Dear Students and Parents:

I want to thank you all for your patience and flexibility as we entered a whole new world of learning on March 16th, 2020 and at this time will go through the end of the current school year. Our teachers had to quickly jump into a new world of online teaching and learning and even though they were able to take professional development sessions produced by LAUSD, they still had to work through deepening their learning of Schoology and Google Classroom as well as learning new online platforms such as Zoom. I applaud our teachers for doing a fantastic job in their development and learning of online platforms to ensure the academic and artistic success of our students’ distance learning. We are continuing as a school to assess our current online learning schedule and will continue to evolve and improve. In addition, please know that online platforms such as Zoom and Google Classroom are optional—all teachers are using Schoology to support your students’ distance learning.

We are approaching the 15- and 20-week grading windows: the 15-week grading window ends May 13th and the 20-week grading window ends June 12th. I want to briefly you on our online grading policy, which is in alignment with the LAUSD online grading policy:

- Students will not receive a lesser grade than their grade as of March 13, 2020.
- No failing grades of an “F” shall be issued for the 15- or 20-week final semester mark.
- Students may increase their grade from March 13th with their online learning work (remember that students must earn a grade of a “C” to apply for any four-year college, and seniors who have already been accepted conditionally to a four-year college must maintain their current grades on their current transcripts to be fully accepted after final submission of transcript is sent to the conditionally accepted college in June).
- Students who earn a grade of a “D” at the 20-week final semester mark will be enrolled in summer school and strongly encouraged to attend summer school or another learning recovery opportunity to gain additional proficiency in the content.
- All students earning a grade of a “D” at the 15 week mark will be notified by their teachers, to provide additional opportunities for students to submit assignments/ make-up work and discuss additional needed academic/artistic support to increase their grade by the 20 week final mark.

Our goal is for 100% of our students to be working and achieving academic/artistic success to the best of their ability online with distance learning at this time during the pandemic of COVID-19!

I wish you all first and foremost to be safe and healthy as we work together to best support our students academically/artistically and social/emotionally during these challenging times. We will definitely make it through this together! We’ve got this!

Thankful—

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