

Let me take this opportunity to welcome our new families to home instruction. This is the time of year when we normally conduct orientation meetings to provide more details about home instruction, help you prepare for portfolio reviews, and answer any questions you may have. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to hold face-to-face orientations, but we are preparing a video orientation that you can view at your convenience. Please check our website: [www.aacps.org/homeinstruction](http://www.aacps.org/homeinstruction) where our orientation video will be posted soon.

### **SAT Administration for Seniors only Oct. 14, 2020:**

A great opportunity exists for all seniors in AACPS, including home instruction students who have senior status. On **October 14** the SAT will be administered, free of charge, at the AACPS high schools. While many college and university admissions offices have waived the SAT application requirement, most scholarship and grant resources have not. **Seniors must register by midnight on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.** (The SAT will not be administered to students other than seniors.) Contact the AACPS school your student would attend and to speak with the School Test Coordinator for assistance. The Home Instruction Office is not involved with registration.

A link to the registration form can be found on our website. It is included here as well: <https://www.aacps.org/SAT>

### **Portfolio Reviews:**

This year home instruction portfolio reviews will be held during the second and fourth marking periods. We will have one first semester review period from November 16 through January 29. Plans are underway to conduct first semester reviews virtually. More information will be forthcoming and will be posted on our website. Please see the SUPERVISION tab on the left side of our website for tips to prepare a portfolio.

### **New Email address: [homeinstruction@aacps.org](mailto:homeinstruction@aacps.org)**

The Home Instruction office is now monitoring a new email box. Please add this to your contact list to communicate with us via email. This will also help ensure that our electronic communications to you do not go to SPAM folders.

### **Phone calls during COVID-19:**

Due to the pandemic, most AACPS employees have been working from home since March, and have not been in the office to answer the office number. Fortunately, we have now arranged for calls to be answered by a part-time office staff member from home. The new phone number is **410-693-5077**. Calls will be answered **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 A.M until noon**. If you would like to speak to a member of our staff, please call during these times. Otherwise, send messages electronically to the new email address included above.

Please contact us if your home address or email address changes so that we may continue to share important information with you.

Again, welcome to a new and different year of home instruction. Please check our website on a regular basis and have a rewarding experience educating your children.