

Re: Thank you for your Semester 2 decisions



*For Thursday, December 17*

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**Thank you, thank you, thank you for your Semester 2 Decision!**

We are so grateful for you as moms and dads getting back with us to tell us your intentions for your son or daughter for sometime in the third quarter: continue taking classes online or returning to our building for face-to-face teaching and learning. The deadline for this decision was last Friday, December 11, and then we spent Monday calling a lot of good folks to make sure we are on the same page. So now, we are.

As we have further discussions with the county health department and other important community partners, we will keep you posted on the next steps. Too, as we talked about, you will be making this decision again for the fourth quarter, which starts in the beginning of April, so stay tuned for more information coming out in the Mustang Minutes.

In the meantime, please stay safe, be good to yourselves and have a wonderful Holiday season.

## The 2019-2020 Underclassmen Academic Awards

As you may know, each Spring we honor the academic achievements of our seniors at the Mustang RideOut, and those of our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at an Underclassmen Awards Ceremony. Of course, last Spring, the Covid school closure forced us to change our traditional ceremonies: some we held virtually and others we reimagined, postponed, or canceled. We were hoping to hold last Spring's Underclassmen Awards Ceremony after students returned this fall, when we thought conditions might allow us to gather together to celebrate. Considering that conditions did not improve, we are honoring those students (this year's seniors, juniors, and sophomores) who earned an academic achievement award in a special tribute video that we played for students in Thursday's daily announcements. If you are a student who earned an academic award last year, congratulations, and keep up the good work! We are keeping those awards safe at school and will distribute them to you when you return to school. Thank you for taking the time to view the video [here](#), and for congratulating our award recipients.

## Restarting in-building support

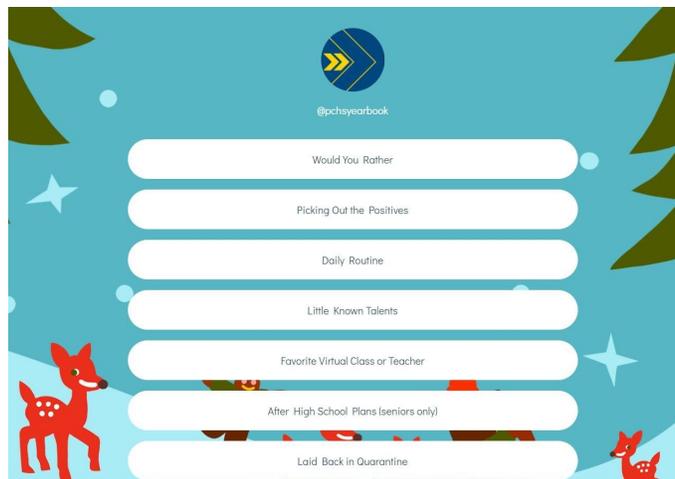
Starting January 4th, we are hoping to be able to allow students who do not have internet access to come in for In-Building Support. In order to give us the best chance to keep this program operating for those students who need it most, we are asking students who are able to stay home and remain academically successful to do so.

*Just a reminder...*

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### **Two public meetings on human growth and development curricula**

The Human Growth and Development Committee is holding two public meetings on five short videos to add in to our High School Health Class HGD unit. The public meetings will be on Thursday, December 17 from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, January 5 from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. If you wish to attend the public meeting, you will be able to find a link on our homepage at [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org) two hours prior to the meeting.

Wishing you and those you care about all the best for the Holiday season,

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