PRHS Pirate Bulletin

Thursday, January 7, 2021 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.

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

Parents & Students: Please regularly check the High School calendar for updates, postponements, and cancellations.

***Important* Learning Group Change Form:** Please use this form to change your child's present (last indicated) learning group status from hybrid to remote or vice versa for our return to school on 1/11/2021. Please complete this form **by end of day January 7th, 2021**.

Class of 2021 Parents and Guardians: Due to Covid related restrictions and restrictions regarding large group reservations with Disney World, a decision was necessitated to move the Disney Trip to May 20 - May 25, 2021. The price of the trip will remain the same. As a result of these changes, the Senior Class Prom has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 23, 2021 to be held at Old Tappan Manor. Please click here for further information.

Winter Pops Concert: The Winter Pops Concert has been **postponed to February 26th**. The event will be pre recorded for viewing.

Parents & Students Online Tutoring: The Pearl River Public Library is offering live online tutoring help in all core subjects and in both English and Spanish. It's live on their website and students can log on daily from 2-11p to connect to a live tutor, as well as utilize their 24hr writing lab help.

Parents & Students COVID-19 Support Group: VCS, a non-profit community-based agency in New City, will be starting a COVID-19 support group on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. The group is for anyone who has felt emotionally impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic and would like to discuss their thoughts, feelings, and experiences about the pandemic. There will be separate in-person groups for ages 14-17, 18-24, 25-30, and 31-59. The first six weeks of the support group are ***free.*** If you would like to sign up for the support group or if you have any questions please contact ***Ileana LaGrutta*** at ***631-533-6338*** or ***ilagrutta@vcs-inc.org*** or ***Snathalia Supreme*** at ***845-243-0345*** or ***ssupreme@vcs-inc.org***

Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents: Rockland BOCES Hudson Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) is hosting a virtual open house on January 26, 2021. P-Tech is a four to six year program (grades 9-14) focused on engaging students in hands-on, project-based learning to be successful in careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Students who successfully complete the program earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree at no cost from Rockland Community College. More detailed information can be found on their website at https://www.rocklandboces.org/ptech. Please see the P-Tech Open House flyer for times and information on how to register.

Sports: Family ID Registration is now open for Varsity Winter Track and Varsity Bowling. If interested, please register no later than January 8, 2021. Practice for these sports is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 11, 2020. Link to Family ID Registration: https://www.familyid.com/pearl-river-athletics/pearl-river-high-school-varsity-winter-track-and-bowling-only

Recycling Club: Will be meeting on Monday January 11th @ 3pm via google classroom.
https://meet.google.com/lookup/bdyawozw3p
classroom code is faekzop

Senior Scholarship Opportunity: The New York State Association of World Language Administrators (NYSAWLA) has a scholarship opportunity available for seniors who are World Language students. Please see the link for more information: https://nysawla.org/nysawla-scholarship-for-outstanding-achievement/ Applications for all awards and scholarships will be accepted from April 1, 2021 through May 1, 2021.

Theater Sign-Up: All students who are interested in participating in our drama department production should complete the form at bit.ly/prhsshakespeare by 1/12. Actors, crew members, and musicians are all welcome. If you have any questions, please contact director Thomas Hoetzl at prhsdirector@gmail.com or hoetzlt@pearlriver.org.

Juniors: Important! There are many upcoming events regarding post-high school planning. This includes a mandatory Introduction to the College Process session (1/6 or 1/13), an individual meeting with your counselor (Jan-Feb), and a virtual college night (2/4) for you and your parents. Please join the Class of 2022 College/Post-Secondary Process Google Classroom created by your school counselors for more information and the google meet link. The code to join is **tu7dvrp**. Please contact your counselor with any questions.

Parents & Students: Please use the following sign-up link for undergrads that have not taken a picture yet for Sat. January 9th at our studio. From 10 am until 12:30 pm.
https://sunflowerappointments.as.me/?appointmentType=17219734

Juniors & Seniors: Wednesday, January 13 is RCC Application Day.
RCC representatives will be available via Google Meet to present about their programs (including honors and early admit), assist with online applications and waive application fees! Click here for details.

Sophomores & Juniors: PSAT scores are now available on the CollegeBoard website. If you haven't received an email from CollegeBoard inviting you to check your scores, please go to collegeboard.org to create an account. Once you have an account set up, you will be able to access your scores online as well as resources to help you understand your scores. If you have any difficulty locating your scores or have any questions, please email your counselor.

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.

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.**

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.