

Friday, April 17, 2020

Yes, had we never heard of coronavirus, today would mark the beginning of a week-long April vacation, but at least it still marks the start of a long weekend. And as we head into that brief respite...

1. Please [prioritize self-care](#) during the upcoming three-day weekend. I know you're grinding out there. The transition to remote learning has been incredibly strenuous and stressful. As ever, the collective work ethic and dedication of the HHS faculty is phenomenal, but please remember to **unplug and recharge**. We all need it!

2. As an additional way to maintain our connections with one another, **Joe Andrews** (constantly working behind the scenes to make us better) has set up an [online bulletin board](#) at my request. Anybody with an HPS account can login (using your regular Hingham credentials) and create or join discussion threads. I started the first thread by asking the question "**What Have You Been Reading?**" and offering a brief summary of a great book I recently finished. I hope many of you will participate and start some new threads. Please check it out at your convenience.

3. Here's some welcome news: **The New York Times** (in partnership with Verizon) is offering high school students and their teachers **free access** to the *Times* from now through July 6th. If you'd like to take advantage of the offer, follow [this link](#) and select Hingham High from the list of schools.

4. When working on **third-term grades**, please review your X2 instructions previously provided.

5. Feel free to join the faculty meeting this afternoon at 1 PM. And keep in mind that Collin, Jenn and I will be continuing our virtual office hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It should also go without saying that we're available at other times, too. Whenever you need us, just let us know!

And, finally, returning to Point #1 on this email, I'd like to add some emphasis to what I've already said. Please **turn off your computer early this afternoon** and do something you'll enjoy. **Thank you** for everything you're doing to keep our ship afloat. Your efforts continue to inspire me!

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