

February 27, 2017

Dear Islander Families,

Thank you for your messages of support and feedback following our lockdown last Thursday. We are grateful our students are safe and all shareholders worked successfully in collaboration of protecting our students and campus. **Since last week's social media threat and lockdown, Coronado High School, with support of the Unified School District and in collaboration with the Coronado Police Department, is:**

- following appropriate steps of intervention in alignment with the CUSD Discipline Action Guide
- continuing to encourage students to come forward with safety concerns or questions
- reviewing and refining our student and staff response to lockdown/emergent situations
- reviewing and refining our internal and external communications in circumstances of lockdown/emergency
- auditing/reviewing facilities related to safety (doors, locks, etc.)
- continuing our work preventing, identifying, and responding to behaviors which threaten safety at CHS
- continuing to educate students on the importance of speaking up ("see something, say something")

We will continue to keep you updated as we process events and refine our safety measures and emergency response.

On Wednesday, our students will hear a message over the loudspeaker from Principal Jenny Moore in response to increased reporting of incidences of students using derogatory slurs referring to fellow students' and others' race, sexual orientation, abilities, political affiliation, and religion. We will be educating our students about the nature of hate speech and consequences of engaging in it, but emphasizing that our safety and sense of belonging in this school community depends upon us respecting, learning from, and seeking to understand one another. Please consider discussing this topic with your student at home, and encouraging your child(ren) to come forward if they are the subject of bullying, discrimination, or harassment, or if they observe or witness someone else subject to hateful words or actions.

Tonight is our PTO meeting (6 PM) and Parents' Book Club (7 PM) in the CHS Library. We look forward to seeing you there and discussing the book *A Survival Guide to Parenting Teens (Talking to your kids about sexting, drinking, drugs and other things that freak you out)*, by Joani Geltman.

Thank you to our students, staff, parents, and community members who participated in and supported our CHS Strategic Planning process last Friday morning. Teams of representatives discussed personalized learning, attendance, interventions and supports, professional development, social/emotional health of students, and communication. From information and

ideas gathered, CHS staff, in coordination with the CHS School Site Council, will develop three-year measurable goals as part of the Local Control Accountability Plan. We look forward to sharing our plan with you!

Late Start Schedule/Career Day: We are very excited about hosting our second annual **Career Day on March 2** (late-start schedule

here: <http://chs.coronadousd.net/static/media/uploads/Coronado%20High%20School/Late%20Start%20Thursdays%202016-17.pdf> –see an update to reflect Career Panels schedule in an email under separate cover). Students had the opportunity to select two professional panels to attend. Freshmen will ALL participate in a workshop on social media in the afternoon featuring Cyber Educator Jon Moffat (see his website here: <https://www.jonmoffat.com/>).

Parents/guardians of 9th graders are invited to attend this engaging and informative assembly as well, at 12:45 PM in the theatre.

Military Family Night GI Bill Presentation, Tuesday, February 28, 6-7:30 PM at Silver Strand Youth Center (1302 Leyte Road in Coronado/Strand Housing): Tomorrow is an opportunity for you to learn about the Post-9/11 GI Bill and educational resources available to military members and their dependents. Questions? Email nbcsl@navy.mil.

Sophomores and Juniors may apply for membership in our **CHS Chapter of the National Honor Society**--see application here (deadline March

15): (<http://chs.coronadousd.net/static/media/uploads/Coronado%20High%20School/FULL%20ONHS%20application%20form%20pdf.pdf>)

Students enrolled in our **Advanced Placement (AP) courses and who are interested in taking the exams in May should register here by MARCH**

17: <https://aptests.wufoo.com/forms/coronado-high-school-ap-exam-order-form/>

Are you or do you know a young woman between the ages of 14 and 18 who exhibits leadership qualities as a volunteer in your community or school? Who sees challenges instead of obstacles? Hope instead of despair? If you know a young woman who believes in the power of volunteer action, then she may be eligible for a **Soroptimist International of Coronado Service Award**.

The SIC Service Award is a leadership and volunteer recognition program dedicated to teen girls. It recognizes young women leaders who make the community and world a better place through volunteer efforts. This does not necessarily mean starting one's own not-for-profit business or accomplishing a miraculous feat. Taking a first step in trying to make a difference in the world is recognized as showing leadership and initiative. Volunteer actions that benefit women or girls are of particular interest. Although we realize that volunteering is its own reward, we also know the power that positive reinforcement brings, especially in supporting and encouraging young women to continue their work as a community volunteer leader. The deadline has been extended to March 31--please apply here:

<http://coronadosoroptimist.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-SIC-Service-Award-App-KS.pdf>

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