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Thank you for sending in photos of your children learning at home as it helps everyone feel connected during the school closure. In addition, we so appreciate the positive feedback we have been receiving. It is inspiring to see our students (and sometimes parents!) diligently working and engaged in their schoolwork. We thank our teachers for their creativity and collaboration preparing lessons that are meaningful and enriching and our administrators for their leadership during this health crisis.

- **Guidance:**

Advanced Placement Information

Students that are enrolled in Advanced Placement courses need to stay active with the resources that their teachers will be sharing. More information will be available as the College Board develops their plan; in the meantime click on the College Board link below to stay up-to-date.

https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates

College Acceptances for Seniors

Please reach out to your counselor with any news and for any questions or advice. Please update Naviance as soon as you hear back from schools. It will help the counselors prepare for future conversations.

Students who receive a Waitlist response: Your counselors will help you with this, but please remember: The waitlist means the college wants to hold on to your interest because they know you can thrive at their school. The problem exists with student capacity, therefore, it is a waiting game. Continue to express your interest in writing an email to the college representative and also keep them up-to-date with any new grades or new information that they would need to hear about; counselors can help you with this. Keep in mind, most schools fill the waitlist within the first few weeks of May, however, some extend this process into the summer months. Lastly, if you decide to be on the waitlist, you will need to deposit at another school to hold your spot.

***Additional Resources for Juniors and Seniors*:**

NACAC link: NACAC's new College Admission Status Update tool is useful. More than 600 colleges and universities have submitted information regarding changes in their admission events, deposit dates, and more.

● **Donations:**

Glen Rock Public Schools has donated 3,000 pairs of gloves to Valley Hospital.

Ideas from the Community: From Valley Hospital Foundation: You can make a mask for our frontline clinicians! We are providing kits with approved materials that you can take home, assemble, sew and return completed to us. We are currently in need of 1/8 inch elastic banding for the masks. If you have any, please drop off the banding in the container at the entrance to the Ridgewood Police Department on Maple Avenue in Ridgewood. More details about picking up the kits will be available shortly.

https://www.valleyhospitalfoundation.org/COVID19HowCanIHelp

Rock Solid 2020 Fundraiser: Congratulations and thank you to Glen Rock High School students Lily Ryan and Ty Scherer for creating this fundraiser to help local businesses and raising $13,939.

● **Board Meeting**: Virtual Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM, the Glen Rock Board of Education will hold a virtual meeting in the GRHS/MS Media Center, 400 Hamilton Ave., Glen Rock for the purpose of holding a Regular Board Meeting.

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: General, Business and Personnel. Action will be taken. It is anticipated that a closed executive session will be convened towards the end of the Regular Board Meeting. Instructions on following the meeting online.

● **Restrictions are in place and children are not allowed on the school grounds or playgrounds**. Closures and social distancing measures are in place to protect everyone, and it is vital that everyone adhere to the restrictions issued.

● **Technology issues,** please contact helpdesk@glenrocknj.org.

● **Schoology Disruptions:** Earlier today, Schoology reported a partial service disruption. What this means is that some students and teachers may see the message: *"our site is temporarily unavailable"*. These types of outages are not surprising, as most of the country has moved to remote learning. These problems are bound to happen from time to time. We appreciate your patience and flexibility with unanticipated technical issues. If your child does experience issues, here are a few websites to check for reported outages:

- Schoology Status Page: https://status.schoology.com

● **Instructional questions,** please contact your child's teacher and/or the building principals.

Feedback: In closing, here is an excerpt from feedback we recently received about virtual learning:

> *"I cannot believe how smoothly the transition to remote learning has seemed on the home side, it's truly remarkable. I also can't thank Mr. Arlotta and Ms. Bacolas enough for all they are doing to stay connected to the students during this time. The morning announcement videos are a huge hit with our entire family and we have loved getting a glimpse into the homes and lives of different teachers."*

Keep up the social distancing. We know your children miss their friends and the social interaction in the community. We are in this together. We got this Glen Rock!

We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,

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