PRHS Pirate Bulletin

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 A – Day

Parents: A Few Reminders from the Principal

1) Student Drop Off students should not be dropped off before 7:20 am. We understand the traffic may be heavier around that time, but students have no way to socially distance inside the building until that time.
2) Health Assessment the health attestation MUST be completed by 7am EVERY MORNING before students arrive at the high school. Students who have not completed the form, will be called from class in order for the nurse to check the student's temperature and have the form completed. Only students who report to the high school building that day need to complete the screening. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.
3) Lockers please remember that lockers will not be used and, therefore, they are inaccessible until further notice.
4) COVID 19 Prevention Video we asked students to watch a brief recording regarding the spread of Covid-19 and ways to help prevent transmission. Please click on this link https://youtu.be/O6G5Rl_YMp0. Please note the importance and requirement to wear masks at all times with the exception of while eating and during prescribed mask breaks as determined by teachers. Also, in order to maintain a high level of precaution, no more than two students should be in the schools' larger bathrooms at any given time. These bathrooms will be cleaned on a rotating basis.
5) About Visits & Dropping off items further to health and safety, visits to the school by anyone, including parents and guardians, will be on an appointment basis. The use of telephone or virtual meetings is encouraged whenever possible. Also, dropping off items is prohibited due to the fact that multiple people would have to handle these items and that is a risk we cannot take. We ask you to please refrain from any drop offs until further notice.

Parents: To report that your child has tested positive for COVID-19 during non-school hours or weekends, please send an email that includes your contact information to COVID19@pearlriver.org

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

International Club will have a virtual Google meeting this Thursday, Nov. 5 after school. Contact Mrs. Kurzawa with any questions.

Softball Interest Meeting Sign Up: Friday, January 10th @ 2:45pm in room 103 with Coach Voelkel

- ALL girl's 8th through 12th grade interested in playing softball this Spring should attend (Modified, JV, Varsity)
- Two minutes: Just SIGN IN and take an INFORMATION HANDOUT, then you can leave!!

Parents & Students: The Junior class is selling Carousel cakes and pies for Thanksgiving! Order those mouthwatering desserts from your favorite junior today! Juniors- forms are on our class bulletin board and our Google classroom. Order by Thursday, 11/12. Delivery will be in time for Thanksgiving!

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

Student Pictures: Those students in periods 5-9 who did not get their photos taken 10/26 will have the opportunity to take them during the same Phys Ed periods 5-9 on 11/17 in the Library.

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

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.

Attention Seniors: The Sam Draper Honors Program will host an information session on Tuesday, November 17th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm via Zoom (registration is required through the link). This session is an opportunity to learn about RCC's nationally recognized honors program, which offers a "high challenge, high support" liberal arts education to ambitious students who wish to transfer to competitive four-year universities. Attendees will hear from the Chair of the program, from several faculty mentors, and from alumni. This event will be recorded and posted on YouTube for those unable to attend. Please refer to the Sam Draper Honors Program Information Session flyer for the clickable registration link.

Attention Juniors: The Coolidge Scholarship is an annually awarded, full-ride, merit scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. The Coolidge may be used by recipients at *any* accredited U.S. college or university. Anyone of any background, pursuing any academic discipline of study, may apply to this non-partisan, need-blind program. Coolidge Scholars are selected based primarily on academic excellence. Secondary criteria include: an interest in public policy, an appreciation for the values President Coolidge championed, as well as humility and service. Please click to see a complete description of the scholarship's criteria. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2022 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply. Letters of recommendation required. Please visit www.coolidgescholars.org for details or contact coolidgescholars@coolidgefoundation.org / (202) 827-4291 with questions. **All applications must be completed online and submitted by 5:00 PM EST on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.**

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.