



Pearl River High School

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Dear PRHS Students and Parents,

Due to continuous planning and changes that may have occurred in order to maximize safety and health, we strongly recommend that students visit the portal to see their schedules before arriving for their first in-person day of school. Please note any changes to room assignments that may have been made through Saturday 9/12. The administration continued to make some minor adjustments to room assignments in order to maximize space and decrease traveling through the building for staff and students as much as possible. Please note that we have created two rooms within the new library space. These spaces will be noted on schedules as "Library B" and "Library D".

The school has been marked with lined hallways, directional arrows, and one-way signage to assist students with navigation of the building and to provide a reminder for students and staff regarding six foot distancing. Please remember that lockers will not be used and, therefore, they are inaccessible until further notice.

The main center stairwell is a "one-way UP" staircase; while the other interior staircases are "one-way DOWN", including the library staircase that connects the math wing to the library/2nd floor. Outdoor access is permitted through the auditorium lobby (down only), the flagpole door (in and out), the science exit near the 911 Memorial (in and out), the 2nd floor main entrance door out and up to the 3rd floor world language/english wing ramp entrance, the gymnasium lobby doors (in and out), and the cafeteria doors to the courtyard (in and out). An additional door on the 1st floor, opposite room 103/104 can be used as an exit to access the 2nd floor doors near the 8th grade wing. These areas will be observed by school personnel in order to maintain a necessary level of safety. Please know that we are aware that this will take some time for students to become familiar.

All students are asked to watch a brief recording regarding the spread of Covid-19 and ways to help prevent transmission. Please click on this link https://youtu.be/O6G5Rl_YMp0. Please note the importance and requirement to wear masks at all times with the exception of while eating and during prescribed mask breaks as determined by teachers. Also, in order to maintain a high level of precaution, no more than two students should be in the schools' larger bathrooms at any given time. These bathrooms will be cleaned on a rotating basis.

Further to health and safety, visits to the school by anyone, including parents and guardians, will be on an appointment basis. The use of telephone or virtual meetings is encouraged whenever possible. Also, dropping off items is prohibited

due to the fact that multiple people would have to handle these items and that is a risk we cannot take. We ask you to please refrain from any drop offs until further notice.

Please note that we encourage frequent student and parent visits to the schools' calendar (on our website) as we anticipate required updates due to present-day circumstances. On this subject, please know that the PRHS Back to School Night has been rescheduled from Thursday, September 24th to Thursday, October 1st. Additional information will be forthcoming.

A final word reminding students that while their group (AA or BB) is remote, they must sign in to their classes from home as they did during week 1, last week, during their scheduled class period. Teachers will greet and communicate with both groups (the in-person group and the remote group) as to how the lesson will proceed. Teachers will be taking attendance each period, each day. Wednesdays are asynchronous, during which students sign in, record their attendance, and complete (and submit) the lesson posted by each of their teachers for that day.

We thank you for your support and we are looking forward to seeing the student body as we begin.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Murphy