

# PRHS Pirate Bulletin



Tuesday, November 19, 2019 A- Day

**Attention Seniors** Iona College just notified us that they will be visiting Pearl River High School on Wednesday, December 4th to meet with seniors interested in participating in an Instant Decision Day. Seniors will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with an Iona College admissions representative who will review their application and provide an instant admissions decision. Seniors who have already applied to Iona should definitely participate and seniors planning to apply to Iona are highly encouraged to participate. The application fees will be refunded for those who have already applied and waived for those who apply before December 4<sup>th</sup>. Interested seniors must stop by the Guidance Office to sign up before leaving on the Disney trip. We will provide you with additional important information and answer questions you may have when you visit the Guidance Office to sign up.

**Attention High School Sophomores** The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar also known as HOBY is open to all 10<sup>th</sup> 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”***

**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 Mrs. Spina

The Pearl River School District PTAs invite parents, high school students and middle school students to attend [Digitally Distracted: Parenting in the Digital Age](#) featuring guest speaker, Tom Kersting, on **Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00pm in the PRMS auditorium.** Tom Kersting is a licensed psychotherapist, school counselor, author, educator and a nationally renowned authority on mental health, parenting and wellness.

**Modified Ice Hockey** meeting today, Tuesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> after school in the cafeteria for any 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader interested in playing Ice Hockey. See Mr. Santini.

**DECA** meeting at 3:00, Wednesday 11/20. All members and prospective members will need to sign up for the January competition. If you cannot attend, please see Mr. Casey

**Mandatory Science Olympiad** meeting Wednesday Nov. 20 after school in room 224.

**Juniors and Seniors—Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** is RCC Application Day at Pearl River. RCC representatives will be in **Pirate Cove during periods 4-7** to accept application forms and *waive application fees!* Click [here](#) for details.

**International Club** will be holding a Thanksgiving Day Food Drive! Starting on Monday, 11/18 through Thursday, 11/21 we will be collecting canned & dried food. We will put designated boxes in the cafeteria during all lunch periods, by the two greeter stations and in the main office. **ON THURSDAY ONLY**, we will collect **FROZEN TURKEYS**, as well. The food will be delivered to People to People of Nanuet. Please spread the word and some holiday cheer!

**Juniors** If you are a high achieving college bound junior interested in the medical field, then consider attending the BOCES CTEC New Visions Health Career Exploration Program's Open House on Thursday, December 5. Full details are on the Guidance webpage.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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](http://www.coolidgescholars.org) for details or contact [coolidgescholars@coolidgefoundation.org](mailto: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:**

[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](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.pdf](#)

**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.

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