PRHS Pirate Bulletin

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 A – Day

From the Principal: Online Classroom Etiquette Requirements for Students

- **Come prepared to learn and participate.** You should login early, be dressed appropriately, and have your materials necessary to participate. You should select a location in advance of the meeting that will be free from distractions. Whenever possible, you should sit at a table or desk space, not your bed. The area you select should be properly lit and free of distractions. Plan to fully participate in instruction.

- **Make sure your camera is on.** During instruction, students are required to show their faces (on screen) unless otherwise permitted by the teacher (students or their parents should speak with the teacher/principal if a student has a unique/unusual situation that will prevent him/her from showing his/her face). The camera should show your entire face (not just the top of your head) and should not be pointed up at the ceiling.

- **No recording or screen-shots.** In accordance with the School District Code of Conduct, P. 29, students (or parents) are not permitted to audio or video record any lessons, nor alter any previously recorded lessons given or posted by teachers. No pictures, recordings or videos may be taken during live or prerecorded lessons. All synchronous and asynchronous posts are intended solely for the students and teachers in the class and should not be shared with others without permission from the teacher.

- **Use school appropriate profile pictures.** Any profile picture used on a Google account should be an accurate representation of the student. Students should not be using pictures of other people or pictures that are distracting or interfere with the learning process.

The HS will be on remote instruction this week, October 27- 30. A decision regarding next week will be made at the end of this week based upon whether we are able to secure the number of substitutes needed to operate our schools safely and resume our hybrid model.

Parents & Students: If your child is experiencing any issues with their Chromebook, please click the following link to receive assistance: Technical Support

10th Muse Club: will meet today, 10/28 at 2:45. If anyone is interested in joining the club or submitting work for the literary magazine, please email Mrs. Holihan for the class code at holihant@pearlriver.org.

PSAT Test - October 29th, 2020: The PSAT that was cancelled has been moved to the next available date, Thursday, October 29th. Students signed up for the PSAT initially scheduled for October 17, 2020 are automatically registered for the October 29, 2020 PSAT. No additional registrants are being accepted. Only students who are not required to quarantine may sit for the exam.

Senior Portraits: Please be advised that senior portraits scheduled for 10/31 in Pirates Cove as well as 11/7 for fully remote students WILL PROCEED as PLANNED. ONLY if you were contacted by a Contact Tracer, will you have to reschedule. Please contact johnstonm@pearlriver.org with any questions.

Yearbook: Seniors can pick-up ID cards in Room 227. Senior quote/baby/sibling photos due 10/31/2020. Submit here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFaCGC2-o6GbIeUMqyIMeo6hwYf8yKiHSogFsv9tQ954CZBg/viewform
Purchase a 2021 yearbook here: http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A05633900

SAT Test - November 7th, 2020: The originally scheduled SAT date of October 14th was cancelled, but we have been able to add/open additional seats for the SAT being offered on our campus Saturday, November 7, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the College Board's scheduling of SAT's, no additional weekday exam is presently being offered. Additionally, if your choice is to take the Saturday, November 7, 2020 exam, you are asked to go into the College Board's website to register as soon as possible as the College Board only affords a first come, first serve registration policy. You will need to pay for the new date's exam (November 7, 2020) directly to the College Board upon registration; however, all parents will be issued a refund from the district for the cancelled October 14th exam. Unfortunately, due to the College Board's rules, payments and refunds need to work this way.

SUNY Financial Aid Days: Students and their families are invited for this year's fall virtual SUNY Financial Aid Days. Programs run through mid-November and are designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, types of aid available, and the award process. Events are free of charge and open to all prospective college students. Workshops are also available for assistance in completing the NYS Dream Act application. Students can register for all virtual events at www.suny.edu/studentevents or by calling 1.800.342.3811.

Attention Seniors: Important! Please check your @learn.pearlriver.org email for a calendar invite for your post-secondary planning meeting from your guidance counselor. It is important that if you cannot attend this meeting for any reason, that you notify your counselor ASAP.

Parents & Students New Attendance Office: The Attendance Office has been relocated to the hallway of the Main Entrance (East Central Avenue).

All Students: Please see the October-November, Virtual 4-H Veterinary Science Program for high school students:
https://resource.echalk.com/sr/ZMlteDaL

Grade 8 – 11 FULLY REMOTE ONLY: Photos will be taken Saturday 11/7 from 9-2pm in Pirates cove. To take a photo schedule an appointment with this link:
https://sunflowerappointments.as.me/schedule.php?appointmentType=17219734

Parents PTSA Membership: Please consider becoming a member of the PRHS PTSA ☠
Membership costs only $10 for parents, staff & community members and just $4 for students.
The PTSA offers scholarships to graduating seniors and plans events and assemblies for the student body throughout the year. Even though our students are growing up, they still need the support from a strong PTSA! Just click the link below:
https://pearlriverhs.memberhub.store/

Irish History Contest: Please participate in the 2020-2021 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish History Contest. The theme this year is "The Impact of the Irish Anglo Treaty of 1921." Submissions are due electronically **by November 15, 2020**. Please click here for student information and here for rules & guidelines.

Student Art Contests: Please participate in this year's art contests. Winners will receive a gift card to a local merchant. The holiday card contest winner will also receive recognition and copies of the finalized card. Good luck!

- ***Upcoming school year's Program of Studies*:** Turn in submissions to the Art Department **by November 18.**
    - ***Program of Studies***: The artwork must be on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper and in black and white only (NOT PENCIL). Students must incorporate the following into the artwork: "Pearl River High School," "Program of Studies," and the year "2021-2022."
- ***Pearl River School District Holiday Card*:** Turn in submissions to the Art Department by **December 3.**
    - ***Holiday Card***: Students can submit various forms of art such as photography, drawing, painting, and digital art. The work should be in color and can incorporate the phrase "Happy Holidays" on it.

All Students: The National Rail Safety Week and Metro-North Railroad announced the launch of its **third** annual ***Rail Safety Week Poster Contest!***
Please read the linked flyer for more information and entry guidelines by visiting the Rail Safety Week Webpage (http://web.mta.info/mnr/tracks/rsw). Please note that if you need more information about the contest, or if you have any questions, please email MNRTracks@mnr.org or call 914-461-0459. Also, for more information about the TRACKS Program please visit our website: mta.info/mnr/track . An email expressing interest in the contest must be sent to MNRTracks@mnr.org by Friday, October 30, 2020. Posters must be completed and submitted with the information noted on the Poster Entry Form (see link) no later than Friday, November 20,2020.

Americanism Essay Contest: 8th grade students are welcome to enter the Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the Pearl River Elks Lodge #2041. The essay length is limited to 300 words, must be typed, or legibly printed in ink and **must be submitted no later than December 15, 2020**. Each entrant must be identified on the essay by name, home address, grade, school attending and the sponsoring Elks Lodge. Completed cover sheet must be included with your application. Please refer to the contest flyer for rules and instructions.

Grades 8-11: Click the link to order photos now: https://myproimages.com/sunflower-portraits/282 Event Code: **O1J8C** Contact Megan Johnston johnstonm@pearlriver.org with any questions.

Community Service Opportunities: Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers for our Telephone Reassurance Program. Volunteers would make weekly phone calls to check in on the health and mental wellbeing of our seniors through friendly conversation. Please click the Meals on Wheels flyer for more information.

Reminders:

Board Policy 5163 High School Lunch Periods: To maintain student focus during the school day on educational program activities, high school students shall be required to eat lunch at school and remain on the school campus during their lunch period with the exception of seniors, who shall enjoy the privilege of walking off school grounds for lunch. Students who drive cars to school, regardless of where they park, are prohibited from using their cars during the hours of the school day, unless they are in possession of a school approved dismissal pass issued by the Building Principal, based upon a written application

by the student's parent, legal guardian or the student's own note where the student is an emancipated minor or has reached the age of 21.

Electronic Devices: Please be familiar with our Cell Phone Policy PRHS Technology Cell Practices

Lateness to School: Students must bring in a parent note to the attendance office within 48 hours if they are late to school. Students who are late without a note serve an afterschool detention after the 48 hours.

Safety: Students are not to climb the fence between the high school and ShopRite at any time. Anyone wishing to exit the campus on the ShopRite side of the building must go out the exit on Central Avenue. Climbing the fence may cause personal injury and damage to the Shop Rite property.
Students may not travel the school road between ShopRite and the Auditorium as construction & vehicle traffic does not allow safe passages.