



## *Pearl River School District*

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**Michael J. Murphy**  
Principal

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Dear Seniors and Senior Parents,

We ask senior parents to relay this message to your senior student:

As June begins to advance, we would like to provide you with an update on pending events which impact the Class of 2020. You are clearly a class that has had to cope with numerous setbacks, all impacting what I have come to call the "Senior Experience." Although we cannot replicate in exact terms the traditions that PRHS graduates have come to know over time, we believe that, though different, we can maintain your part in Pearl River history by preserving and including your participation as best as possible. Unfortunately, due to the Governor's directives, events such as the senior prom (formerly 6/24) cannot be held as social distancing requirements remain in place.

Looking forward to what can be done, please note that graduation plans continue to be in the works as per the communication that was sent out yesterday by Dr. Pochintesta and me detailing how the Department of Health's most recent guidance impacts our choices and our plans going forward.

On a positive note, the PRHS administration has been working with class advisor Mrs. Haugerieid, yearbook advisor Mrs. Johnston, and Athletic Director Mr. McCormack to bring about an experience that addresses several activities affording our seniors an opportunity to participate in traditions. Senior class yearbook distribution, Paint the Wall participation, athletic award distribution, and a senior picture in full regalia (cap and gown) will all occur on Friday, June 12, 2020 starting at 9AM. Please note that our rain date for this event is Monday, June 15, 2020.

Seniors should arrive in cars as noted below in order to participate. Whether or not you have purchased a yearbook or received an award, all students should plan to come to PRHS to participate in making their mark on the wall and to have a cap and gown graduation picture taken. Please note that, despite a rain date, there is no alternate date available. HOWEVER, if a senior is unable to attend or does not have access to a car, he or she should contact class advisor, Mrs. Haugereid via email ([Haugereidk@gmail.com](mailto:Haugereidk@gmail.com)) by Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Please note that communication will be forthcoming regarding the return of textbooks and chromebooks.

### **June 12, 2020 Events:**

On Friday, June 12th, students are being invited to come to the Pirate Cove parking lot to participate in senior events by car. Students need to remain in their cars throughout the curbside retrieval of yearbooks, athletic awards if applicable, and /or until otherwise directed. Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in the following events/distributions:

Yearbooks: Students who have ordered a yearbook can pick it up outside of the gym entrance. If you would like to purchase extra pages or a plastic protector, there are limited quantities available. Please bring exact change (cash): extra pages \$5 each and plastic protectors \$2 each. If you have not yet ordered a yearbook but would like to, contact Mrs. Johnston at [johnstonm@pearlriver.org](mailto:johnstonm@pearlriver.org) before Thursday, June 11.

Athletic Awards: Congratulations to PRHS students and teams who have won senior athletic awards. Please note that a table will be set up for curbside pickup. You will be directed to approach this table (in your car) in order to receive your award, curbside. Please contact the athletic office if you have any questions about athletic awards. Again, CONGRATULATIONS!

Professional Photographer: Local photographer and parent of Pearl River High School graduates, Mr. Jude Kennedy, will be providing photographs for students in their cap and gown FREE of charge. We thank Mr. Kennedy for his generosity and time. Mr. Kennedy will be stationed on school grounds, respecting social distancing requirements. Please be sure to bring your cap and gown with you. Students who are receiving honor cords will receive them to take their pictures and will then take them home. You will be directed to the photographer who will be stationed by the bridge behind the baseball field. Please remain in your car until you are directed to proceed to the bridge. Please note that this picture may be used in a virtual presentation being prepared by the school.

Paint the Wall: Someone who wishes to remain anonymous has volunteered to design and paint the wall. Students will be given an opportunity to be a part of this special event by signing their names. Part of the wall design was decided by the Class of 2020 through a survey sent out by the class advisor.

### Timing:

Guidance Counselor	Last Name	Time
Stark	A-D	9am-10am
Hornacek	E-Le	10:30am-11:30am
Ballard	L'H-Pe	12pm-1pm
Urvater	Pf-Z	1:30pm-2:30pm

Students who wish to participate in these events **MUST** adhere to the following:

- Wear mask & gloves
  - Remain 6 feet apart / social distancing rules
  - Remain in their cars until otherwise directed
  - Bring cap and gown for photograph
  - Be sure that you have your cap pinned as you would like it positioned for the photograph.
- Unfortunately, staff will not be able to help students adjust or fix their hair/cap.

Staff will be present in the parking lot and other areas to direct and assist students in maintaining social distancing and for the organization of these events. Despite not being within arms reach, we are looking forward to seeing our seniors, Class of 2020, on this day.

Sincerely,

PRHS Administration

Artie McCormack, Athletic Director

Kim Haugereid, Class of 2020 Advisor

Megan Johnston, Yearbook Advisor