

PRHS Pirate Bulletin



Friday, December 13, 2019 B – Day

Seal Of Biliteracy Information Meetings for Students

We will be holding information sessions regarding the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. This credential is awarded and included on the HS Diploma for students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and a World Language. The information sessions are for Juniors and Seniors interested in pursuing this Credential. The sessions will take place in the main office conference room December 13, 16, and 18 during the first 15 minutes of 7th period lunch. During the information session, we will explain the credential, its value, requirements, and the process (from applying, to project presentation). Students who come to the information session will receive an information packet.

[2020 Midterm Letter & Schedule](#) Please click the link to see the 2020 Midterm letter and schedule for the January Exams

Students & Staff from December 5th to December 17th, the Table Top Game club will be sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive in partnership with the Officer Taylor and the Orangetown Police department. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the box located in the Main Office. Please help spread the joy of the holiday season with some local families who may be having a difficult time this year. Thank you and happy holidays!

Students HO! HO! HO! CANE you believe it's almost that time of year? Garden Club is having their annual Candy Cane Gram Fundraiser! From December 13th to 19th you CANE purchase a candy cane during your lunch period and attach a message to send to a friend. Candy canes will be delivered Friday December 20th. Help make the holiday season that much sweeter by purchasing a Candy Cane to support the garden club

Students & Staff Looking for a great last minute gift? The recycling club is selling travel coffee mugs! Blue stainless steel cups, complete with our Pirate Logo. And for a bonus, if you use the cup for refills at the coffee bar, you will get a discount! See any member of the recycle club to place your order, or Mrs. Beckerle in the main office! Mugs arrive next week!

Journalism Club will meet after school in Room 234 on Monday, December 16th.

8th Grade Mental Health Skill Development Between 12/9 and 12/19 our clinical staff (School Social Worker and School Psychologists) will be visiting all the UA classes in the high school to do a lesson on "Destress."

Students Orange Police Department is looking for volunteers for their Youth Court. For more information and permission slips see Officer Taylor.

Junior Parking Please note that there are **very limited spots** available for juniors to park. [View the letter here regarding junior parking.](#) Juniors may now bring their parking applications in to Ms. Fran Spina if they would like to apply to park on campus. Providing the availability of spaces, eligible students will be issued a parking sticker. **Only students with approved parking stickers may park on campus.**

Seniors just a reminder in order to park on campus you must have the correct parking sticker with the current year. Please use the following forms or see Ms. Spina. [Seniors parking on campus : Rules & Application](#)

New Community Service Procedures Community Service hours for the 2019-2020 school year are to be logged using x2Vol, a tracking and reporting system accessible through students' Naviance accounts. Please see the Community Service page on the Guidance site for detailed information; registration should be done as soon as possible through students' Naviance accounts. Students are welcome to come to the Guidance Office for assistance, questions or concerns about x2Vol.

Student Work Opportunity Annual PRHS Alumni Association Annual Christmas Tree Sales in Central Avenue Field beginning Saturday, November 30th through Friday, December 20th. Responsibilities include unloading trees (30-60 lbs.), assisting with sales, and tying trees on vehicles. Weekend and some evening availability a must. Please email Mr. Fred Salo at fredtree0@gmail.com with a letter of interest, including age, work experience, and a contact #. Parental approval may be required.

Juniors & Seniors SUNY invites students and their families to [SUNY Financial Aid Days](#) throughout November. Programs begin in early November and are designed to answer questions and provide assistance regarding the financial aid application, types of aid available, and the award process. Available at more than 30 campuses, most locations provide computer access to complete the financial aid application on-site. Click on the individual location for additional details. These events are free of charge and open to all prospective college students. Students register at www.suny.edu/studentevents or by calling 1.800.342.3811.

Juniors & Seniors the Nyack NAACP Youth Council is hosting a Historically Black College & University (HBCU) Fair on February 1, 2020. This Free event will begin 11am sharp and will conclude 3pm at the Nanuet Senior High School, 103 Church Street, Nanuet, NY. Seniors and Juniors, parents, guardians who are considering attending the HBCU Fair please see the [flier](#). For more information, please contact 845-558-2209.

[Save the Date for the Rockland County Youthfest](#) - March 8, 2020 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. This annual springtime event held at Rockland Community College affords the community the opportunity to interact with many of the services available to children, youth and families in Rockland County under one roof with no admission fee and no fees for any services, activities, etc. provided during the course of the day. Businesses and agencies exhibit their programs and services in a fun, interactive family friendly format. Program services range from birth to adolescents. The event also provides a venue for organizations to put on performances and interactive demonstrations.

Attention High School Sophomores The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar also known as HOBY is open to all 10th grade students. The sophomore selected to attend this three-day seminar will participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in their state, and explore their own leadership skills while learning how to make a positive impact in their community. This year's seminar will take place on the campus of Adelphi University from June 5 – June 7, 2020. There is no cost to the Pearl River High School sophomore who is selected to attend. Interested candidates are required to respond to the following essay contest question. Essays should be typed and contain no less than 200 words. Completed essays are due back to the Guidance Office no later than Monday, December 2, 2019.

“Describe the most rewarding and most challenging aspects of being a leader in your school and community”

Yearbook The yearbook website is updated, and there are now dates that parents must adhere to or the price increases (for the book and for the parent ads). It is all posted for their viewing, as well as the link to order a new student ID if their child should misplace theirs and photo day information.

<https://sites.google.com/learn.pearlriver.org/yearbook/>

Scholarships:

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. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2021 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply. Letters of recommendation and an interview 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 Thursday, January 16, 2020.

Community Service Opportunities:

St. Aedan' Church is having a drop and shop movie night for kids k-4th grades and is looking for HS kids to help throughout the night (6:15-9:15). Please register via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a49adad28a1f94-drop>

[Elves Needed for 1st Annual 2019 Santa's Workshop](#) - - Santa's Workshop is a section of Gentle Giant Brewing Company in Pearl River that will allow children and adults to build DIY toys and ornaments during the month of December on Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm to 4pm until Christmas Eve. The space will have enough room to write letters of well wishes this holiday season. On Christmas Eve, all of the letters and toys will be gathered up and will be donated to the children and adults who are currently receiving treatment for cancer-related illnesses at the Hope Lodge in New York City. Volunteers are needed to staff the workshop and assist all well-wishers in building small toys and ornaments. Please click on flyer for details and contact information.

[Pearl River Alumni Volunteer Ambulance Corp](#) is looking for volunteers age 16 and over. Community service credit offered. If interested, please contact Pamela Brown-Thompson at (845) 735-4400.

For More Community Service Opportunities

http://prhs.pearlriver.org/groups/55622/prhs_guidance/community_service

Athletics: Come support your Pirates -See the Athletic Schedule here <https://pearlriver.tandem.co/>

Reminders:

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: New Cell Phone Policy [PRHS Technology Cell Practices](#)

Lateness to school as a reminder, 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 Shop Rite at any time. Anyone wishing to exit the campus on the Shop Rite 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.
