

PRHS Pirate Bulletin



Tuesday, September 29, 2020

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Parents: A Few Reminders from the Principal

- 1) Student Drop Off** students should not be dropped off before 7:20 am. We understand the traffic may be heavier around that time, but students have no way to socially distance inside the building until that time.
- 2) Health Assessment** the health attestation **MUST** be completed by 7am **EVERY MORNING** before students arrive at the high school. Students who have not completed the form, will be called from class in order for the nurse to check the student's temperature and have the form completed. Only students who report to the high school building that day need to complete the screening. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.
- 3) Lockers** please remember that lockers will not be used and, therefore, they are inaccessible until further notice.
- 4) COVID 19 Prevention Video** we asked students 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/O6G5RI_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.
- 5) About Visits & Dropping off items** 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.
- 6) Back to School Night Change & PRHS Calendar** 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.

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.

We aim to have **ALL** materials picked up by **Friday, October 2nd**.

Seniors: It is time to talk college! Please join the PRHS guidance counselors for a Google Meet on Wednesday, September 30th at 2:45 for a brief overview of the college application process. You can find the invitation for the google meet in the inbox of your school email.

Juniors & Seniors: [SUNY Virtual College Fairs](#)—Meet with representatives from SUNY campuses to discuss academic offerings, student life, financial aid, and more. During the fair, you will be able to communicate with campus representatives using text and video chat. Click on the link to register for sessions being held on Oct. 2nd or 3rd.



Parents of Seniors and Juniors: The PRHS Guidance Department's virtual **Financial Aid Workshop** will be held on **Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** Ms. Paola Therasse, of the NYS Higher Education Services Corporation, is the program moderator and will explain the financial aid process. Detailed information for viewing the presentation will be forthcoming.

YEARBOOK: Seniors Pick Up ID Cards in room 227 Senior Quote/Baby/Sibling Photos Due 10/31/2020 Submit Here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFaCGC2-o6GbleUMqyIMeo6hwYf8yKiHSogFsv9tQ954CZBg/viewform>
Purchase a 2021 Yearbook Here: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A05633900>

Grades 8-11 School Photos: During Gym Periods Thursday 10/1, Friday 10/2, Tues 10/6, Mon 10/26

ALL REMOTE ONLY Saturday 10/10 [Click HERE to schedule](#)

Grades 8-11 Click the link to order photos now: <https://myproimages.com/sunflower-portraits/282> Event Code: **O1J8C** Contact Megan Johnston johnstonm@pearlriver.org with any questions

Parents PTSA Membership: Please consider becoming a member of the PRHS PTSA  Membership costs only \$10 for parents, staff & community members and just \$4 for students. The PTSA offers scholarships to graduating seniors and plans events and assemblies for the student body throughout the year. Even though our students are growing up, they still need the support from a strong PTSA!  Just click the link below:
<https://pearlriverhs.memberhub.store/>

All Students: The National Rail Safety Week and Metro-North Railroad announced the launch of its **third** annual **Rail Safety Week Poster Contest!** Please read the linked flyer for more information and entry guidelines by visiting the Rail Safety Week Webpage (<http://web.mta.info/mnr/tracks/rsw>). Please note that if you need more information about the contest, or if you have any questions, please email MNRTracks@mnr.org or call 914-461-0459. Also, for more information about the TRACKS Program please visit our website: mta.info/mnr/tracks. An email expressing interest in the contest must be sent to MNRTracks@mnr.org by Friday, October 30, 2020. Posters must be completed and submitted with the information noted on the Poster Entry Form (see link) no later than Friday, November 20, 2020.

Sophomore & Junior Parents PSAT Exam: Please click on the parent letter for more information [PSAT @ PRHS on 10/17/2020](#) and note that students are registered when payment is complete.

All Students: Please see the October-November, Virtual 4-H Veterinary Science Program for high school students
<https://resource.echalk.com/sr/ZMlteDaL>

Community Service Opportunities: Meals on Wheels is 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.

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.