



Pearl River School District

PEARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
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August 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of New Students in Grade 9 - 12:

We invite our new students who are transferring to Pearl River High School from another school district to join the High School Orientation Day on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. New students should attend **Orientation Session II**, being held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Students should report to the auditorium for some general remarks to the group as a whole. During this session, counselors will meet with students in smaller groups to hand out schedules, locker information and answer general questions. Your child should join the group that is led by his/her respective counselor. The high school administration will provide more detailed information about the orientation.

Although your child may have already received his/her class schedule in a previous meeting with the counselor, the orientation provides an opportunity to further acclimate to the building and meet some of the staff and students. There will be guides to help new students locate classrooms, lockers and to answer general questions.

If you have any further 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.

SCHEDULE INFORMATION

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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:

Guidance Department
Pearl River High School
275 East Central Avenue
Pearl River, New York 10965

If you have already responded, there is no need to do so again.

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To Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 9 through 12:

Pearl River High School is committed to the philosophy that student involvement in community service enhances the civic growth of the individual as well as the overall welfare of the community. Pearl River High School's graduation requirements state "students will contribute service to the school and community." The goal behind this requirement is to have students learn the value of civic responsibility and for the community to help children gain maturity and responsibility by affording them opportunities for service. According to the American Association of Community Colleges, "Active participation in the public life of a (their) community in an informed, committed, and constructive manner, with a focus on the common good" is a key component in learning civic responsibility while advancing academic scholarship. As John Glenn stated, "by definition, civic responsibility means taking a healthy role in one's community. This means that classroom lessons should be complemented by work outside the classroom. Service-learning does just that, tying community service to academic learning."

Pearl River High School has implemented a service-learning project in which students are advised to complete ten hours of service annually to the community and/or school. The program requirement is that a total of forty hours of service will have taken place between the summer after the students completion of 8th grade and the culmination of their senior (12th grade) year, respective of posted deadlines. The purpose of this service-learning program is to provide opportunities for students to experience the joy of making a difference in the lives of others, working more closely with adults and exploring career possibilities.

Suggestions for community service appear in the Daily Bulletin (available on the web page) almost every day. Additionally, announcements for student volunteers at special events are given over the PA system. Students are encouraged to serve in their houses of worship, public libraries or hospitals; be a tutor or assist senior citizens. Service hours are only accepted for **unpaid positions** and **exclude participation as an athlete on PRHS teams**. For your convenience we are enclosing a service form for your child to log their hours. Additional copies are available in the Guidance Office and on the guidance page of the high school website.

Students will be recognized for their service if they accumulate at least 25, 50 or 100 hours of service in a given year and their logs are submitted to the Guidance Office no later than:

May 5, 2020 for Grades 9, 10 and 11
May 12, 2020 for Grade 12

Sincerely,
The Guidance Staff

**PEARL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
SERVICE-LEARNING LOG SHEET**

Student Name _____
 Address _____
 Tel.# _____ Counselor _____ Grade _____ Age _____

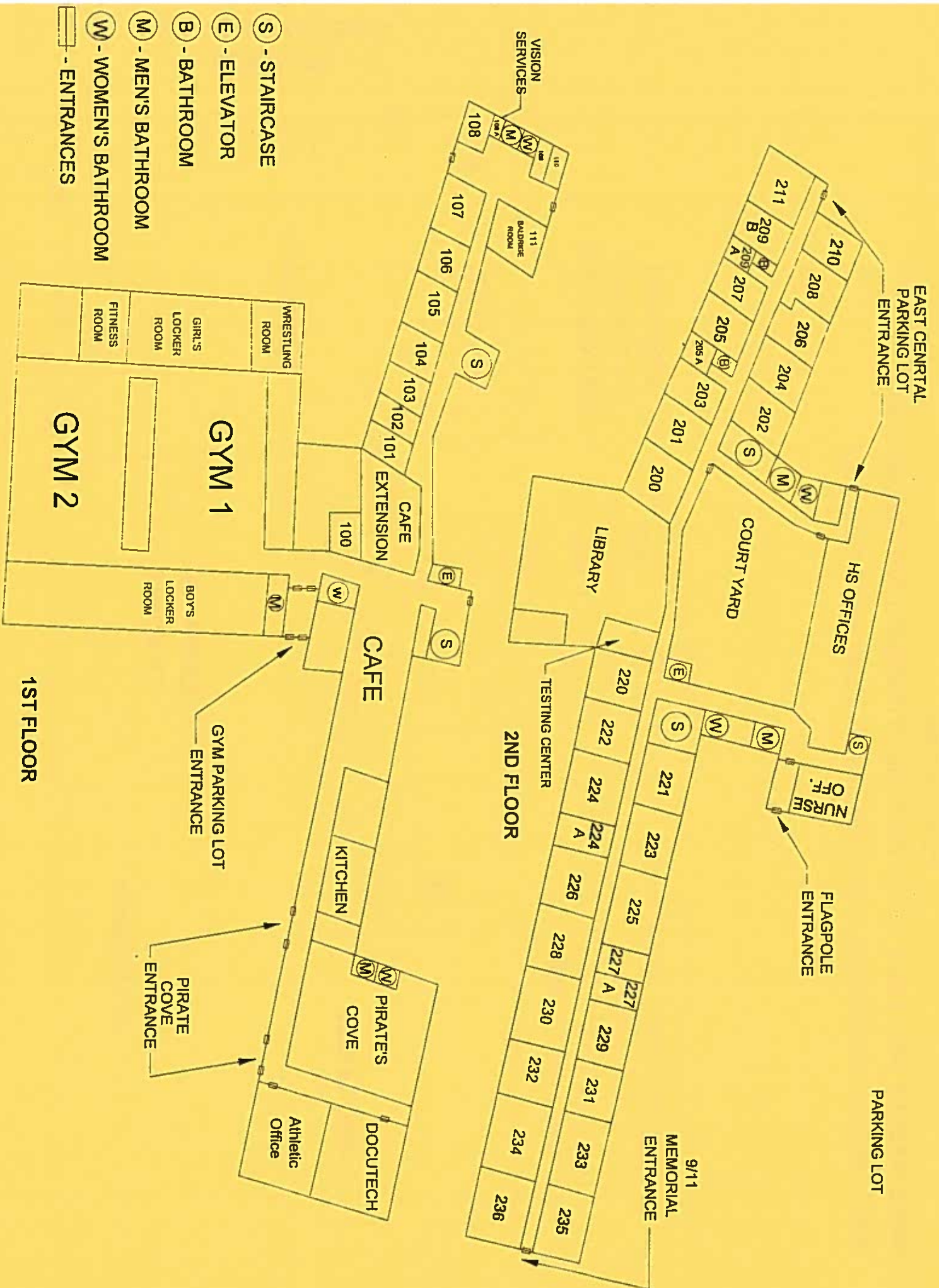
Briefly explain the service performed, the number of hours given and obtain signatures. If additional forms are needed, feel free to copy.

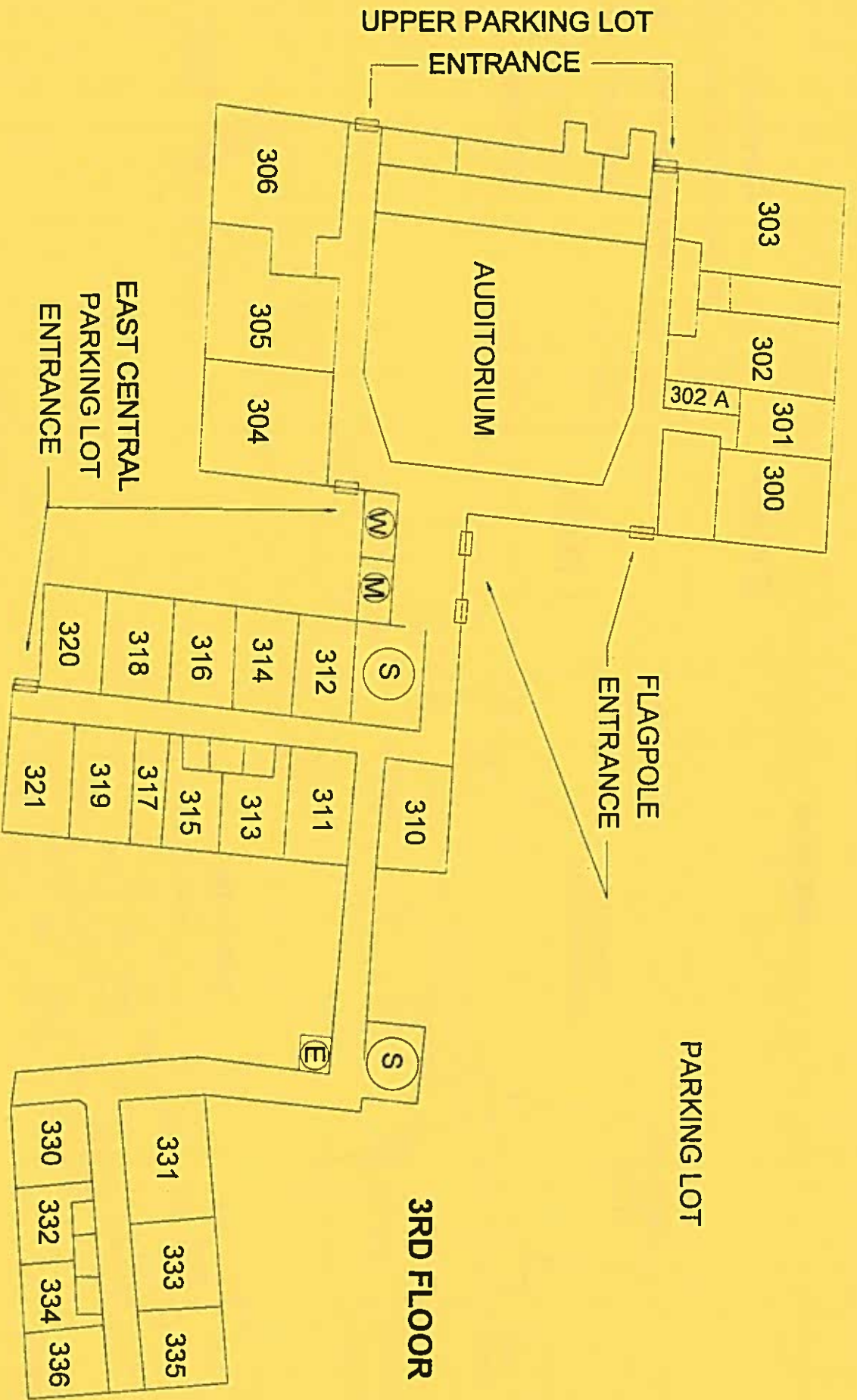
NOTE: DEADLINE FOR AWARDS CONSIDERATION

GRADES 9-11: MAY 5, 2020

GRADE 12: MAY 12, 2020

DATE	SERVICE RECIPIENT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	HOURS SERVED	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE
				<u>Print Name</u>
				<u>Telephone #</u>
				<u>Signature</u>
				<u>Print Name</u>
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TOTAL HOURS SERVED				





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