he is mastering the information.

19:37:53 From Kara Brady: I will reach out.

19:38:04 From PFA President : Will recording or transcript be available?

19:38:13 From Kate Cromwell : Yes!

19:38:21 From Kate Cromwell : We will share this and a summary of the questions/answers

19:38:24 From PFA President : TY

19:45:48 From Kara Brady : You asked some really good questions that we'll need to answer.

