PRHS Pirate Bulletin

Friday, February 12, 2021 **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.

REMINDER! FREE School Breakfasts and Lunches: The health of our students is our first priority, and that includes making sure every student has access to nutritious meals no matter where they are learning - remotely or in-person. We would like to remind you that grab-and-go breakfast and lunch are free for ALL students for the 2020-2021 school year. Pick-up is at Pearl River High School's Pirate Cove, Monday - Friday from 7AM – 10AM. Click the following link for more information and menus: PRSD Food Services

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.

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.

Students: Student Daily Screening Link: https://forms.gle/k1ds8WU26ECHQYLV8 If your child is coming to school to participate in a sport or extra-curricular activity, but they are not attending school in-person on that day, this attestation form will still need to be filled out.

Pearl River High School Alumni Elective Survey: We are collecting information and comments from alumni regarding your experience at Pearl River High School, specifically regarding the elective courses / programs offered. We would appreciate your input to help improve our elective offerings as our students prepare for their future careers. Please feel free to share the survey link with other alumni as well. This survey will close on March 2nd.

New York Congressional District 17, First Annual Black History Month Creative Competition
Black History Month is an opportunity for us to look back on the history of our nation and honor the trailblazers that have helped change our story. This competition will be an opportunity for students in your district to celebrate and showcase their knowledge on the contributions that Black Americans have made to our country and have some fun at the same time.
To participate, students in grades eight through twelve must produce a short video on Tik Tok or another social media platform of their choice, reenacting their favorite moment in Black History.
Please use the following link for more information: https://resource.echalk.com/sr/O0NK56cs

Students You Aargh the Best! Happy Valentine's Day Pirates!
The PTSA will be giving EVERY PR Pirate student a special Valentine's Day gift today for students and AA cohort, please come to school to pick up your gift!!

PTSA Peloton Bike Raffle
It is way too cold for an outdoor workout! Take a chance to win a Peloton Bike!
Tickets are only $25 each and may be purchased via cheddar up. One winner will be drawn in February!
https://peleton-bike-raffle-ticket.cheddarup.com
Check out our PTSA webpage for all the details!

Let's Blizzard Box!
PRHS & PRMS are joining forces to create Blizzard Boxes for Pearl River Senior Citizens. Help spread a little comfort and cheer to our local senior citizens! Pirate Blizzard Boxes are shoe boxes filled with specific non-perishable food items and a note of cheer. Simply follow the steps on the flyer. Drop off completed Blizzard Boxes to the high school (main entrance by the greeters) or to the middle school by Friday, February 26.

Attention Juniors and Seniors: SUNY continues to offer the following virtual information sessions throughout the spring for students and families. Registration for upcoming events can be found at www.suny.edu/studentevents.
Financial Aid: Friday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.
Which SUNY Are You?. Wednesday, February 24, 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 3, 5:30 p.m.

Attention All Students: It's time to start planning for the 2021-2022 school year! The counselors will be meeting with you individually during the first few weeks of March to discuss your courses for next year. In preparation for our meeting we are asking that you enter your elective requests in advance using this link: https://forms.gle/N3KzWj6FL5kYYU3p7 Please note that these are just preliminary requests - they are not binding and do not secure or guarantee a seat in the course. We will discuss your choices together when we have our meeting. Please follow the instructions on the form and **submit it by Wednesday, February 24th.**

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. **The scholarship submission deadline has been extended to February 24, 2021 at 5:00 PM Eastern Time.**

Students in Grades 8 - 11: Federal Emergency Management Association's (FEMA) Individual and Community Preparedness Division is seeking students help build preparedness as part of the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). The YPC provides students with the opportunity to become change agents in their community by leading preparedness projects on a local and national level. The 2021 YPC application period is open through 11:59 p.m. PST on March 7, 2021. Detailed information and an application can be found at https://community.fema.gov/story/Apply-for-the-Youth-Preparedness-Council-Starting-on-January-18?lang=en_US.

Juniors and Sophomores: PSAT/NMSQT test books are available for pick up for any student who took the test at Pearl River High School. Booklets are in individual manila envelopes labeled with the students' names and are in the main entrance vestibule's hallway. PSAT scores are available on the College Board website. If you took the PSAT, you should have received an email from the College Board inviting you to check your scores. If not, please go to collegeboard.org to create an account where you will be able to access your scores online and resources to help you understand your scores. If you have difficulty locating your scores or have questions, please email your counselor.

Sophomores & Juniors: College Board is hosting their first-ever series of virtual college fairs called BigFuture™ Days. Sophomores and juniors are invited to sign up for a chance to connect directly with college admissions representatives and current college students. This is a chance to explore colleges in a way that is not overwhelming, ask questions about topics you want to learn about, and take action on key college planning steps. Students must register at cb.org/bigfuturedays.

Wellness Wednesday: As we enter the third quarter, in the middle of winter, who could not use a Pick-Me-UP! We look forward to your presence at our Wellness Wednesday Lunch Chat, hosted by Mrs. Canals, Ms. Martens & Dr. Turco. It's a time to socialize, connect and support each other. Every Wednesday 1:00pm-2:00pm https://meet.google.com/lookup/gl2ttcx7ss?authuser=0&hs=179

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.

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.

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

Community Service Opportunities:

Pearl River's Chamber of Commerce is seeking interested students in all grades to start an affiliated Junior Chamber of Commerce. Students will participate in the Chamber's events, whose purpose is to promote the economic, civic, and social welfare of its members and the citizens of Pearl River. Students will also formulate ideas for events that they would like to see take place in town. The Chamber is also interested in having students help local businesses with their social media, web page design, etc. Please contact Ms. Susan Perzigian @ 845-642-1525/president@pearlriverny.org or Mr. Patrick Holt at windstar735@gmail.com for meeting dates and times.

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 possessionof 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.