

PRHS

Pirate Bulletin



Tuesday, October 20, 2020

A – Day

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.

***Important*:** We begin our remote plan on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020, a B-DAY, and continue through Wednesday, October 21st. **During this time, all students must sign into Google Classrooms during the time of each class period where they will find their teachers ready to deliver instruction synchronously.** Wednesdays will continue to be asynchronous and lessons will be posted by all teachers by 7:30am for students to complete, as has been the practice thus far. On Tuesday, October 13, we continue with the alternating pattern of A-days and B-days with Tuesday being a “B” day schedule.

It is important to remember that students must note their attendance on the asynchronous Wednesdays as noted in their teachers’ Google Classroom. At this time students are scheduled to return to in person hybrid learning on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

***CANCELLED* SAT School Day - October 14, 2020:** Due to the need for PRHS to switch to remote learning, the SAT scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2020 during the school day has been cancelled. Our communication with the DOH regarding the decision to switch the high school to remote learning led to the need for this action. As a result, contact with the College Board regarding recent events impacting PRHS has resulted in our ability to add/open additional seats for the SAT being offered on our campus Saturday, November 7, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the College Board's scheduling of SAT's, no additional weekday exam is presently being offered. Additionally, if your choice is to take the Saturday, November 7, 2020 exam, you are asked to go into the College Board's website to register as soon as possible as the College Board only affords a first come, first serve registration policy. You will need to pay for the new date's exam (November 7, 2020) directly to the College Board upon registration; however, all parents will be issued a refund from the district for the cancelled October 14th exam. Unfortunately, due to the College Board's rules, payments and refunds need to work this way.

***CANCELLED* PSAT/NMSQT - October 17, 2020:** Due to the need for PRHS to switch to remote learning, the PSAT scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020 has been cancelled. Our communication with the Department of Health regarding the decision to switch the high school to remote learning led to the need for this action. We continue to discuss this matter with the College Board to work on a solution regarding a new test date. At this time, we anticipate establishing a new test date and will send communication once plans are in place. Any parent wishing not to reschedule, will be refunded their payment for the October 17, 2020 test payment. Additional directions regarding the logistics for refunds will be forthcoming. Understanding the importance of the test, we have been working on the best solutions within the options available. Please look for additional communication as this will be sent when concrete plans are confirmed.

Parents & Students: If your child is experiencing any issues with their Chromebook, please click the following link to receive assistance: [Technical Support](#)

Attention Seniors: Important! Please check your @learn.pearlriver.org email for a calendar invite for your post-secondary planning meeting from your guidance counselor. It is important that if you cannot attend this meeting for any reason, that you notify your counselor ASAP.

Parents & Students New Attendance Office: The Attendance Office has been relocated to the hallway of the Main Entrance (East Central Avenue).

All Students: Please see the October-November, Virtual 4-H Veterinary Science Program for high school students:

<https://resource.echalk.com/sr/ZMlteDaL>

Grades 8-11 School Photos: During Gym Periods, Mon 10/26

Yearbook: Seniors can 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>

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/>

Student Art Contests: Please participate in this year's art contests. Winners will receive a gift card to a local merchant. The holiday card contest winner will also receive recognition and copies of the finalized card. Good luck!

- **Upcoming school year's Program of Studies:** Turn in submissions to the Art Department by **November 18**.
 - **Program of Studies:** The artwork must be on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper and in black and white only (NOT PENCIL). Students must incorporate the following into the artwork: "Pearl River High School," "Program of Studies," and the year "2021-2022."
- **Pearl River School District Holiday Card:** Turn in submissions to the Art Department by **December 3**.
 - **Holiday Card:** Students can submit various forms of art such as photography, drawing, painting, and digital art. The work should be in color and can incorporate the phrase "Happy Holidays" on it.

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.

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.

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.

Irish History Contest: Please participate in the 2020-2021 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Irish History Contest. The theme this year is "The Impact of the Irish Anglo Treaty of 1921." Submissions are due electronically **by November 15, 2020**. Please click [here](#) for student information and [here](#) for rules & guidelines.