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Dear PPA Families,

May 8, 2020

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pelham Preparatory Academy has worked tirelessly to transition our school community to distance learning, setting up our Remote Learning capabilities so that staff, students and families can engage each other academically from home. In this effort, Chancellor Carranza and the NYCDOE continue to provide us with updated online resources and guidance to support Pelham Preparatory Academy during this unprecedented transition.

We understand that family engagement and student interaction with our staff has now changed. In this new learning model, the delivery of instruction has been adapted and modified for all our students, taking into consideration the challenges this current health crisis has presented to our student body. Communication and outreach has shifted to include new platforms such as video conferencing. We recognize that families are essential partners for teaching and learning. As we work together to remain flexible, we want to express our gratitude for all of the perseverance and resilience that we as New Yorkers have shown during this historic moment.

On April 7, New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the Board of Regents cancelled the June 2020 Regents and LOTE administrations. As a result, students who intended to take any June 2020 Regents may be eligible for a June 2020 Regents exemption. Additionally, on April 30, the Board of Regents and NYSED announced the cancellation of the August 2020 administration of the Regents exams. The cancellation applies to all Regents examinations that had been scheduled for the August 2020 Regents administration period.

On April 27, 2020, the NYCDOE introduced a new city-wide grading policy. As of May 8, 2020, the Accreditation Committee at Pelham Prep Academy modified our school-wide grading policy to include guidance and adjustments outlined by the NYCDOE in accordance with Grading Policy Guidance for Remote Learning (COVID-19). We will post and share our new grading policy and additional guidance with our school community via email and our website: pelhampreacademy.org.

Your child's **2nd Marking Period Report Card** will be sent to him/her electronically via his/her Pelham Prep Academy school Gmail account. Our guidance counselors will begin emailing students and families the week of May 11, 2020. On the report card you will find 1st and 2nd Marking Period grades for the second semester of the 2019-20 school year. Please take a moment to review your child's report card and academic progress with him/her. If you should have any questions or concerns about your child's grades during Remote Learning, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's guidance counselor: mapplebaum@pelhampreacademy.org or CLeroy@schools.nyc.gov.

Yours in Panther Pride,
Benvenuto Ferron
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