***Week 4 Update from Campbell***

*We are halfway through our virtual learning time together, and by extension, the last quarter of your high school experience! Wow! Please see below for updates on a variety of subjects:*

***This Week:*** There will be a live meeting Monday at 12, lasting about 20 minutes and ***including an open mic portion***!  If you cannot attend live, the PowerPoint slides will be posted at the top of the Week 4 page on the website.  Assignments for the week will be live Sunday night if you want to do any previewing.

***Graduation:*** Please remember to complete the Graduation survey in your student portal.  This is only available through 4/30.  Again, you will be best recognized and celebrated by selecting one of the options to postpone to June or July.

***T-Shirts:*** About 60 people have responded to the survey for honorary senior field day t-shirts, which means we have more than enough for an order!  ***This will be the last week that the survey is available, and I will place the order based on those who have responded to the survey***.  (If you are not interested, no need to complete the survey.)  I am also aiming to get CashApp set up this week to begin collection of payments.  If you respond yes to the survey, I will Remind message you individually with info about payment and pick-up. ***Once the first order is submitted, I cannot guarantee a second order.***

***Weeks 1-3:*** To the best of my knowledge, I am caught up with all grading related to films.  Z's and/or 10/20's mean I have yet to receive these items, but they can still be turned in.  If you notice anything I might have missed or discrepancies in the gradebook, please let me know.  Likewise, if you are turning in something late on Google Classroom, please message me so I know to go look for it.

***Looking Ahead:*** For your benefit and information, the gradebook has been pre-loaded with the remaining assignments for the year.  ***You will notice that this does not include a final exam.***  Honors people, there will be places provided in GC for you to submit outside reading components.  Please take the extra effort to be sure your DEJ and Project are electronic artifacts rather than handwritten.

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***Re-Opening:*** I’m sure you’ve heard by now that there will be no physical return to school this academic year. No doubt, you have lots of conflicting emotions about this decision, and I want to affirm your right to feel that way, especially as a senior. Personally, I am glad that the public health danger of returning to school was recognized, but I am gutted that we did not get to spend these last weeks together, enjoying masterful films in the same space and reaching that all-important finish line collectively. As I’ve shared with some of you already, the prospect of losing daily interactions with you are the reason I could never consider being a virtual teacher full-time.

***What About My Personal Things?:*** Sometime between now and the end of the academic year, there will be an opportunity for both teachers and students to “empty” the school. When these decisions are made, I will pass that info along.

***Lemonade from Lemons***: How to make the best out of what seems like a constant string of disappointments? Some ideas:

* Have virtual hangouts with friends and classmates. They are more therapeutic than you realize. Host a game night, stream something together via screen share, etc. etc. etc.
* Create/send graduation announcements if you were already planning to. Family, friends, and even loose acquaintances are itching to properly honor you, perhaps even moreso than a typical year. This also includes your teachers…after all,I do have a whole window space dedicated to you, if you were to send one my way ;)
* Vote for graduation to be postponed (see above). Think about it: it’s less about when it happens and more about the fact that it could actually still happen as usual.
* Get in on the class t-shirt (also see above). You’ll forever have this as a reminder of how unique your senior year was and possess something that bonds you together with your classmates.
* Keep an eye out for end-of-the-year items/activities that I do annually, which we can still accomplish together remotely (class selfies, graduation surprise, others…).
* Finish fiercely and strongly. When you reflect on this period sometime later, you’ll feel an overwhelming sense of pride and accomplishment that just when things should have gone poorly, you defied the obstacles and produced stunning results.