

# PRHS

## Pirate Bulletin



Friday, November 20, 2020

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### 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/O6G5RI\\_YMp0](https://youtu.be/O6G5RI_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 of Students & Students who are attending school 100% remotely:** Please be aware that teachers have reached out to those who have material for pick up. Materials (Workbooks, textbooks, reading materials etc.) are available to be picked up from the main office greeters during school hours Monday through Friday. Please arrive at the Main entrance (Marquee entrance Central Ave.) and speak with the greeter. They will be able to pass along your student's books in the vestibule. No appointment is needed. If you have any questions or are unsure if there are materials waiting for your student, please feel free to have your student reach out to their teachers.

**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](mailto: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](#)

**Wellness Wednesday Classroom** As a new quarter begins, we wanted to remind you of our "Wellness Wednesday Classroom." In addition to resources and activities we will be going live again in order to provide our students an opportunity to join a safe place to connect with the clinicians and other peers to share any concerns, stressors, or positive news! Please join Mrs. Canals, Dr. Turco, and Ms. Martens for a lunch bunch fun chat starting December 2nd at 1:00 pm. Here is our Google Classroom code: **zknxn14**

**Attention High School Sophomore** the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar also known as HOBY is open to all 10th grade students. The sophomore selected to attend this two-day seminar will participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in their state, and explore their own leadership skills while learning how to make a positive impact in their community. This year's seminar will be virtual and is scheduled for June 5 – June 6, 2021. There is no cost to the Pearl River High School sophomore who is selected to attend. Interested candidates are required to respond to the following essay contest question. "Describe the most rewarding and most challenging aspects of being a leader in your school and community" Essays should be typed and contain no less than 200 words. Please email completed essays to Mr. Urvater at [urvater@pearlriver.org](mailto:urvater@pearlriver.org) by Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

**Carousel Cake** orders will be available for pick up on Monday, 11/23. Come after school to the teacher's cafeteria to pick up your orders after school. If you have not paid yet, you MUST bring payment when you pick up your order. Please email Mrs. Olinsky with any questions.

**Attention Seniors:** PRHS will be hosting an RCC Application Day on January 13, 2021. Prior to this event, RCC will be holding a Virtual Open House Week from November 17-21. [Find out more and register for sessions by clicking here.](#)

**Pictures:** Students in grades 8-11 who have not had their picture taken have the opportunity to make an appointment with Sunflower Portraits. **Photos will be taken at their studio in New City on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.** If anyone placed a PREORDER, this is also the opportunity to fill your order. Please follow the link below with instructions to make an appointment. Appointment Link: <https://sunflowerappointments.as.me/?calendarID=1148017>

**8th Grade Students:** Please check your school email for the next several days for an invitation to a google meet from your counselor.

**Academic Team** If you are interested in joining the Academic Team, join the Google Classroom by using the code 5ewugra. Please email Mr. McNerney with any questions.

**Journalism Club** will meet on Monday 11/23 after school on Google Meet. Anyone interested in contributing articles for the school newspaper or creating video for the Pirates' Log YouTube channel should join the Google Classroom by using the code 4haezzz.

**Recycling Club is Back:** Join our google meet on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, [meet.google.com/wkt-pjqm-vga](https://meet.google.com/wkt-pjqm-vga)

**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](mailto:MNRTracks@mnr.org) or call 914-461-0459. Also, for more information about the TRACKS Program please visit our website: [mta.info/mnr/track](http://mta.info/mnr/track). An email expressing interest in the contest must be sent to [MNRTracks@mnr.org](mailto: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.

**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!

- **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.

**For Students in Grades 9-12:** Are you a high school student concerned about climate change? Do you want to make a meaningful difference here in Rockland County? Join the Rockland County 4-H Youth for Climate Action, where you can enhance your knowledge of the issues, develop leadership skills, and work with your peers to address climate change. Please click on the [Rockland County 4-H Youth for Climate Action flyer](#) for cost and registration information

**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](http://www.suny.edu/studentevents) or by calling 1.800.342.3811.

**Seniors:** Just a reminder in order to park on campus you must have the correct parking sticker with the current year, there are very limited spots available. Please see Ms. Spina for more information.

**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>

**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](http://www.coolidgescholars.org) for details or contact [coolidgescholars@coolidgefoundation.org](mailto: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.**

**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](mailto:johnstonm@pearlriver.org) with any questions.

### **Community Service Opportunities:**

**Meals on Wheels:** 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.