June 5, 2020

Dear Colchester School Community,

Below are a few reminders as we approach our final week of the 2019-2020 school year. The last day of school for students on Friday, June 12.

● **Wellness Chat with Dr. Joelle van Lent:** We have scheduled a questions & answer session with Dr. Joelle van Lent to support parent wellness and discuss how we can foster resilience in the context of COVID-19. We are inviting all families to join the live Q&A on **Thursday, June 11 at 6:30pm - 7:30pm**.
  ○ [Zoom Link for the meeting](#)

● **Summer Use of District-owned Devices:** Normally, we collect district-owned devices at the end of each school year so they can be updated, repaired and cleaned over the summer. This year, however, we are giving students and families the option to keep the device through the summer. If you have a district-owned device, please complete the survey below for your student(s).
  ○ [Link to K-8 survey](#)
  ○ [Link to 9-12 survey](#)

● **Device Return Dates:** If you are choosing to not keep your device for the summer, families can drop them off to the CSD IT Department on the dates listed below between the hours of 7:00 am - 4:00 pm. Drop off should be brought to CHS at the IT Entrance, Door D18, located next to the access road/walkway to the athletic fields. If the below dates do not work for your family, please call our IT Department at 264-5727 to make an appointment to drop your student(s) device off at a time that is convenient for you.
  ■ Thursday, June 11, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
  ■ Friday, June 12, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
  ■ Thursday, June 18, 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

● **Returning Academic Materials:** Beginning on Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12th, each building will have a bin outside for families and students to return any academic items that you would like to return to school. Please do not place iPads, Chromebooks or laptops in the bin.

● **Instrument Return:** Seniors with district-owned instruments can drop them off at CHS. If you are renting an instrument from Ellis Music, they encourage you to keep practicing and to keep your instrument over the summer. Their return procedures are located here: [Ellis Music Return Policy/Procedures](https://www.ellismusic.com/t-covid19.aspx)
● **Personal Item Retrieval from School Buildings:** If you would like to schedule an appointment to pick up items that your student(s) has left in a school building, please fill out the request form below. Scheduled appointments for pick-up will occur Monday - Friday of next week. All items that are left in the buildings after June 12th will be either donated to charity or discarded depending on the condition of the item.
  - Union Memorial School: [https://forms.gle/F6km5LWU6tSHXRpu9](https://forms.gle/F6km5LWU6tSHXRpu9)
  - Porters Point School: [https://forms.gle/nyCG4HyEzWj1dpJA6](https://forms.gle/nyCG4HyEzWj1dpJA6)
  - Malletts Bay School: [https://forms.gle/aPYr7EHfU1S1aC8v5](https://forms.gle/aPYr7EHfU1S1aC8v5)
  - Colchester Middle School: [https://forms.gle/2VMwq7FT9nti9gYr5](https://forms.gle/2VMwq7FT9nti9gYr5)
  - Colchester High School: [https://forms.gle/HtJGyBU9jEBuAUf9](https://forms.gle/HtJGyBU9jEBuAUf9)

● **Summer Meals:** The bus delivery meal program will end on Friday, June 12, the last day of school. The summer meals program will kick off on Monday, June 22nd and will run Monday - Friday until August 14th. More information on pick-up times and locations to come soon. If your family needs additional help accessing food, please visit the list of regional resources located [here](https://www.ourwebsite.com) on our website.

● **Census:** The census only happens once every ten years and is pivotal to getting resources where they are needed. It will directly impact how much federal funding Colchester will get for things like housing, infrastructure and social service programs. If you haven’t done so, we urge you to complete the Census as soon as possible. Visit this link to complete it online: [https://my2020census.gov/](https://my2020census.gov/)

Be well,

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