

Hargrave Military Academy Town Hall Meeting for Parents

Update
7 pm, 7 April 2020

Overview

- Purpose:
 - Touch base with parents after 1.5 weeks of remote learning
 - Answer questions about the rest of the semester
- Format:
 - Hargrave will be sending a video feed (speaker or slide)
 - Parents are asked to use the chat window to submit questions for Q&A
 - Agenda: President, Dean, Others, Q&A

Dean's Information

- Graduation Survey
 - Both parents and graduating cadets should provide input (50% returned to date)
 - It will help us formulate a way to celebrate the graduates and honor the sacrifice of family and friends
- Summary of the last 1.5 weeks
- Change in Weekly Schedule (Wed IIT in weeks with 5 workdays)
- Change in Daily Schedule

So Far...

- Bottom line: The system is working with the efforts of the critical components:
 - Cadets willing to take on the unknown
 - Parents providing cadets and HMA with “on the ground” reports
 - Faculty and Staff reimagining a pragmatic Hargrave at home
- The Battle Rhythm:
 - Check in (for attendance) via *Google Classroom* every class.
 - Use *Zoom* as the faculty member requires.
 - Homework is generally due on 48 hr cycles.
- Incorrect reporting of absences:
 - The **cadet** should contact Faculty and cc: Parents to verify that any absences were actually absences and not a misunderstanding
 - Grace will be extended
 - Gives the **cadet** the opportunity to show their concern

Schedule Changes:

- Address the Need for Individual Additional Help
 - Missed classes
 - Struggling with material
 - Have extra questions or want extra practice (regardless of grade)
 - Reward cadets that are performing well (grades of C or better)
- Wednesday IIT (Individual Instructional Time / Tutorials)
 - Starts tomorrow and goes every week except 4/15 until the end of the year
- Afternoon IIT
 - Starts next week
 - Required for those with poor grades in the 5th marking period or Spring Semester
 - Required for those that missed morning classes
 - Required for those that are missing work in the 6th marking period

Revised A&B Schedule.

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Apr 5 | Apr 6 | Apr 7 | Apr 8 | Apr 9 | Apr 10 | Apr 11 |
| | B | A | IIT All Day | A | B morning only 5MP Ends | |
| Apr 12 | Apr 13 | Apr 14 | Apr 15 | Apr 16 | Apr 17 | Apr 18 |
| Easter | No Classes | A IIT B | B IIT A | A IIT B | B IIT A | |
| Apr 19 | Apr 20 | Apr 21 | Apr 22 | Apr 23 | Apr 24 | Apr 25 |
| Morning Afternoon | A IIT B | B IIT A | IIT All Day | A IIT B | B IIT A | |
| Apr 26 | Apr 27 | Apr 28 | Apr 29 | Apr 30 | May 1 | May 2 |
| Morning Afternoon | A IIT B | B IIT A | IIT All Day | A IIT B | B IIT A | |
| May 3 | May 4 | May 5 | May 6 | May 7 | May 8 | May 9 |
| Morning Afternoon | A IIT B | B IIT A | IIT All Day | A IIT B | B IIT A | |

Daily Schedule. All times are Eastern time.

| Time | A day event | B day event |
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| Prior to 0900 | Home responsibilities, Chapel Message, contact IT, faculty, advisor, PT/train as scheduled or needed | |
| 0900 - 0950 | Block 1 | Block 4 |
| 1000 - 1050 | Block 2 | Block 5 |
| 1100 - 1150 | Block 3 | Block 6 |
| 1200-1250 | Home responsibilities, Chapel Message, contact IT, faculty, advisor, PT/train as scheduled or needed | |
| 1300 - 1350 | IIT - Block 4 | IIT - Block 1 |
| 1400 - 1450 | IIT - Block 5 | IIT - Block 2 |
| 1500 - 1550 | IIT - Block 6 | IIT - Block 3 |
| 1600 - 1630 | Chapel Message, contact IT, faculty, advisor, PT/train as scheduled or needed, otherwise released to Home responsibilities | |

Support Resources

- Advisor (every Tuesday)
- Guidance Dept - Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Olsen, Mr. Veshi
- IT issues - Mr. Jones
- Reminders:
 - Identify a challenge
 - Info others for action / solution
 - Monitor / evaluate solution
 - Repeat as needed

Check-out Information

- Please do this in person (contact us if this isn't possible)
- Pack personal gear and possessions
- "Check out" from Athletics, Infirmary, Quartermaster, Military, Business Office and Academics
- Medication: request to be mailed or pick them up - Bakerp@hargrave.edu
- When: 16 May through 14 Jun (8am - 6pm)
- How:
 - Contact the Military Department to schedule a specific time slot (like Parent/Teacher conferences)
 - COVID-19 protocols will be followed to ensure the safest environment
 - Only the cadet and one other individual will be allowed in the barracks to clear out a cadet's room

Q&A

(submitted questions and then new chat questions)

Note: We have tried to consolidate questions / answers whenever possible.

Questions / Answers from Chat

1. How was graduation survey sent out? I did not receive one.
2. I have heard, especially from my place of work, the “zombombing” problem. Has Hargrave experienced it?
3. Will this schedule be in an email so i can print it? Will you provide a copy of your presentation?

1. The seniors were set the survey via Google Forms or SurveyMonkey. Our intent was not to by-pass parents, but to get feedback from them as well as encourage a dialog between family and senior.
2. It’s a concern as we’re working with minors. The Zoom set-up within classroom activities that we use restricts users to the Hargrave community (they cannot change names) and class meetings are supposed to have a waiting room. That said, the biggest challenge is when an unrecognized person is allowed in or access is shared. We continue to tighten down.
3. Yes. We will have a recording of this presentation as well as printable content linked via the newsletter. If you did not get a newsletter last week, please contact me or Bill Bell (bill.bell@hargrave.edu).

Questions / Answers from Chat

4. What is the contact for the military department?
5. What is the process for registration for next year?
6. Will instructors notify cadets if their grade is below a "C" & need to attend afternoon study hall & Wed classes?
4. Mrs. Barbara Loney (loneyb@hargrave.edu) or call our normal number 434-432-2481
5. Admissions will need to be looped in to make sure that we flip your data from this year to next. The Guidance Department (Mrs. Olsen, SgtMaj Payne, and myself) will review this year's grades, last year's grades, and speak with the cadet to formulate a proposed schedule. Then the parents will be looped in. While we like to start at the end of the academic year, experience shows that we also need to be flexible as many young men have significant changes in perspective in the summer based on jobs, internships, experiences, mentoring, etc.
6. Yes.

Questions / Answers from Chat

7. When will NCO/OCS letters go out?
 8. If teachers are missing homework from students, can they call them? At least during the IIT time in the afternoon and/or on Wednesday IIT time?
 9. Have the cadets been notified if they have to attend the study hall tomorrow?
 10. We took most of our cadet's personal items home. limited uniform items remain. Could that be shipped home or put in storage for next year?
 11. Was the registration deadline extended?
 12. What is the best way for parents to know the cadet is falling behind. Will we get notified??
7. We anticipate those being sent at the beginning of summer.
 8. Yes, if the faculty have that information. In the specific case of cadets working with Mrs. Martin, definitely.
 9. Yes, they should have been informed by the instructor.
 10. Yes, the Military Department can discuss those arrangements with you.
 11. We'll have to check with Admissions.
 12. Faculty should reach out beyond the usual formal reporting cycle of grades.