



4.24.2020

Dear Charter Arts Parents and Guardians,

Based on our last communication to families on 4.17.2020, we have received some questions from students and parents, so we wanted to provide you with some clarification and additional updates.

Q4 Grading

When students do not submit work throughout the regular school year, teachers utilize a "0" as the placeholder for that particular assignment in their PowerSchool grade book. We will continue with this process now in Q4 during remote learning for courses in which new instruction is still being provided. Therefore, when looking at PowerSchool, if you see zeros entered for one or more assignments, this is because your child did not complete and submit that assignment. Teachers have different late policies and may still accept work, in which case, the teacher will include a comment which outlines the new due date. If the work is submitted, the teacher will replace the zero with the updated grade, and if the student does not turn in the work by the updated deadline, the zero will remain.

To that end, our last instructional day in Q4 will be May 29th, and students will have until June 5th (at 11:59pm) to submit late work for Q4 based on teacher established deadlines. Once Q4 grades are finalized in early June, the better of the two grades will be finalized in PowerSchool for the year - either the Q1-3 average or the Q1-4 average. In other words, if the zeros in Q4 bring down a student's overall average, all of Q4 will be exempted from the final grade.

We expect that our students will continue to stay engaged in learning during Q4 to the greatest extent possible based on their family circumstances, and teachers may reach out to you individually if they are concerned about your child's level of engagement in their Q4 assignments and participation. If you are interested in receiving weekly summary updates from your child's Google Classroom accounts, please click [HERE](#) to learn more. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

Report Cards

Charter Arts will not be printing report cards for Q3, and parents will be expected to review their child's grades in PowerSchool's ParentPortal. Please make sure that all guardian names, phone numbers, and email addresses are updated in ParentPortal in the event that any of our staff need to be in contact with you. If you need support with your PowerSchool ParentPortal account, please contact jlevernier@charterarts.org or view the help section of the Charter Arts website by clicking [HERE](#).

Graduation

We are continuing to seek creative ways to celebrate and honor our seniors this year. Plans are in process for a *virtual graduation by major* in June with the hopes of an in-person celebration later this summer or fall if/when the CDC and Governor Wolf deem social gatherings safe. We are also working on plans for distribution or delivery of cap, gown, diploma, and other graduation related items. Additionally, we will be launching *Senior Celebration Tribute* videos via social media during the month of May. Seniors will be asked to contribute information to a Google form so that they can be included in this special tribute. We will be sending this form soon directly to students via the Senior Class Google Classroom.

Virtual Performances/Events

Charter Arts hosted our first ever Virtual Songwriters Cafe last night, which was a success! Great job to all who performed - both current students and alums! There will also be a **Virtual Performance of Crimes of the Heart** tonight at 7PM. Use [this link](#) to sign up to receive an invitation to attend.

Yearbook

We recently encountered an ordering glitch with the yearbook ordering. Therefore, we extended the deadline to order the 2020 Yearbook, and students will receive a notification via their grade-level Google Classroom when orders will be closing mid-May. Yearbooks are ordered through Christmas City Studios. If you still want to order a yearbook, click [HERE](#) and use this session password: **LVCHSAYB1920**

The cost is \$79.50 (\$75 plus tax). If you would prefer paying by check, it should be payable to "Christmas City Studio" and mailed directly to:

Christmas City Studio
Attn: Kelsey Dennick
3200 Farmersville Road
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Because we will not be distributing yearbooks in school, you can purchase the home delivery item for \$5 via the same ordering link and password above. If you would prefer to pick up your copy from Christmas City Studios, you may do so and additional information will be provided to those who ordered. If you have any questions about the online ordering process, please call Kelsey Dennick, our Christmas City rep, at 610-360-0994.

Best,
Charter Arts Admin Team