

James Caputo · Principal

To: HRHS School Community

From: James M. Caputo, Principal

RE: Harlem Renaissance High School Remote Learning Greeting

Date: Thursday, March 19th, 2020

Greetings,

Thank you to the entire Harlem Renaissance High School Community for your dedication and commitment to the safety and well-being of our community including staff, students and parents as we venture in these uncharted waters of our time.

Please be advised, that beginning this week, Monday, March 23, 2020, the NYCDOE will transition towards a new remote learning model for all school days until Spring Recess. Students will not report to school buildings for instruction during this time; although food will be available daily and we are making every attempt to ensure our students have access to broadband-enabled devices to support their learning.

IMPORTANT: Please note that the NYCDOE is not closing, but transitioning to Remote Learning to accommodate continued learning for the Harlem Renaissance High School students during this time of uncertainty.

IMPORTANT: School buildings are projected to reopen to students following Spring Recess on Monday, April 20, 2020. Please continue to monitor the www.Harlemenrenhs.org and schools.nyc.gov for the latest information.

We as a community want to assure families that we are working to make this as seamless a transition as possible. As we traverse these uncharted waters, please know that we will not lower our expectations for our students during this unprecedented time. All students will be expected to complete their assignments online through various remote learning programs such as, Google classroom and IO classroom/Pupil Path. Teacher and staff contact information will be available on our website, which can be found at www.Harlemenrenhs.org. Visit our website frequently to get the latest information regarding COVID-19, policy updates and general information. In addition, the website will be the portal for students to reach out to their teachers as needed to receive their daily assignments, as well as submit completed assignments or projects.

Parents and students can also reach out to their guidance counselors for social emotional support during this time. The HRHS community will be available during the Remote Learning Period.

We have incredible faith in our students, staff, and families, and will make sure our community members are safe. Each of us comes to work every day to serve the students of Harlem Renaissance High School, and we will continue to do so by implementing these new measures (Remote Learning) to stop the spread of potentially deadly illness.

The schedule for the coming weeks are as follows:

From Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 17 (last day of Spring Recess)

- Students will not report to school buildings. Central and borough/citywide offices remain open.

By Monday, March 23, students and teachers will begin engaging in remote learning at HRHS. DOE central and borough offices have offered to support our students by offering laptops to individual students to assist with remote learning. For additional information regarding how to obtain a laptop from the NYCDOE, please visit the following link, <https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>

To further facilitate Remote Learning, additional learning resources are available online at schools.nyc.gov/learnathome.

More information about remote learning, meals, and other core services will be made available for families at schools.nyc.gov.

In closing, I am confident in the students and parents and I appreciate the dedicated staff of Harlem Renaissance High School and those who support them. Moreover, most of all, I support our students and their limitless potential to learn and grow under all circumstances.