

PRHS Pirate Bulletin



Tuesday, December 15, 2020

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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.

Cultural Climate and Social Emotional Survey for PRHS Students:

The PRHS Task Force for Positive Change, with assistance from members of the district SELFIE Committee (a social emotional based committee) and in concert with the PRHS administration, has developed a student survey for which we would like high school student participation. The survey looks to view the general cultural climate and social-emotional environment of the high school through the perspective of our students. The intention of the survey is to gather information from the student body. This information will help to inform these committees, and the high school administration, in order to assist with future planning which will impact the student body. Student voice is a key factor in understanding the experiences and conditions that presently exist. Please have your PRHS student respond to this student survey through an email invitation that was sent on 12/9/2020.

SADD Toy Drive:

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is running a Toy Drive from Thursday 12/10 through Friday 12/18. Anyone wishing help can donate an unwrapped gift or gift card (in an envelope) by placing it in the large collection box located outside the high school's main entrance (marquee entrance) each school day. Teachers can also participate by dropping unwrapped gifts or gift cards in the collection box near the staff mailboxes. Please make sure the gift is in its original packaging, and again, please do not wrap the gift(s). Gifts will be donated to families in need in the Pearl River community.

Important Information regarding Photos: Any student grades 8-11 who pre-ordered their school portraits, Mrs. Johnston will be at the attendance office tomorrow 12/15 7:25-2:42 to hand them out.

We need your photos!!!

Send pictures to Johnstonm@pearlriver.org of:

Fall '20 JV Sports

Fall '20 Varsity Sports

Elementary and middle school photos for the class of 2021

Halloween 2020

Anyone who has the kindergarten yearbooks for the class of 2020 we would love to borrow them and can arrange pick up/dropoff.

Rockland County Math League will have its next meet on Tuesday, December 15 at 3:45.

Open to students in grades 10 and above. Just join the RCML classroom anytime with code yu3zpet for information, to participate and for future dates. Students may participate in any meet. Contact Mr. Licht at lichtg@pearlriver.org for questions

Forensics/Debate Team: Like to argue? Interested in hot topics? The Forensics/Debate Team is for you! We are looking for new members to join us as we plan to debate other Rockland County schools. Please join our Google Classroom using the code: forbnny. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 15 at 2:45. Once you join the Classroom, the link to the meeting is in the banner. Any questions? Please email Mrs. Perlman at perlmane@pearlriver.org

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.

Seniors: The Scarsdale High School Counseling Department is sponsoring a virtual "Gap Year Fair" on Tuesday, January 6th from 6-8 PM. A keynote speaker will present a webinar at 6 PM and this will be followed by a virtual fair hosted by several representatives of Gap Year programs. Interested students please [register online](#).

Sophomores and 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.

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.

Parents & Students: Let's make it a December to Remember!

The PTSA is running a free raffle for students during the next 3 weeks in December.

Four names will be drawn each week to win one of our great raffle baskets (lots of goodies including a \$25 gift card).

Winners will be drawn on Sunday night and prizes will be delivered on Monday.

The only rules are that the entrants must be PRHS students (hybrid or remote) and they may only win once. Click on the link to enter. <https://woorise.com/prhsptsa/decembertoremember>

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**

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.**

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.