



Pearl River School District

PEARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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August 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 8 Students:

There will be an orientation for incoming Grade 8 students on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in the Pearl River High School auditorium. There will be two orientation sessions: Session I will be held from 8:30 – 10:15 a.m. and Session II will be held from 10:30 – 12:15 p.m. As the end of each session, students will have an opportunity to explore the building.

Please review the attached Orientation Schedule to determine your child's assigned session. The students are assigned to groups that will be led by their high school counselor. **This orientation is for students only.**

Each session begins with an overall presentation in the auditorium which is on the 3rd floor. During these sessions, counselors will meet with students in smaller groups to hand out schedules, locker information and answer general questions. Your child will then have an opportunity to tour the building with some of our senior class students acting as guides. There will be adequate time for them to find their classrooms, try their locker and tour the main office. The high school administration will provide more detailed information about the orientation.

If your child discovers a missing or incorrect class on their schedule, counselors will be available to address issues that same day from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the high school guidance office.

If you have any questions, please contact our guidance office at 845-620-3811. We look forward to meeting with your child at the orientation.

Sincerely,

Guidance Department

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE FOR GRADE 8 and NEW STUDENTS

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Students should report to the auditorium. Sessions are grouped alphabetically by counselor. Check schedule below to find your session time.

ORIENTATION SESSION I ASSIGNMENTS 8:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Mrs. Randee Stark..... Amadio - Caparrelli
Mrs. Evelyn Hornacek..... Dolan - Franzese
Ms. Kimberly Ballard..... Lotto - McIntyre
Mr. Richard Urvater..... Padilla - Santiago

ORIENTATION SESSION II ASSIGNMENTS 10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

Mrs. Randee Stark..... Capello - Devaney
Mrs. Evelyn Hornacek..... Gallet - Lempa
Ms. Kimberly Ballard McLaughlin – O' Sullivan
Mr. Richard Urvater..... Schlag - Zucco

Students **new** to PRHS in grades 9–12
are to attend the 10:30 a.m. session with their respective counselors.

Staff Members:

Principal	Mr. Michael Murphy
Assistant Principal	Ms. Suzanne Horton
Assistant Principal	Mr. Gaetano Vitiello
Athletic Director	Mr. Arthur McCormack
Advisor to Student Gov't	TBA
Grade 8 Class Advisor	TBA
Librarian	Ms. Diana Nicaj
Nurse	Ms. Jodi Chiovetta
Psychologist	Ms. Jamie Martens
Psychologist	Ms. Samantha Turco
Social Worker	Ms. Norma Canals

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Eighth graders and other new students will receive their schedule at the orientation session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

Students in grades 9 – 12 will receive a School Messenger alert to indicate that they can access their schedule via the eSchool portal when they are posted, which should be no later than the end of the day on Friday, August 23, 2019. **Schedule changes will not be permitted until Monday, September 16, 2019.**

The first day of classes for the 2019-2020 academic year will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. This is a full day that begins with promptly at 7:34 a.m. which is the start of period 1 and ends at 2:42 p.m. which is the conclusion of period 9.

Period 1 is extended an extra 5 minutes for homeroom announcements which are broadcast at 8:18 a.m. Daily announcements can also be accessed on the Pearl River High School website: www.pearlriver.org.

The school uses an AB cycle, which adds instructional time in many areas such as science and physical education. Your program may list a course as A or B (alternate days). The type of day will be posted around the building and printed on the daily announcements.

2. HEALTH INFORMATION

All Grade 10 students must have a physical examination. Evidence of this examination must be presented to the nurse by October 1, 2019.

REMINDER: As of September 1, 2016, all students entering 12th grade must have two doses of the Meningococcal Vaccine in order to attend school.

3. LUNCH

Lunch will be available beginning Wednesday, September 4. This year's price for a Type A (full price) lunch is \$2.75.

4. LOCKERS

The dedicated 8th grade wing will house lockers for the 8th grade students. Students in Grades 9-12 will have their lockers located throughout the rest of the building. Students that had lockers in the 8th grade wing, formerly known as the Social Studies wing, will be assigned a new locker. Locker information will be on each student's schedule when posted to the portal.

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All other students will receive a School Messenger alert informing them that their schedule can be accessed via the eSchool portal no later than the end of the day on Friday, August 23, 2019. Students are to bring a copy of their schedule with them when school begins on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. This is a full day of classes that begins with homeroom at 7:34 a.m. and ends with period 9 at 2:42 p.m.

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ONLY THE FOLLOWING scheduling problems will be addressed during the week prior to the opening of school:

1. Courses required for graduation are missing.
2. Courses made up in summer school are not reflected.
3. Courses necessary for a sequence are omitted.
4. One or more class periods are missing from schedule.
5. More than one study hall appears on the schedule.

Program requests other than those listed will be addressed beginning on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Please follow the dates and times below for your grade level:

<u>GRADE 8 & 9:</u>	Tuesday, August 27	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
<u>GRADE 10:</u>	Thursday, August 29	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
<u>GRADE 11:</u>	Thursday, August 29	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
<u>GRADE 12:</u>	Wednesday, August 28	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Students will be seen by counselors in the order that they arrive.
Appointments will not be made.



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Dear Parents,

Congress enacted the “Every Student Succeeds” Act (P.L. 114-95) in 2015 which reauthorized and amended the “Elementary and Secondary Education” Act of 1965. This continues to require schools to provide basic student contact information (names, addresses, and telephone numbers) to military recruiters upon request as was the case with the “No Child Left Behind” Act (P.L. 107-110) of 2002. The Department of Defense’s policy is to obtain information only about juniors and seniors. However, it is your right as a parent to have this information withheld.

If you would prefer that basic contact information not be disclosed for your child(ren), the legislation requires that you notify the school in writing. Please send your letter to:

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Pearl River High School
275 East Central Avenue
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If you have already responded, there is no need to do so again.

Sincerely,

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