

May 15, 2020

As we head into a weekend that promises (finally!) warmer temperatures...

1. Let's keep the original date for the **May faculty meeting (Wednesday, May 20th)** but move the Zoom time to **1 PM**. You can consider it optional, as no attendance will be taken, but please join if you can.

2. The work of selecting our **next assistant principal** (a bittersweet task, to be sure) will begin before the end of the month. If you'd like to participate in that process, please let me know.

3. One of the highlights of the past week for me was attending the **year-end celebration of the HHS chorus program** last night. It was on Zoom, but there was nothing "virtual" about the awards, the performances, or the good feelings; those were all REAL. Kudos to **Joe Young** for keeping the music alive. We need it now more than ever.

4. I know last week was "**Teacher Appreciation Week**," but members of the HHS faculty deserve a lot more than a single week of appreciation. Your efforts are always outstanding, but never more so than during these past two months. While reading an [excellent blog post](#) earlier this week, I was reminded to ask you: "How can I help you to support your students?" That's why I'm here.

5. Sunday (May 17th) will mark the **one-year anniversary** of The Fire. Yes, we're now experiencing something much worse, but that experience tested our mettle and proved our resilience. We pull together in times of crisis. We find solutions to unexpected and unprecedented problems. And we find a way through to the other side.

Stay safe and well, everybody. Now, turn off those computers and get out in the fresh air!

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