PRHS Pirate Bulletin

Thursday, December 3, 2020 B – 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.

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

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

Student Photos Saturday: Unfortunately, we need to cancel this Saturday's (12/5) photos we will be putting another date out as soon as we can.

SAT Exam Cancelled: Please note that as a result of our transition to all remote learning and having no students in the building, and other necessary isolation and quarantine needs as per DOH regulations and protocols, the SAT scheduled for Saturday 12/5 is cancelled. Please note that we will be increasing seats for our March 2021 exam in attempt to accommodate those who may still want to take the test. Please note that we are not permitted to reserve seats for only our students, meaning that the College Board only permits registration on a first come, first serve basis. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Marine Science Club: meeting today, Thursday, 12/3 at 2:50pm. New members are welcome. The join code for our club is: edrlpgd. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

Attention Juniors: If you are a high achieving college bound junior interested in the medical field, the BOCES CTEC New Visions Health Career Exploration Program will host a Virtual Open House on Thursday, December 3. The meeting link and additional information can be found on the BOCES New Visions Open House flyer.

Seniors: Manhattan College will be hosting a virtual Instant Decision Day on Wednesday December 16th. If you are considering Manhattan College or plan to apply in the near future this is a great opportunity to meet with the admissions representative. You may even have the opportunity of having the application fee waived. Please email your guidance counselor for more details.

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.

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: **zknxnl4**

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.

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.

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.**

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.

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

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.

Seniors: Just a reminder when parking 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.

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.