PRHS Pirate Bulletin

Thursday, January 28, 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.

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.

Students: If you are taking a semester course starting next week, please be on the lookout for a Google Classroom invite from your teachers in your school email.

Students: any student who has taken a half year class, please return your textbooks. A table will be set up outside the main office for textbook collection.

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

Parents & Students: The senior class is holding one final fundraiser. Order party heroes for the Super Bowl from Luigi O'Grady's and mention 'PRHS Class of 2021.' 10% of the orders goes back to the senior class.

International Club: virtual meeting today, Jan. 28th after school. All are welcome.

Garden Club: will be meeting today, January 28th at 3 pm via google meet to discuss upcoming events. Please use the following link https://meet.google.com/lookup/fjrctfoegy classroom code is: 6vlek5a

Seniors: IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION!!! Last call for senior quotes, baby photos, senior sibling, or senior portraits taken outside of school. If I do not have them by Friday 1/22/2021 the will not be included.
ABSOLUTE Last deadline for senior Ads is 1/31/2021 visit www.jostens.com to purchase.
We are still accepting first day photos (hybrid and online), senior shirt day photos, elementary school photos of you and friends, Halloween photos, club photos, JV and varsity sport photos 2020-2021. These should be emailed to johnstonm@pearlriver.org or uploaded directly to the link on the yearbook website (PRHS Page, For students all the way to the bottom). Questions can also be emailed to johnstonm@pearlriver.org

eSports Club: There will be an introductory meeting Tuesday, February 2nd @ 3:00 PM for those staff and students interested in starting an eSports club. The club will be a chapter of the North America Scholastic Esports Federation, an international organization which coordinates high school esports events. Please join our Google classroom with code c3ukbrz.

Parents of Juniors: Parents and students of the Class of 2022 are invited to virtually attend the **PRHS Junior College Night on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00pm** via Google Meet. This event will include a presentation from the PRHS school counselors regarding an introduction to the college process as well as a panel discussion composed of representatives from area colleges. The panel will address pertinent topics in the college admissions process as well as answer participant questions. We hope that you and your child will join us for this informative program. Please read the letter from the Guidance office for further information.

PSAT/NMSQT test books are available for pick up for any student who took the test at Pearl River High School. Each student's booklet is in a separate manila envelope labeled with the student's name. Students or parents should pick up in the envelope in main entrance vestibule where school personnel will assist them to retrieve their booklet**.**

Attention all Rho Kappa candidates: The deadline for application submission is **February 5th.** Applications may be emailed to Finnicanc@pearlriver.org. A confirmation email will be sent to you once your online application has been received. Candidates should not email social studies teachers for a recommendation, providing the name of the teacher on the application is sufficient. The induction ceremony is scheduled for March 10, 2021. Details about the evening will be posted as we get closer to the ceremony.

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.

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 5, 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.
How to Apply: Wednesday, January 27, 5:30 p.m.
Which SUNY Are You? Wednesday, February 10, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 24, 5:30 p.m. And Wednesday, March 3, 5:30 p.m.

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.**

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

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.

Sophomores & Juniors: PSAT scores are now available on the CollegeBoard website. If you have not 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.

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

Community Service Opportunities:

Students: Welcome to OPERATION LOVE OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. The Town will be collecting Valentine's Day cards through Tuesday, February 9, 2021 for our local senior citizens and we will distribute later that week. Buy a card or better yet, make a card for a senior citizen, bring it to Town Hall and drop it in the box marked "Operation Love Our Senior Citizens." You will be very happy you did. Need some ideas on how to make a card? Visit the following websites:
https://www.smilebox.com/maker/card-maker/valentines-day/
https://www.fotojet.com/features/photo-card/valentine-card.html
https://www.greetingsisland.com/cards/holidays/valentines-day
https://www.designwizard.com/template/valentines-day-cards/

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.