

May 11, 2020

Dear Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship Families,

I hope you are safe and healthy. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as PHCSE has been adjusting, like you, over the past two months. I am extremely grateful for the positivity, flexibility, and commitment of our students, parents/guardians, and staff, during these trying times. A huge debt of gratitude also goes to our health care workers, first responders, community and state leaders for all they are doing to help keep us safe and healthy.

Since March 18, our students and staff have adjusted to working remotely and learning virtually. I cannot say enough about the resilience everyone has shown. Because of this, we were able to implement a viable experience centered around technology and innovation. Despite the fact that this transition has been smooth for many, there is more that needs to be done to ensure everyone is appropriately supported and has access to necessary resources in the future. To that end, **our last day of formalized instruction will be held on Thursday, May 28, and the last day of school is Friday, May 29.** We are eager to plan and prepare for a return back into the school building in the fall, and or continue working remotely and learning virtually. Either way, we must utilize the time afforded to us to ensure we are prepared for the next school year.

Important Dates:

- May 15 - 3rd Annual Soaring Shark Tank Pitch Competition ([Facebook Live](#))
- May 13 - May 27 - STAR Testing ([click here to view schedule](#))
- May 22 & May 25 - No School
- **May 29 - Last Day of School**
- June 1 - June 3 - Chromebook return (details coming soon)
- June 3 - Quarter 4 Grades close (all Quarter 4 assignments are due)
- June 12 - Quarter 4 Report Cards available in [Skyward](#)
- June 12 - 8th Grade Virtual Promotion Ceremony (via Zoom)

PHCSE is committed to providing a productive educational experience through the end of the school year that will enrich and challenge the minds of our scholars. Although, we ask parents/guardians to emphasize the importance of academics while learning virtually, we must never forget about our emotional well-being, and what resources and support we need while navigating this unfortunate reality together.

Thank you for a great school year in spite of the unforeseen circumstances. Together we are stronger.

Sincerely,

Wayne Jones
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CEO