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Dear Parents /Guardians of the Class of 2021,

Being the parent/guardian of a junior can be a stressful experience. We would like to assist you by inviting you and your son/daughter to our **PRHS Junior College Night** on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Pirate Cove. The purpose will be to provide an introduction to the college process presented by the high school counselors. This will be followed by a panel comprised of college admissions representatives from Northeastern University, SUNY Cortland, Marist College, University of Delaware, and Rockland Community College Honors Program who will address general concerns and questions. For specific answers about your child, we urge you to make an appointment with your child's school counselor by calling the guidance office at 620-3811.

In January, the school counselors visited classrooms to meet with juniors in groups to introduce the college search process. Although the process begins in school this is, in fact, a family project that can be overwhelming and exciting. Each student received a folder with a wide variety of important information regarding the college process. Additional resources that were discussed but not included in the folders can be accessed on Naviance under *Document Resources* (www.connection.naviance.com/prhs). Please ask your son/daughter to share this important information with you. Over the next few weeks, counselors will be meeting individually with their junior students to discuss their post-secondary plans.

Naviance (www.connection.naviance.com/prhs) is a full service web based computer program that can be of tremendous assistance in the college process for you and your child. Naviance includes a variety of data bases that can help you determine the right college for your child and will also provide you with a document library, college application links, and scholarship opportunities, among many other features. Please make a point of checking out the **Scattergram** portion of the program. We have taken all the applications from the past four years and created a database for students to use while exploring previous admissions decisions. It is the most popular feature on Naviance and a very helpful tool as well. If you are unsure of what your parent log-in code is, please contact your child's counselor directly.

See you on the 6th and don't forget to bring your Junior!

Sincerely,

The PRHS School Counselors