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GREAT NECK SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

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*“Our Orange and Blue
starts with an Extraordinary You”*

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November 2, 2020

Dear South High Community,

I can't believe the end of the first marking period is among us. Although we continue to acclimate to our new normal, it is important to stay focused on the safety, health and well-being of the South High community. I know many of our students have spent a great deal of time in front of various devices during the last few months. I encourage you to put these devices down and provide yourself with time to take a break and get some fresh air (before it gets too cold out).

Although many of you understand the importance of your academic performance, it is also important to focus on your mental health. Please know the faculty and staff of South High are here to support you in any way that we can. Do not hesitate to contact your guidance counselor, one of our school psychologists or our school social worker if you need support or if you are looking for someone to talk to.

South High continues to be an inclusive place that promotes and encourages acceptance for all. Please be mindful of the words that you use and how they affect the feelings of the South High community. Hurtful statements about a person's beliefs, ethnicity, sexual orientation and/or gender identity will not be tolerated on any level. As a community we must support one another as we continue to travel down this unknown path together.

Please be reminded of the following:

- There will be no classes on:
 - Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day
 - Wednesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day
 - Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Recess
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020 will be an “Orange – B Day” for our hybrid students.
- If a student is not feeling well they should stay home until they feel well enough to return to school. If your child is absent for COVID-related symptoms, they cannot return to school unless they have a note from their doctor stating that they received a negative test result. While home you may attend your classes remotely so you are able to keep up with your studies. Do not feel pressured to attend school if you are not feeling well.
- As the colder weather approaches, students are reminded that they must eat their lunch in the cafeteria or the courtyard (weather permitting) or they may use any of the outdoor bleachers (weather permitting). Students are not permitted to eat in classrooms, the library or in hallways (this includes the main lobby). Students that received lunch passes at the start of the school year may continue to use their pass.
- The end of the marking period is Friday, November 6. Parent portal access to view grades will be closed from the afternoon of November 6 through November 17. You will receive a communication when you can check marking period grades. If you have any questions about your child's grades please feel free to contact your child's teacher or guidance counselor.

As always please wear your mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.

Please be well, be safe and be sound...

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Gitz
Principal