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**May 1 Weekly Newsletter**

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# Horizon Academy Weekly Newsletter

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## ***Important Information***

During the stay-at-home mandate, Horizon Academy has implemented distance learning for our students. Please continue to look for these weekly newsletters for updates and schoolwide communications. At this time, we are continuing to plan for summer programs and teacher training sessions.

### **Zoom 5.0**

The new version of Zoom has been sent to your students chromebook in order to take advantage of increased security and some new host/participant controls.

Please note that this increases backend encryption and provides hosts with new methods to keep your students and their digital meeting safe and secure. No action is required unless your student is connecting to Zoom on a device other than their Chromebook.

You can follow the Zoom blog for more information.

[Full Zoom 5.0 Update](#)

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## ***Upcoming Events***

**Thursday, May 7**

### **Pop Culture Icon Spirit Day**

Students can dress like their favorite someone/something from pop culture (favorite movie, musician, video game, etc).

Must be school appropriate attire.

**Friday, May 8**

### **No Distance Learning Classes**

Teacher In-Service

**May 11 - 15**

### **Annual Reviews**

This year you have been assigned a date and time for your meeting.

To help staff prepare for the meetings, please complete the Parent Input form **before May 1**.

[Annual Review Meetings Schedule](#)  
[Parent Input for Annual Review Meetings](#)

**Thursday, May 21**

### **Virtual Talent Show**

Our virtual talent show will be on May 21st.

If Mrs. Altman has approved your idea, you have until **May 13th** to submit your video. To submit your video, email it to

[talentshow@horizon-academy.com](mailto:talentshow@horizon-academy.com).

Students are welcome to submit a video up to 90 seconds in length.

If your video is longer than 90 seconds, it will be edited to fit within the required time allotment.

**Friday, July 31**

### **Graduation**

**9:00 a.m.**

#### **Horizon Academy Front Lawn**

Commencement is about recognizing our students' hard work, and Horizon Academy looks forward to celebrating their accomplishments with families and friends. We have not yet heard when our community will return to some semblance of normalcy, but we are determined to honor our seniors and 8th graders who have reached this milestone.

More information will be provided at a future date.



# Horizon Academy Distance Learning

Expectations for Online Learning

**1**



Be on time to all of your classes. Follow your schedule.

**2**



Check your email before your first class and multiple times throughout the day.

**3**



Dress in uniform or school appropriate clothes for virtual classes. No hoodies or hats. Your entire face should be visible on screen.

**4**



No eating during classes. Keep food/drink away from your chromebook.

**5**



Use your Chromebook where you can focus in a quiet, uninterrupted space. Preferably at a desk and not on your bed. No phones during school.

**6**



Use your Chromebook for school work only, especially during the virtual school day. Turn your computer off at 3:00 p.m. and do not use on weekends.

**7**



Do PE every day and complete 1 special class a day. Rotate through all of the specials each week.

**8**



Sleep at usual times. It's a regular school day!

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## *Updates from the Counselors*

### **Student Support**

Our counselors are available to meet

individually with students via ZOOM.  
If you feel your student would benefit from a check-in  
with a counselor, please contact:

Alicia Carr

Lower School Students (grades 1-6)  
[acarr@horizon-academy.com](mailto:acarr@horizon-academy.com)

or

Suzanne Welde

Upper School Students (grades 7-12)  
[swelde@horizon-academy.com](mailto:swelde@horizon-academy.com)

**Parent Resources list from Counselors**

## ***Coach Chamberlain's Virtual PE Activities***

Hot Shot and Minion Trick Shot Challenges  
Jack K's Kickball Challenge  
Extreme Deck of Cards Workout  
Emilina's Potato Roll Challenge

Bonus workouts are available  
and posted in your student's Google Classroom.

## **Admissions and Enrollment**

*Do you know someone who would benefit  
from Horizon Academy's programs?*

The Admissions Office is still open and providing virtual parent tours,  
meetings and screenings for the 2020 Summer School  
and 20-21 school year programs.

Please direct any prospective parents to Laura Mombello at  
[lmombello@horizon-academy.com](mailto:lmombello@horizon-academy.com).

## **Flatten The Curve**

Here are some helpful tips to protect yourself and others.

- Stay home if you are sick, have come in contact with someone who has received a diagnosis of Covid-19, or suspect you might not be feeling well.
- Practice social distancing and maintain 6 feet from person to person
  - Appropriately cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean all touched hard and soft surfaces regularly
  - Wash hands often

[Click here to view the WHO proper handwashing technique.](#)

## **Resources**

### [Supporting Students with Dyslexia](#)

6 tips for reducing feelings of distraction and isolation and ensuring that students with dyslexia don't lose ground in literacy progress.

### [NASA at Home](#)

Let NASA bring the universe into your home with resources for all ages.

### [Virtual Tour of The Netherlands Tulip Gardens](#)

The Keukenhof Garden, which is at its blooming best right now, has decided to share its fields of technicolour tulips, daffodils and hyacinths online, via a series of videos, so that they can still be enjoyed.

## **Horizon Academy Community Wall**

### [Visit our community wall!](#)

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, let's take a moment to focus on the positive. Use this wall to show off student work, highlight family involvement, share a photo of distance learning in action, provide gratitude within our Horizon Academy community, or point out the excellent work of colleagues.

These are the moments that matter.

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