HIGH SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT LEHMAN COLLEGE

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS

1. **Personal Hygiene:** It is cold and flu season. As you have been reading, there is also an outbreak of the novel Coronavirus. PLEASE take the following steps to prevent the spread of infection:
   - Cover your mouth or nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) if you cough or sneeze.
   - Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently throughout the day and especially after you have coughed or sneezed. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based sanitizer if soap is not available.
   - During the school day, see the nurse if you feel unwell.
   - Do not come to school if you have a fever or are feeling sick. Tell your parents and make sure to see a doctor.
   - Although the Centers for Disease Control do not recommend that healthy individuals wear a face mask, you are permitted to do at school if you wish.

2. **Open House:** The DOE has asked us to change the date of our open house for newly admitted students, which was originally scheduled to take place on March 24. The new date is **Thursday, April 2**.

3. **Grades:** The first marking period of the spring semester ends on **Friday, March 27**.

4. **No School:** The last day of school before spring vacation is **Wednesday, April 8**. We will return to school on **Monday, April 20**.

5. **Creative Writing:** See Mr. Murphy in Room 134 if you would like to submit to one of the following competitions:
   - **Random House:** Up to $10,000 in college scholarships. Seniors ONLY. Genres: Poetry/Spoken Word, Fiction and Drama. Personal Memoir. Due: TBD c. April 2019, creativewriting@penguinrandomhouse.com
   - **CUNY HS Poetry Competition.** Max. 2 poems. Prize: $400. Due: March 13. [https://www.cuny.cuny.edu/poetry/festival](https://www.cuny.cuny.edu/poetry/festival)
   - **Poem on the American South.** Max. three single pages. Prize: $2,500. Due: March 27. [https://williemorrisawards.org/poetry/](https://williemorrisawards.org/poetry/)
   - **Write an alternative ending to the science fiction work “Cosmos”.** Prize: $300. Due: March 31. [https://firstrandomexperience.org/writing-contest-500-in-prizes/](https://firstrandomexperience.org/writing-contest-500-in-prizes/)
   - **Wergle Flomp Humor Poetry Contest.** Max. 250 lines. Prize; $1,000. Due: April 1. [https://winningwriters.com/our-contests/wergle-flomp-humor-poetry-contest-free](https://winningwriters.com/our-contests/wergle-flomp-humor-poetry-contest-free)

6. **Upcoming Dates:** Please take note of the following events in MARCH.
   - **THURSDAY** Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30-8:00 PM)
   - **FRIDAY** Half-Day / Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:00-3:00 PM)
   - **Friday, March 27** End of the First Marking Period
   - **Thursday, April 2** Open House for Accepted Students (5:30-7:30 PM)