



#GRISWOLDStrong  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020



- Please tune in to Morning Announcements daily! I post them on Facebook and Twitter, and they are always on my Principal's YouTube Channel. For today's announcement, please click [HERE](#).

#### **Updates from GHS**

- ★ Big THANK YOU to our Technology Department and Food Services Department for providing technology and meals to those in our community!
- ★ As most are aware, Governor Lamont has closed all CT schools until at least April 20th. Beginning on Monday, March 30th, our district will implement 'distance learning.' Therefore, it is imperative you/your child are able to do the following:
  - Are your children able to access the materials on our website?
  - Do they need access to a Chromebook?
  - Do they have the email addresses of their teachers?
  - Please contact me if you need support with any of the above questions, as these will be essential as we continue to navigate through this challenging time.
- ★ **The goal of every GHS teacher this week is to be in touch with every student in every class. So, please have your child reach out to his/her teacher if they have not yet been in contact. Ms. Macrino and I will be collecting data from all teachers and reaching out to those of whom teachers have not had success.**
- ★ Please see the important "GHS Support Staff Newsletter" included in today's email. Thank you to our School Counselors (Ms. Alfiero, Ms. Kissack & Ms. Taylor), School Psychologist (Mr. Cormier), Social Worker (Ms. Avalos), and Academic Academy Staff (Ms. Salley, Ms. Serpa, Senora Mas & Ms. Kenyon) for working collaboratively to put it

together.

- ★ **IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE, Ms. Tedeschi:** If your child has medication at the school, please make arrangements for pick up on Monday, March 30th, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. She will be set up outside of the front of the high school (the entrance where busses drop off). Please email her with any questions at [dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:dtedeschi@griswoldpublicschools.org).
- ★ Do you have an announcement for me to shout out on Morning Announcements? Please send them my way! [epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org](mailto:epalonen@griswoldpublicschools.org)

**Information to Support YOU from the CDC:**

Helping Children Cope with Emergencies:

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/helping-children-cope.html>

- There are so many resources and tools to support you available through this website. Please check it out!

**Do the FIVE to Help Stop the Coronavirus**

1. **HANDS** - wash them often
2. **ELBOW** - cough into it
3. **FACE** - don't touch it
4. **FEET** - stay more than 6 feet apart
5. **FEEL SICK?** Stay home

Valuable resource for up to date and accurate information on the Coronavirus: [JOHNS HOPKINS CORONAVIRUS RESOURCE](#)

***Parents & Guardians,***

***Please know we are all in this together. You are doing an amazing job! At GHS, our goal is to support your child through this. If you or your child begin to feel overwhelmed as we roll out "Distance Learning," please contact us! Begin with the teacher, as I assure you our goal is to support, guide, educate – not to overwhelm or cause added angst/worry.***

***I miss GHS terribly...more than I can put into words. Your children are incredible people; sunshine in my day to day that has now turned to clouds. But, I have to remind myself that we can and will get through this by working together (even remotely). We are a STRONG and UNITED community grounded in what is best for our children. I am sending ALL MY LOVE to you all – especially your amazing children. Mrs. P sends a "green heart emoji," and a #ghsisthebest! And, I am here for you all with whatever you need. Please reach out! Stay strong, stay positive & stay well.***

***All My Love, Sincerely,***

