



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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CHS Families:

This afternoon, contractors working near the school building accidentally hit a portion of underground power lines feeding our school. This left parts of the school without full power. Emergency lighting immediately activated in the areas of the building that lost power. Crews from Ferguson Electric and National Grid responded quickly and are working on a solution. Despite the fact that crews plan to work through the night, power will not be fully restored, inspected and tested until late tomorrow morning. Power in the entire building will need to be shut down in order to accomplish the repairs to lines. As a result, **all classes will be canceled, tomorrow, at City Honors as well as all extracurricular activities and staff will not report.** Engineers expect power will be restored by Thursday.

When unexpected closures like this take place in the future, we plan to conduct classes remotely when those capabilities are in place. Unfortunately, timing did not work in our favor. Most of our students received their laptop devices today or yesterday. However, students with password issues still need assistance resolving this before they can receive their laptops. Also, students have not yet been trained on how to join their classes remotely. Moving forward with remote classes tomorrow would have left hundreds of students out of instruction.

I know that this closure just as we were getting started again may cause frustration for students. I ask that parents be a source of calm and optimism with their children. We have a long and enjoyable school year ahead. This is unexpected but City Honors Centaurs are known for their resilience. We will be back together on the Hilltop and enjoying our classes shortly.

Sincerely,

William A. Kresse, Ph.D.
Principal