



**Peekskill City School District Calendar**  
*Peekskill Schools: A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day*

**Calendario del Distrito Escolar de Peekskill**  
*Escuelas Peekskill: Un Sistema Enfocado en Cada Estudiante; Cada Día*



**2015-2016**



# A Message From the Superintendent



Dear Peekskill Community,

*It is my honor and pleasure to write this letter to you as the Superintendent of Peekskill Schools. It is exciting to think about all of the enriching opportunities that the 2015-2016 school year holds for our school community. At the Peekskill City School District, we are committed to providing a quality education for all of our students and we believe that communication between the home, our schools and the Peekskill community is paramount. I urge you to take advantage of all of the valuable*

*resources our District has to offer. Please remember you can find this school calendar on our District website for access at any time. In addition, there you will also find upcoming events, staff contact information, sports schedules, academic opportunities, District news and regularly updated student grades. You can also follow us on any of our social networks (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) for continued highlights, news and photos.*

*We begin the school year by focusing on our theme for 2015-2016: A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day. Throughout last school year our teachers were involved in nationally and internationally recognized professional development which focused on literacy, best instructional approaches, and student engagement. Our teachers will continue to design their "lighthouse" classrooms as a model of best practice for all to learn and grow from. Our administrators are positioned to lead, facilitate, support and provide enriching, safe and motivating environments for both our students and staff. Our grade levels and departments have worked diligently on aligning their curriculum so we as a District may remain rigorous with respect to state standards and consistency between and within grades.*

*In closing, I encourage all residents to attend our bi-monthly Board of Education meetings. Every board meeting will include a "Top Ten" list of reasons as to why Peekskill is a great place to live and learn. Feel free to share your thoughts or submit your own "Top Ten" list to be featured. Again, please remember to regularly visit our District and school websites for frequent updates. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions feel free to contact me anytime at [dfine@peekskillcsd.org](mailto:dfine@peekskillcsd.org) or (914) 737-3300 ext. 303.*

Sincerely,

Dr. David Fine  
Superintendent of Schools

## Peekskill City School District Administration

1031 Elm Street, 737-3300 [www.peekskillcsd.org](http://www.peekskillcsd.org)

**Dr. David Fine**, Superintendent of Schools  
**Dr. Joseph Mosey**, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services  
**Ms. Robin Zimmerman**, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
**Mr. Daniel Callahan**, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education  
**Mrs. Mary Foster**, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education  
**Mrs. Janice Reid**, Manager, Educational Technology/CIO  
**Ms. Joyce Long**, Director of Special Services  
**Mr. Carmine Crisci**, Director of Facilities  
**Mr. Paul Guglielmo**, School Administrator (Transportation)  
**Mr. David Santiago**, Director of Security  
**Mr. Lou Panzanaro**, Athletic Director  
**Ms. Laura Belfiore**, Communication Specialist

## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate students in a caring, inspiring environment characterized by a spirit of excellence and high expectations; prepare graduates to meet or exceed standards; graduate students who respect and appreciate cultural diversity; and prepare students to pursue adult lives as contributing citizens of our local and global community.

### BOARD GOALS

#### A. District Aspirational Goals:




1. By the year 2020, graduation rates will increase to 100%
2. By the year 2020 all students will achieve grade level literacy by the end of grade 3.
3. Actively engage parents/guardians and the community in the education of all students.
4. Create safe, discipline, state of the art environments where everyone works to help students achieve.

#### B. 2015-2016 Deliverables

1. Implement District Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment protocols.
2. Design school learning teams focused on quality academic programs, student-centered interventions, and 21st Century opportunities.
3. Utilize data to drive instruction and incorporate quality review schedules.
4. Continue to plan for transparent financial planning and cost-effective operations.

## Please read through this calendar before you hang it up.

**Please note that:** In an effort to save resources and district funds, starting this year this calendar will not be mailed home. A paperless version of this calendar is posted on our website at [www.peekskillcsd.org](http://www.peekskillcsd.org) for parents to view and/or download. If you don't have access to a computer, you may call the Superintendent's office at 737-3300 ext. 303 and a copy will be printed for you to pick up.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> No School for Students Board of Education Mtg. @Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM	2 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> No School for Students	3 Schools Open K-12 1st Quarter Begins Kindergarten Half Day (12:15 Dismissal) PHS SAT I & II Registration for 10/3/15 Test Modified Sports Begin	4 Woodside Kindergarten Half Day (12:15 Dismissal) PHS School Id & Picture Day for Grades 9-12	5 V Football (Saunders at Peekskill – Depew Park): 1:30PM
		Uriah Hill Pre-K School Visits by appointment – 9/3, 4				
6	7 Labor Day Buildings Closed No District Transportation	8 Uriah Hill First Day for all Pre-K Woodside 1st Full Day of Kindergarten	9 Woodside Grade 1 Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM	10 Athletics Fall Mandatory Parent Meeting @ PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM PKMS Sports Physicals	11 We Remember! 	12 V Football-Peekskill @ Gorton Yonkers: 1:30PM
13	14 Rosh Hashanah Buildings closed No District Transportation	15 Rosh Hashanah Buildings Open	16 Hillcrest 4th Grade Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM	17 Constitution & Citizenship Day Hillcrest 5th Grade Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM PKMS Sports Physicals	18	19 V Football (Lincoln @ Peekskill – Depew Park): 1:30PM
20	21 PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM	22 Oakside Grade 2 Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 10/3/15 Test	23 Yom Kippur- Buildings Open	24 Oakside Grade 3 Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM	25	26 V Football (Peekskill @ Yonkers High) 1:30PM
27	28 PKMS Picture Day	29 Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM	30 Woodside Picture Day Woodside Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM			

# Board of Education

**Colin Smith, President**

**Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon, Vice President**

**Trustees:**

**Doug Glickert, Maria Pereira, Michael Simpkins,  
Richard Sullivan, Jillian Villon**

## 2015-2016 Board Of Education Meeting Dates

Regular Board of Education meetings begin at 6:00PM. If executive session is called, public session will resume at approximately 7PM. Board of Education meetings are videotaped for broadcast on our educational channel, Channel 77 or FIOS Channel 32.

July 28 at 6PM – *Public Session*

August 25

September 1

September 29

October 6

October 27

November 3

November 17

December 1

December 15

January 12

January 19

February 2

February 23

March 1

March 15

April 12

April 19

May 3

May 17

June 7

June 21

July 5 at 4PM – *Public Session*

## Parent Portal



The Parent Portal is a link on the Peekskill City School District's Web sites that parents and guardians can follow to view their children's attendance and grades. It is very easy to use, secure and confidential. The Parent Portal helps students succeed. To get started, parents need to create an account with the District, fill out the Access Request Form and sign the Parent Portal Agreement. These forms can be downloaded from [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org), or, call your child's school and ask for a copy. You may also pick these forms up in any school's main office. You can find these forms, as well as the Parent Portal link, under "Parent Resources" on each school's website.

Return the signed forms with a copy of an official photo ID to the school. (We need this to protect your child's confidentiality). The District Technology Office will email you an access code and instructions to log on to the Parent Portal. That's it!

For questions, email [parentportal@peakskillcsd.org](mailto:parentportal@peakskillcsd.org).





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>PKMS Back to School Night: 6:30PM</i>	2 <i>National Custodial Workers Day</i>	3 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i> <i>Varsity Football (Peekskill @ Riverside, Yonkers ): 1:30PM</i>
4	5 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	6 <i>LEAP Begins Hillcrest Picture Day Board of Education Mtg. @ PHS; Public Session: 7PM</i>	7 <i>PHS Open House: 6:00PM</i>	8 <i>Oakside Summer Reading Challenge Celebration: 7PM</i>	9 <i>15 Minutes Early Dismissal for Emergency Evacuation(County-Wide) Professional Learning Academy- Early Release Pre-K –Grade 12 (No PM Pre-K) PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 11/7/15 Test</i>	10 <i>HOME COMING 5K RACE: 8AM Modified Football: 10:30AM Girls' Soccer: 11:30AM Boys' Varsity Soccer: 1PM V Football (Roosevelt @ Peekskill): 2:30PM Jersey Retirement – Joe Chefalo– Class of 1955; Half-time</i>
Family University Begins 10/6-11/21						
PFFA/Local 2343 National Fire Prevention Week – Poster Contest Grades K-6 10/4-10						
11	12 <i>Columbus Day Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	13	14 <i>PHS PSAT Test: 8AM Athletics – Parent Seminar – “How Athletes can be Recruited” 6:30PM PHS Auditorium Woodside Summer Reading Celebration: 7PM</i>	15 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K “Come Play our Way” 7PM</i>	16 <i>1st Quarter Progress Report Mailed K-12</i>	17 <i>Coffee with the Superintendent: 9AM Location TBA</i>
18	19 <i>Hillcrest Summer Reading Challenge Celebration: 6PM</i>	20 <i>Uriah Hill Picture Day SEPTO Meet and Greet PHS Library: 7PM</i>	21 <i>PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	22 <i>PHS Mini College Fair 8:50AM Oakside Picture Day</i>	23	24 <i>PHS Interact Club Safe Halloween: 11AM – 1PM</i>
25	26	27 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 11/7/15 Test Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session 7PM</i>	28	29 <i>PHS Winter Sports Physicals @PHS Nurse’s Office</i>	30 <i>Uriah Hill Costume Parade</i>	31

# Literacy and Transitioning: Peekskill City School District



## Uriah Hill Jr Elementary School

Grades: Pre-K

Lisa Hammel,  
Early Childhood Coordinator

980 Pemart Ave.  
(914) 739-0682  
School Nurse's Office:  
739-0682 ext. 234

Class Times:  
Full Day: 8:30AM-2:30PM  
AM Session: 8:30AM - 11:00AM  
PM Session: 12:00PM - 2:30PM



## Woodside Elementary School

Grades: K, 1

Colleen Hardiman, Principal

612 Depew Street  
(914) 739-0093  
School Nurse's Office:  
739-0093 ext. 235

Breakfast 8:45AM  
Classes Begin: 9:20AM  
Student Dismissal: 3:30PM  
Early Dismissal Half Day: 12:20PM



## Oakside Elementary School

Grades: 2, 3

Staci Woodley, Principal

200 Decatur Avenue  
(914) 737-1591  
School Nurse's Office:  
737-1591 ext. 235

Breakfast 8:00AM  
Classes Begin: 8:35AM  
Student Dismissal: 2:50AM  
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:35AM



## Hillcrest Elementary School

Grades: 4, 5

Jacqueline Liburd, Principal

4 Horton Drive  
(914) 739-2284  
School Nurse's Office:  
739-2284 ext.234

Breakfast: 8:00AM  
Classes Begin: 8:35AM  
Student Dismissal: 2:50PM  
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:35AM



## Peekskill Middle School

Grades: 6, 7, 8

Jamal Lewis, Principal  
Dr. June Campolongo,  
Assistant Principal  
Naima Smith-Moore,  
LEAP Coordinator

212 Ringgold Street  
(914) 737-4542  
School Nurse's Office:  
(914) 737-4542 ext. 2530  
Guidance Office:  
737-4542 ext. 2550  
Attendance Office:  
737-5589 ext. 2550

Breakfast: 7:55AM  
Classes Begin: 8:30AM  
Student Dismissal: 2:42PM  
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:30AM



## Peekskill High School

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Dr. Cassandra Hyacinthe,  
Principal  
Margie Daniels,  
Assistant Principal  
Kent Picou, Assistant Principal  
Griselda Reyes,  
Assistant Principal

1072 Elm Street  
(914)737-0201  
School Nurse's Office:  
737-0201 ext. 317  
Guidance Office:  
737-0201 ext. 311  
Attendance Office:  
737-0201 ext. 309

Breakfast: 7:25AM.  
Classes Begin: 8:10AM  
Student Dismissal: 3:00PM  
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:03AM



## Opportunities for Parent Involvement

Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, the Peekskill City School District will now have one unified Pre-K – Grade 12 Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO is an important part of school life, helping with programs and activities, enhancing positive communication between the school and parents, and organizing fundraisers and other special events. Executive PTO Officers meet the 1st Monday of the month (subject to change), and the Pre-K-12 General meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (subject to change). All parents and guardians of children who attend Peekskill schools are automatically members of the PTO. For more information, please check our website at [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org) and click "PTO" under the "Parents" tab.

### Executive PTO Officers:

- President: Denise Lopez
- Vice President: Margery Rossi
- Treasurer: Ha Wallace
- Secretary: Marisa O'Leary

**S.E.P.T.O. is our District's special education PTO. The S.E.P.T.O. officers for 2015-2016 are: President - Ro Sibrizzi, Vice President - Rosa Rodriguez and Treasurer - Nancy Flaherty. To learn more about S.E.P.T.O., call 737-3300 ext. 327 or visit our District website at [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org) and click on "SEPTO" under the "Parents" tab.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	3 <i>Election Day Superintendent's Conference Day No School for Students Board of Education Mtg. @ PKMS; Public Session: 7PM</i>	4 <i>Woodside Picture Retakes PHS Student Council Blood Drive: 8:30AM – 3PM</i>	5 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 12/5/15 Test Fall Sports Awards Night, Varsity, JV and Modified Teams @ PKMS Cafeteria : 7PM</i>	6 <i>1st Quarter Ends</i>	7 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test, Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>	
8	9 <i>2nd Quarter Begins</i>	10 <i>Hillcrest Picture Retakes SEPTO Mtg. @ PHS Library 7PM</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	12 <i>PreK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No AM Pre-K) PHS Drama Production: 7PM</i>	13 <i>1st Quarter Report Cards Mailed K-12 Pre-K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences (No PM Pre-K) Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner @ Colonial Terrace: 7PM PHS Drama Production: 7PM</i>	14 <i>PHS Drama Production: 7PM</i>	
15	16 <i>Winter Sports Begin</i>	17 <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</i>	18 <i>PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	19 <i>Athletics Mandatory Parents/Coaches Winter Mtg. @ PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	20	21	
22	23 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 12/5/15 Test</i>	24 <i>Uriah Hill Thanksgiving Feast No PM LEAP</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving Recess Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	26 <i>Thanksgiving Recess Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	27 <i>Thanksgiving Recess Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	28	
29	30 <i>Modified Winter Sports Begin</i>						

# General Information

## ATTENDANCE:

Students achieve better academically when they attend school every day. Parents, school staff and students all have a responsibility to contribute to a pattern of regular attendance. Unexcused absence, tardiness and early departure may affect a student's class participation grade.

For a full copy of the District's attendance policy, visit our District Website at [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org) and click "Board Policies" under the Board of Education tab or contact the District Clerk at 914-737-3300 ext. 342.

## RESIDENCE:

According to State Education Law, a child's legal school district residence is generally considered to be the legal residence of the parents, unless there is evidence that the parents have relinquished parental control. Questions of residence for children who do not reside with their parents, and who have not been placed in a foster home by a recognized social service agency, should be referred to the Registrar's Office. The school district will seek tuition reimbursement from families who illegally send their children to our schools. Periodic residence checks will take place during the school year.

Parents of students under the age of 18 or students 18 years or older have the right to inspect and review the education records including all materials in the student's folder.

## REGISTRATION:

New registrants must contact the Registrar's Office located at Uriah Hill Elementary School at 739-0682 ext. 248 for information regarding registration of their children in Peekskill schools. A birth certificate, photo ID such as a driver's license, and proof of residence are required. A copy of medical documentation of state-required immunizations must be presented before registration can be completed.

## BOARD POLICIES AND REGULATIONS:

Board policies and regulations, which are matters of public record, are available for perusal at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill. Many of the policies can also be found on our website, [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org), click Board Policies under the Board of Education tab.

## PEEKSKILL EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

The Peekskill Education Foundation (PEF) is a not-for-profit, 501(c) (3), community based organization dedicated to enriching and expanding the educational experiences and opportunities of students within the Peekskill City School District. Since its founding in 2002, the PEF has raised and donated more than \$100,000 to the Peekskill City School District for a wide range of projects, including classroom and library books; new science and technology equipment; musical programs and instruments; cultural and arts programs; and innovative teacher initiated classroom projects. For more information, or to get involved, please visit the PEF's website at [www.peakskilleducationfoundation.org](http://www.peakskilleducationfoundation.org)

## PARENT RESOURCE CENTER:

Located at Uriah Hill Elementary School, the Lisa Roller Parent Resource Center offers support for families whose children attend our schools from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. The Center provides services including but not limited to parenting workshops, and houses a parent computer with access to the internet and word processing programs. The Center is open during school hours and on specific evenings when workshops and events are scheduled. Call the Uriah Hill Elementary School at 914 739-0682 ext. 248.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION:

The Special Education Department is located at the Administration Center, 1031 Elm Street. The Peekskill City School District provides a continuum of special education programs for students with a broad range of educational disabilities. Classified special education students can receive (depending on their disability) related services, Resource Room, Integrated co-teaching program, consultant teacher model, and self-contained classrooms. There are also out-of-district programs for students

who require a more restrictive environment. Related services include: speech, counseling, vision, occupational and physical therapy. For further information, please contact the Office of Special Services 737-3300 ext 326. The Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) is located at Uriah Hill Elementary School and their contact number is 914-739-0682 ext. 237.

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our elementary schools Grade K through Grade 5 offer an enrichment program for ALL students one period weekly. This school-wide enrichment model offers literacy through the arts, through athletics, through clubs and through science and math. Each school has a designated weekly period where every child is given the opportunity for academic enrichment. In addition, students who are identified as academically talented and are reading above grade level participate in a four period a week enrichment program that incorporates project-based learning with content area subjects. We are committed to meeting the unique academic needs of every child.

## THEATER PROGRAM

The Peekskill City School District is excited to introduce a new Theater Program which will include opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students, including a Theater Elective course at Peekskill High School. We also anticipate fall and spring performances at both PKMS and PHS.

## HILLCREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE (HCSI)

The Hillcrest Community School Initiative (HCSI) works in partnership with Family Ties of Westchester, the Hudson River Health Center, Andrus and Peekskill Agencies Together (PAT). The school will focus on improved literacy outcomes for all students while providing physical and mental/social health support and services. This program provides opportunities for parents and families to engage in the daily life of the school supported by parent liaisons and quality workshops. Please contact Hillcrest's Main Office at (914) 739-2284 for more information on this program.

## PHS FRESHMAN ACADEMY

Freshman Academy is a new Peekskill High School program in which a team of teachers welcome incoming freshman to high school by offering the educational foundation necessary to prepare students for their future college and career ventures. For more information on this program, please visit the Peekskill High School website.

## PHS SUMMIT ACADEMY

Summit Academy is a new alternative learning program for students in grades 9 through 12. The goal of Summit Academy is to help every student find a pathway to graduation from Peekskill High School and to success in life. The program provides an environment of individualized attention, differentiation, and focus on social and emotional learning to promote confidence and self-assurance. Here, young people will understand the importance of taking ownership over their education. Summit Academy is located on the ground floor of the Uriah Hill School. For more information on this program, visit: <http://www.summitacademypeekskill.com/>

## HASS' WAY

Hass' Way is an out-of-school suspension program that provides tutoring and counseling to students from Peekskill Middle School and Peekskill High School. The goal of Hass' Way is to enable students to return to their regular classes having gained some additional tools for academic and social success, including a more positive attitude towards school. All Hass' Way classes are taught by certified teachers.

## GED PROGRAM

Peekskill has designed a GED program which will provide eligible students opportunities to attain a high school equivalency diploma. This program may be utilized as a bridge towards graduation for our youngsters as success leads to success within. Classes will take place in the District Administration Building and follow a state regulated and aligned curriculum.

# Here's What To Do "If"

- You have a problem: Call your child's principal for help.
- You want to meet with a teacher: Call your child's school to arrange a conference.
- A student becomes ill at school: He or she will be taken to the nurse's office. If it becomes necessary to send your child home because of illness, you will be notified and requested to provide transportation.
- You want homework assignments: Call your child's school and leave a message for the teacher.
- Your child is absent: Call your child's school within the first hour of the day of the child's absence. If you do not call, a member of the staff may call your home on that day. You must send a note listing the dates of absence and the reasons for the absence with your child upon return to school. The note must be received within 3 days or the absence will be considered illegal.
- Your child will be home for more than 2 weeks due to illness or injury: Send a doctor's note to the school. Arrangements will be made for a home tutor for that period of time.
- You want a message delivered: Only emergency messages may be delivered to students. In case of emergency, give the message to the building principal or school secretary and it will be transmitted to the student.
- A lunch is left home: Deliver it to the school office. Students who leave lunches at home are responsible for coming to the office to claim them.
- Your child loses something: Have the child look in the school lost and found. Call the school office. Labeling articles with your child's name can avoid confusion in identifying lost items.
- You change your address or telephone number: Please inform your school office immediately.
- You plan to move: Please give the school office the information needed to forward your child's records to the new school.


# In Case of Emergency

The Peekskill City School District is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of its students and staff. Our Emergency Management Plan has been guided by and coordinated with the Peekskill and Westchester County Emergency Management Offices, PNW BOCES and the State Education Department.

Each school has plans for emergencies and a staff team trained to assist students. Radios and walkie talkies are in place should a loss of electricity occur, and a cell phone contact list has been established. In-classroom and central location drills are held periodically. In the event that schools must be evacuated, the County Emergency Management Office and PNW BOCES will coordinate transportation efforts, and decisions as to where to transport students will be based on the actual emergency and what is the safest place for students.

In the event of an emergency in which schools are the safest place, the District is prepared to keep the children until it is safe for them to leave. Should a situation arise where it is best to close schools and send students home or to safer locations in Peekskill, the district will ensure that all children are kept safe until an approved adult arrives to pick them up.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Hillcrest; Public Session: 7PM</i> <i>Uriah Hill Picture Retakes</i>	2 <i>Oakside Picture Retakes</i>	3 <i>PKMS Picture Retakes</i> <i>PKMS Select Chorus Benoit Concert @ Paramount: 7PM</i>	4	5 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test, Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i> <i>SEPTO Breakfast With Santa @ PKMS: 10AM-12PM</i>
6	7 <i>Uriah Hill Progress Reports</i> <i>Hillcrest Evening Book Fair: 6PM</i> <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	8	9 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Sing-A-Long: 9:30AM</i>	10 <i>Woodside Grade 1 Sing-A-Long 9:30AM</i> <i>Hillcrest Winter Concert @ PKMS: 7PM</i>	11 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Pre-K-12</i> <i>(No AM Pre-K; PM Pre-K moves to AM session)</i>	12
13	14	15 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Holiday Sing-A-Long: 9:30AM &amp; 1PM</i> <i>PHS Student Council Silent Auction: 6PM</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session 7PM</i>	16 <i>PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	17 <i>Oakside 2nd Grade Sing-A-Long: 1:30PM</i> <i>No PM LEAP</i> <i>PHS Band and Chorus Winter Concert: 7PM</i>	18 <i>2nd Quarter Progress Reports Mailed K-12</i> <i>Oakside 3rd Grade Sing-A-Long: 1:30PM</i>	19
20	21	22 <i>PKMS Winter Concert: 7PM</i>	23 <i>No PM LEAP</i>	24 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	25 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	26
27	28 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i> <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 1/23/16 Test</i>	29 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i>	30 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i>	31 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>		

# Bus Safety Rules

Bus transportation is a privilege and can be denied based upon violation of The Code of Conduct. The following are the rules for bus safety:

- Students must obey the instructions of, and show respect for, the school bus driver and monitor.
- Bullying, physical abuse, or sexual harassment of any kind will not be tolerated on the school bus.
- Defacing or any act of vandalism on or to the school bus will not be tolerated.
- Use of drugs or alcohol while riding the school bus is prohibited.
- Smoking, eating or drinking while riding the school bus is prohibited.
- All students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- The use of seat belts is recommended.
- Cussing, loud or abusive language of any kind is prohibited on the school bus, and may result in suspension of bus privileges.
- Large toys, hand held electronic games or other objects (including radios and instruments) are not permitted on the school bus.
- Live animals are not permitted on the school bus.
- Students must keep their head, arms and hands inside the school bus at all times.
- Students must keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Students must be prepared to board the school bus 5 minutes prior to pick-up time.
- Repeated violations of bus rules will result in progressive student discipline consistent with school district policy and the law.

## Incident Weather Procedures

In bad weather when it seems likely that weather and street conditions will improve later in the day, opening of school will be delayed. When inclement weather is severe enough, school may close for the entire day. As soon as this decision has been made, the announcement will be carried over the radio and television stations listed below, and posted on the District website: [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org). The District will also make notification phone calls through the automated ConnectedED service.

**Peekskill:** WLNA 1420 AM; WHUD 100.7 FM; <http://www.pamal.com/stormcenter/whud.php>

**NYC:** WABC

**Poughkeepsie:** WEOK 1390 AM; WRNN-TV; NEWS 12; TV PCSD Cablevision Channel 77 & Verizon Fios Channel 32

**Facebook and Twitter**

## Transportation

The Peekskill Board of Education has approved transportation for any K through Grade One student who lives between one-half mile and fifteen miles from school, and any Grade 2 through Grade 5 student who lives between one mile and fifteen miles from school. By New York State law, our Transportation Department must determine the shortest driving route from home to school using public roads. The mileage must meet the eligibility requirements. The Board acts by resolution each year to determine private and parochial school transportation for the upcoming school year. If approved, **requests for such transportation must be received in the District by April 1 in the year preceding the school year for which transportation is being requested.** Bus passes will be issued to all students eligible for transportation. Any student not in possession of a bus pass may not be allowed to board the bus. Inquiries concerning any transportation matter or problem should be directed to the Transportation Department, located at the Uriah Hill Elementary School, 980 Pemart Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566, (914) 739-0682 ext. 248. Any questions regarding lost items left on the bus should be directed to Montauk Student Transport at 914-428-1400.

## Traffic Safety

Standing or parking cars in unauthorized areas on school property are a hazard to the safety of students. We ask the cooperation of parents and visitors in helping us keep these areas and other approaches to school properly clear at all times. Please obey all traffic signs and give your fullest cooperation to the traffic officers. Illegally parked cars may be towed at owner's expense.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1 <b>Holiday Recess</b> <b>Buildings Closed –</b> <b>No District Transportation</b>	2
3	4 <b>Classes Resume</b> <b>PTO Executive Meeting,</b> <b>BOE Room.: 6:30PM</b>	5 <b>SEPTO Mtg. @ PHS Library:</b> <b>7PM</b>	6 	7  <b>No PM LEAP</b>	8	9 <b>Basketball Alumni Day</b> <b>@PHS</b>	
10	11	12 <b>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late</b> <b>Registration for 1/23/16 Test</b> <b>Board of Education Mtg.</b> <b>@ Oakside; Public Session:</b> <b>7PM</b>	13	14	15	16 <b>Coffee with the</b> <b>Superintendent: 9AM</b> <b>Location TBA</b>	
17	18 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> <b>Buildings Closed –</b> <b>No District Transportation</b>	19 <b>Board of Education Mtg.</b> <b>@ Admin. Bldg; Public</b> <b>Session: 7PM</b>	20 <b>PTO Pre-K-12 General</b> <b>Meeting, Ford Auditorium:</b> <b>6:30PM</b>	21	22	23 <b>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test, Cafeteria:</b> <b>7:30AM</b>	
24	25	26 <b>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent</b> <b>Workshop 1:30PM</b>	27	28	29 <b>2nd Quarter Ends</b> <b>Professional Learning</b> <b>Academy – Early Release</b> <b>Pre-K -12</b> <b>(No PM Pre-K)</b>	30	
31		PHS NYS Regents 1/26-29					



# 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1	Tuesday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
September 2	Wednesday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
September 3	Thursday	First day of School K-12 (9/8 Pre-K starts and Kindergarten 1st full day)
September 7	Monday	Labor Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
September 14	Monday	Rosh Hashanah - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
September 15	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah - Buildings Open; No Transportation
September 23	Wednesday	Yom Kippur - Buildings Open; No Transportation
October 9	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K)
October 12	Monday	Columbus Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
November 3	Tuesday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
November 11	Wednesday	Veteran's Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
November 25-27	Mon/Tues/Wed	Thanksgiving Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
December 11	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K)
December 24, 25	Thursday/Friday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
December 28-30	Mon/Tues/Wed	Holiday Recess - Buildings Open; No Transportation
December 31	Thursday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
January 1	Friday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
January 4	Monday	Classes Resume
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
January 29	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K)
February 15	Monday	Winter Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
February 16-19	Tuesday-Friday	Winter Recess - Buildings Open; No Transportation
March 21-23	Mon/Tues/Wed	Spring Recess - Buildings Open; No Transportation
March 24, 25	Thursday/Friday	Spring Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
April 22	Friday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
May 20	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K)
May 30	Monday	Memorial Day Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
June 10	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K)
June 22	Wednesday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K) - Last day for AM
June 23	Thursday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K) Last day for PM
June 26	Friday	Last Day of School for Students - Early Dismissal

**Note:** If NO snow days are used, school will be closed 5/27 & 5/31. If 1 snow day is used, schools will be closed 5/27(5/31 school is in session).

If 2 snow days are used, the calendar stands as shown (5/27 & 5/31 school in session).

**Note:** If more than 6 snow days are used, weather make-up days to be taken in the following order: 3/21, 3/22, 3/23

## College Testing Programs — 2015-16

NYS Testing Dates At PHS SAT I & II	Registration Deadlines Without Penalty	Late Registration Penalty
October 3, 2015	September 3, 2015	September 22, 2015
November 7, 2015	October 9, 2015	October 27, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015	November 23, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 28, 2015	January 12, 2016
March 5, 2016	February 5, 2016	February 23, 2016
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016	April 26, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016	May 25, 2016

**Peekskill High School Test Center Code: 334465**

**Test Center Code: 33-754**

### General Information:

1. Online Registration for SAT's: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
2. Consult College Board for nearest test center location.
3. Peekskill High School Code is 334465.
4. Peekskill High School will be a center for the above SAT I and II testing dates.
5. Late Online Registration for SAT's: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### Advanced Placement Examination Dates

Monday – Friday, May 2 – May 6, 2016  
Monday – Friday, May 9 – May 13, 2016

### Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Date

**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Peekskill High School Cafeteria.



# February 2016

Black History Month / National African American Read-In Month

WWW.PEEKSKILLCSD.ORG

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1 3rd Quarter Begins PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</p>	<p>2 Board of Education Mtg. @ Woodside; Public Session: 7PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 2nd Quarter Report Cards Mailed K-12 PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 3/5/16 Test PKMS Drama Production: 7PM</p>	<p>6 PKMS Drama Production: 7PM</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 SEPTO Mtg. @ PHS Library: 7PM</p>	<p>10 PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</p>	<p>11 PHS Parent/Teachers Conference: 6:30-8:30PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 President's Day Winter Recess Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</p>	<p>16 Winter Recess Buildings Open</p>	<p>17 Winter Recess Buildings Open</p>	<p>18 Winter Recess Buildings Open</p>	<p>19 Winter Recess Buildings Open</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 3/5/16 Test Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>					

# Graduation Requirements

Diplomas will be granted on the successful completion of the requirements of the Board of Regents, the Commissioner of Education, and the Peekskill City School District Board of Education. Graduation requirements are complex and New York State law has changed. Students and parents must consult with a guidance counselor for exact requirements.

The Board of Education understands that acquiring a high school diploma is an essential step for all adults. Therefore the Board amends the cohort policy to allow students 4 or 5 years to obtain a diploma.

## In order to qualify for a Regents Diploma:

- A student must earn 22 units of credit and score 65 or above on 5 Regents exams. The credits 22 units of credit distributed as follows: 4 ELA, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 mathematics, ½ health, 1 arts, 1 language other than English (LOTE), 2 physical education, 3 ½ electives. The assessments for 5 required Regents exams(1) with a score of 65 are as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 2 social studies, and 1 ELA. One of the Social Studies regents can be substituted for a pathway assessment. <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsdiploma>
- There is an appeal for one regents score with a score of 62-64. The non-regents pathway exams are not subject to appeal. <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regpasscore>

## In order to qualify for a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation:

- A student must earn 22 units of credit and score 65 on 8 regents' assessments. The traditional exam combination is ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, and 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science). A pathway assessment can be substituted for one of the social studies exams.
- In addition a student must pass either a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination or complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE. <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#regentsAD>

Generally, all students must complete 4 credits of English Language Arts, 4 credits of Social Studies, 3 credits of Mathematics, 3 credits of Science, 3.5 credits in Electives, 2 credits in Physical Education, 1 credit in the Arts, and ½ credit in Health. There are exceptions to these requirements, so students and parents should be sure to consult with a guidance counselor.

## In order to qualify for Regents with Advanced Designation with Honors:

- A student must earn 22 units of credit and score 65 on 8 regents' assessments. The traditional exam combination is ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, and 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science). A pathway assessment can be substituted for one of the social studies exams.
- The student must meets all assessment requirements for the Regents diploma with advanced designation (see above) with a computed average score of 90 or better (no more than 2 Department approved alternatives may be substituted and will not count in the computed average)
- Note: The locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE examination is not included in the computed average. <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1005.html#diplomaHonors>

*For Students entering the 9th grade in September 2008 and thereafter, all non-classified students must score a minimum of 65% on each of the five (5) required Regents Examinations in order to graduate.*

# School, Parents, and Students Supporting Achievement

Parents and guardians are the most important people in a child's life. Positive parental involvement is essential to student achievement.

## To help children achieve, parents, students, and schools should pledge to do the following in the 2015-2016 school year:

### PARENTS: We will support learning by:

- Making sure our child attends school
- Making sure that homework is done
- Limiting television
- Volunteering when possible in our child's school
- Participating in decisions regarding our child's education
- Promoting positive use of extracurricular time
- Staying informed about our child's education and communicating with the school regularly.

### STUDENTS: We will improve our grades and,

- Do homework every day and ask for help when needed
- Read at least 20 minutes a day outside of school
- Give our parents all notices and information from my school every day

### SCHOOLS: We will provide:

- High-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
- Reasonable access to staff for parents
- Opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class and to observe classroom activities

For helpful Web sites and tips for parents, families, students and educators, look at Parent Resources on our website, [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org).





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</i>	2 <i>Winter Sports Awards Night @PHS Cafeteria: 7PM</i>	3 <i>PHS Spring Sports Physicals Nurse's Office</i>	4	5 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test, Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
Family University 2nd Session Begins 3/1-4/23						
6	7 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	8 <i>PKMS National Jr. Honor Society Induction Ceremony: 7PM</i>	9 <i>PHS Student Council Blood Drive: 8:30AM – 3PM PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	10 <i>Uriah Hill Parent Teacher Conferences (No AM Pre-K) Hillcrest Instrumental Night: 7PM</i>	11 <i>Uriah Hill Parent Teacher Conferences (No PM Pre-K) PKMS Drama Production Snow Date: 7PM</i>	12 <i>PKMS Drama Production Snow Date: 7PM</i>
Kindergarten Registration 3/7-11 call for appointment 914-739-0682 Ext. 246						
National Foreign Language Week 3/7-11						
13	14 <i>Uriah Hill Progress Reports Spring – Varsity &amp; JV Sports Begin</i>	15 <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</i>	16 <i>PHS National Honor /Math Honor Society Induction Ceremony: 7PM</i>	17 <i>Athletics Mandatory Spring Parent and Coaches Mtg. @ PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	18 <i>3rd Quarter Progress Reports Mailed K-12</i>	19
20	21 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	22 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	23 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	24 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	25 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	26
27	28 <i>Modified Sports Begin</i>	29	30	31 <i>PKMS LEAP Living Legacy Awards: 7PM</i>		

# Dress Code

The Peekskill City School District has a dress code, included in the Code of Conduct. Be sure to check with your building principal if you have any questions.

## Peekskill City School District students MAY choose clothing from the following:

### PANTS

- Any solid color pants or jeans, navy/black/khaki (preferred)
- Appropriate size for waist and length

### SHORTS/SKIRTS

- Any solid color, navy/black/khaki (preferred)

### SHIRTS

- Any solid color
- Should have collar or turtleneck
- Tee shirts that adhere to the code
- Must be appropriate size for child

### SWEATER/VEST

- Any solid color
- Wear dress code shirt underneath

### SWEATSHIRTS/JERSEYS

- Any solid color
- No writing except Peekskill school logo shirts
- Must have sleeves

### SHOES

- Loafer/slip-on, Lace-up, Tennis/Sneakers (required for PE classes)

### BELT

- Color: Black/Brown/Tan (preferred)
- Pants designed for belts must be belted

## Peekskill City School District students MAY NOT wear clothing from the following:

### PANTS

- No oversized baggy jeans, or cargo pants
- Pants worn below the intended waistline or inside out
- Cut-up pants, no rips or holes may be above mid-thigh

### SHORTS/SKIRTS

- No extremely brief garments such as short skirts or short shorts
- Cut-off shorts
- Dresses that have slits above mid-thigh
- No shorter than 3 inches above the knees
- No low riding pants that expose body parts or tattoos

**SHIRTS/TOPS:** Any see-through garments, undershirts, no midriff tops, tube tops, net tops, halter top, oversized tank tops, spaghetti tops, plunging necklines (front and back)

**SHOES:** bare feet, flip-flops/slippers, cleated shoes, shoe skates, chinese slippers, footwear that is a safety hazard

**BELT:** Large belt buckles

**OTHER:** Hats, sunglasses, hoods, bandanas, do-rags, scarves or headbands except for medical or religious purposes, heavy coats or jackets (not to be worn inside the building), any jewelry or accessory that may be used as a weapon (metal or plastic finger rings, chains, keys, and spiked bracelets, etc.), combs, picks, curlers, or rakes worn in hair, items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, gang related (beads: red, white, green, black) or that denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, promotion and/or the endorsement of use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encouraging other illegal, violent or sexual activities, items not designed to be worn as outerwear in a school setting, including but not limited to: spandex, or nylon tights, leotards, biker pants, bathing suits, underwear (including boxer shorts) exposure of underwear or mid-body area, pajamas, or any items that may be considered disruptive to the educational process. (Hats are to be removed upon entering the building. They may be worn in the corridors of the high school.)

## TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE

The Board of Education has prohibited the use of cell phones, beepers, and unauthorized tape recorders, radios, CD players and portable listening devices during the instructional day, however, they may be used in the high school cafeteria. Taking digital images or photographs on school grounds without permission of the administrator is prohibited.

## Code of Conduct

In keeping with the mandates of Project SAVE legislation (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act), as well as the Dignity for All Students Act and federal civil rights statutes, the Board of Education has adopted a Code of Conduct. The set of expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity.

Students are expected to conduct themselves with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school and general community. Teachers are expected to maintain a climate of mutual respect and dignity, which will strengthen students' confidence to learn. Parents are expected to recognize that the education of their children is a joint responsibility along with the school community.




The full, 37-page Code of Conduct also includes sections on dress, language and behavior; procedures for detention, removal and suspensions of students; responses to violations of the Code; security and safety of students and school personnel; and referring students to juvenile delinquency proceedings and to human service agencies. A copy of the Code of Conduct may be reviewed at the District's Administration Center, at each of the schools, or on our website, [www.peekskillcsd.org](http://www.peekskillcsd.org)

### No student shall be subjected to discrimination based on:

Actual or perceived race	Religious practice
Color	Disability
Weight	Sexual orientation
National origin	Gender identity, or
Ethnic group	Sex
Religion	

The District Coordinators for DASA are the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, Mr. Daniel Callahan and Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Mrs. Mary Foster, (914) 737-3300 ext. 324. Each school building also has a DASA coordinator.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3	4 <b>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</b>	5 <b>No LEAP SEPTO Mtg. @ PHS Library 7PM</b>	6 <b>No LEAP</b>	7 <b>No LEAP</b>	8 <b>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 5/7/16 Test</b>	9
NYS Grades 3-8 ELA 4/5-7, make up dates 4/8-12						
10	11	12 <b>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</b>	13	14	15 <b>3rd Quarter Ends</b>	16 <b>Coffee with the Superintendent: 9AM Location TBA</b>
NYS Grades 3-8 Math 4/13-15, make up dates 4/18-20						
NYSESLAT Speaking 4/12- 5/13						
17	18 <b>4th Quarter Begins</b>	19 <b>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</b>	20 <b>PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</b>	21 <b>Hillcrest Poetry Café: 7PM</b>	22 <b>Superintendent's Conference Day – No School for Students 3rd Quarter Report Cards Mailed K-12</b>	23
Class of 2017 Pre-K Fair (by appointment) 4/18-21						
24	25	26 <b>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 5/7/16</b>	27 <b>Administrative Professional Day</b>	28 <b>K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences PHS Drama Production: 7PM</b>	29 <b>K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences PHS Drama Production: 7PM</b>	30 <b>PHS Drama Production: 7PM</b>
Administrative Professional Week 4/25 -29						



# Guidelines for Visiting Our District Schools

**The school district extends a warm welcome to parents, guardians and others to visit our schools and classrooms. Active involvement of families and the community in students' education is a key to student success and is one of the goals of the District's strategic plan.**

To keep students and staff safe and secure and to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, the District has developed the following guidelines for school visits:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.
2. All visitors to the school must report to the visitor reception area or office of the principal upon arrival at the school. There they will be required to sign the visitor's register and will be issued a visitor's identification badge, which must be worn at all times while in the school or on school grounds. The visitor must return the identification badge to the issuing office before leaving the building.
3. Persons who desire to visit a school building shall do so only with the permission of an appropriate administrative staff member.
4. Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as parent- teacher organization meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.
5. Parents or citizens who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are required to arrange such visits in advance with the appropriate building administrator, so that class disruption is kept to a minimum.
6. Teachers are expected not to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.
7. Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to the principal or designee by any staff member. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave. The police may be called if the situation warrants.
6. All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in this Code of Conduct.

**Please know that it is the goal of the district to create a safe, secure and positive learning environment for all its students and their families.**

## District Athletics

Students in our District have the opportunity to choose from among nearly three dozen athletic programs. The following sports are offered:

### FALL SPORTS

Football (Varsity, JV Football, Modified - 7, 8 grades)  
Soccer (Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Boys Modified and Girls Modified)  
Swimming (Girls)  
Tennis (Girls)  
Volleyball (Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Girls, Modified Girls)  
Cross Country (Boys and Girls Varsity)  
Cheerleading (Varsity - Modified)

### WINTER SPORTS

Cheerleading (Varsity, Modified)  
Basketball (Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Girls, Modified Boys, Modified Girls)  
Bowling (Boys and Girls Teams)  
Track (Boys and Girls Teams)  
Indoor to track  
Wrestling (Varsity, Modified.)  
Swimming (Boys)

### SPRING SPORTS

Baseball (Varsity, Modified)  
Golf Varsity (merges with Putnam Valley)  
Lacrosse (Varsity, Modified)  
Softball (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified)  
Tennis (Boys)  
Track (Boys and Girls Teams)




## Co-Curricular Activities

At Peekskill High School, co-curricular activities and clubs offer students the opportunity to develop new skills, make friends, learn more about themselves and the world, and benefit their community. Students who would like to participate should obtain information at the high school office. The roster usually includes most of the following activities:

Academic Competition Club	Interact Club
Art Club	Irish Culture Club
Black Culture Club	Latino Club
Book Club	Literary Magazine Club
Cheerleaders	Math Competition Club
Chess Club	Math Honor Society
Class Councils	National Honor Society
Drama Club	Newspaper – Mercury
Environmental Club	Ski Club
Exchange Club	Student Council
Gardening Club	Yearbook

## LEAP

Peekskill Middle School's Learning Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP) provides after school learning opportunities in a structured environment. During the three hour program, students receive academic support, a meal, and learn new skills in such areas as Dance, Drama, Athletics, and Fine Arts. For more information, call 914-737-4542 ext. 2540.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room; 6:30PM</i>	3 <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</i> <i>Teachers Appreciation Day</i>	4	5 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 6/4/16 Test</i>	6 <i>National Nurse's Day</i>	7 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test, Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
National Teachers Appreciation Week 5/2-6 / National Nurses Week 5/6-12						
NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing 5/2-13; Advanced Placement Exams 5/2-13						
8	9 <i>PTO BOE Candidate Forum, Ford Auditorium: 7PM</i>	10 <i>SEPTO Mtg. @ PHS Library: 7PM</i>	11 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Spring Sing-A- Long: 9:30AM &amp; 1PM</i>	12 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Spring Sing-A- Long: 9:30AM</i>	13 <i>Woodside 1st Grade Spring Sing-A- Long: 9:30AM</i>	14
15	16 <i>LEAP End-of-Year Trip (No LEAP)</i>	17 <i>Oakside Grade 2 Spring Concert: 9:15AM</i> <i>Board of Education Annual School Budget Vote, Polls Open 7AM-9PM</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</i> <i>Hillcrest Spring Concert at PHS: 7PM</i>	18 <i>Oakside Grade 3 Spring Concert: 9:15AM</i> <i>PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	19 <i>PKMS Spring Concert: 7PM</i>	20 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Pre-K-12 (No AM Pre-K)</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>PHS Honors Symposium: 7PM</i>	25 <i>Last day of LEAP</i> <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 6/4/16 Test</i> <i>PHS Band and Chorus Spring Concert: 7PM</i>	26 <i>PKMS LEAP Celebration: 3:30-6PM</i>	27 <i>4th Quarter Progress Reports Mailed K-12</i>	28
Grades 4&8 Science Performance Test 5/25-6/3						
29	30 <i>Memorial Day Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed – No District Transportation</i>	31 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM</i>				

# Promoting Wellness Throughout Our District

Our District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being and the ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Our Wellness Policy, adopted by the Board of Education on Aug. 1, 2006, is intended to enhance the learning and development of lifelong wellness practices. Following are some of its goals:

- School programs will ensure that students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 receive nutrition education that provides the knowledge they need to adopt healthy lifestyles. These concepts will be reinforced by all school personnel, and will be integrated into all subject areas.
- Nutrition education will include reinforcement of the importance of physical activity and the health risks associated with a sedentary lifestyle. The District will identify and implement specific programs for students at risk.
- The District will provide educational information and encourage healthy eating and physical activity for families, both within the home and outside the home.
- Schools will encourage parents to support their children's lifelong participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

Students' lifelong eating habits are greatly influenced by the types of foods and beverages available in their daily environment. The Peekskill City School District establishes the following program requirements and nutrition standards to address all foods and beverages sold or served to students:

- All grain products served will be that of a whole grain variety.
- All efforts will be made to select equivalent food items that are lower in sodium and sugar content.
- All portion sizes will be provided in compliance with the USDA requirements for both school lunch items, and a la carte items.
- Fundraisers undertaken will adhere to the USDA Dietary Guidelines.

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## Family University Series

The Family University Series offers Adult Education programs with courses on developing computer skills; learning English or Spanish as a second language; parenting skills; communication skills; and promoting non-violent solutions to conflict. Workshops on health are offered in conjunction with the Hudson River Healthcare Center and other agencies. To register, please call 914-739-0682 Ext. 248.

Classes are free and open to parents of Peekskill City School District. They are held in the evening and on Saturday mornings. Most are held at Peekskill Middle School. The Family University is grant funded.

Brochures that list the dates and times can be found at district schools, the Administration Center and the Field Library.

# Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Breakfast and lunch are offered every school day in all of our school buildings. Students may choose to bring a complete lunch from home, including beverages in plastic containers or cans; glass bottles are not permitted. Students may choose to purchase milk to supplement their lunch or may purchase an entire meal from the District's food service program. Each month, menus are available to be sent home with the students, check website. The District has implemented the use of MYSCHOOLBUCKS.com to allow parents to make payments online. You may visit our District and school websites for access to My School Bucks.

## Free and Reduced Price Breakfast/Lunch Program

The Peekskill School District participates in the federal free and reduced price lunch program. State guidelines and application forms are sent home through the schools to all children in September (also on our website). It is important that every family return this form regardless of income. In some instances, families that exceed the income limit, but have a financial hardship may be eligible for free or reduced price breakfast and lunch. If your child receives free or reduced price lunch, he or she will be treated the same as all other children and will not be identified when getting their food.

### 2015-2016 Breakfast and Lunch





Elementary breakfast:	\$1.10	Reduced-price lunch:	.25¢
Reduced-price breakfast:	.25¢	Secondary Lunch:	\$2.00
Secondary breakfast:	\$1.10	Student milk	
Elementary lunch:	\$1.85	(white or chocolate):	.35¢

**Adult Lunch** — per NYS guidelines to be established + tax (Estimated to be \$3.53)

**Adult Breakfast** — per NYS guidelines established + tax (Estimated to be \$2.10)





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>PHS Algebra II Testing (Common Core)</i> <i>Woodside 1st Grade Field Day</i> <i>Spring Sports Awards Night @ PHS Cafeteria: 7PM</i>	2 <i>Oakside 3rd Grade Field Day</i> <i>PHS Awards Grades 9–11: 8AM</i> <i>PKMS 8th Grade Awards: 6:30PM</i>	3 <i>Oakside 2nd Grade Field Day</i> <i>PHS Prom @ Greentree Country Club, New Rochelle: 6:30PM</i>	4 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test, Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
5	6 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K 2016/17 Lottery</i> <i>Woodside Kindergarten Field Day</i> <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room; 6:30PM</i>	7 <i>SEPTO Differences Day @ Hillcrest</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ PHS; Public Session: 7PM</i>	8 <i>Woodside 1st Grade Field Day Rain Date</i> <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences (No AM Pre-K)</i> <i>PTO Pre-K-12 General Meeting, Ford Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	9 <i>PHS Last Day of Regular Classes</i> <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences (No PM Pre-K)</i> <i>Hillcrest Science Fair: 6PM</i>	10 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Pre-K-8 (No PM Pre-K)</i> <i>PHS Final Exams</i>	11
Grades 4&8 Science Written Test 6/6 Make up days 6/7,8				PKMS Local Exams 6/9-10 and 6/13-17		
12	13 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Field Day Rain Date</i> <i>Hillcrest 4th and 5th Awards Ceremony: 9:30AM and 1PM</i> <i>PHS Final Exams</i>	14 <i>Flag Day</i> <i>PKMS 7th Grade Awards: 8:30AM</i> <i>PKMS 6th Grade Awards: 2PM</i> <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Visit to Kindergarten</i>	15 <i>Hillcrest 3rd Grade Meet the Principal: 6PM</i>	16 <i>Hillcrest 4th Grade Field Day</i>	17 <i>Hillcrest 5th Grade Field Day</i>	18
PHS NYS Regents 6/14 – 6/22						
19	20 <i>Hillcrest 4th Grade Field Day Rain Date</i>	21 <i>Hillcrest 5th Grade Field Day Rain Date</i> <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Graduation: 9:30AM and 1:00PM</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session 7PM</i>	22 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Pre-K-8</i> <i>Uriah Hill Last Day for AM (No PM Pre-K)</i> <i>PKMS Grade 8 Dinner Dance: 6PM</i> <i>PHS Senior Awards @ Paramount: 7PM</i>	23 <i>Professional Learning Academy – Early Release Pre-K-8</i> <i>Uriah Hill (No AM Pre-K) (Last day for PM)</i> <i>PKMS Graduation Rehearsal: 10AM</i> <i>PKMS Graduation @ Paramount: 6:30PM</i>	24 <i>4th Quarter Ends Last Day for Students Early Dismissal (K-8)</i> <i>PHS Science Honors Seminar Symposium: 7PM</i>	25
26 <i>PHS Graduation @ Paramount: 2PM</i>	27	28	29	30		

**Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)  
NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA  
FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to student's education records. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents or eligible students may ask the school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their rights to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate education interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. (NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request).

(4) The right not to have Directory Information disclosed without prior written consent. This school district designates the following items as Directory Information, and may disclose any of these items without prior written consent, unless the school principal is notified to the contrary, in writing, by the parent/guardian or eligible student by September 30, 2015.

- name
- address, telephone listing (disclosed only to parent-teacher organizations, other organizations with an official relationship with the school district whose primary purpose is to benefit the school district and government agencies)
- participated in officially-recognized school activities or sports,
- weight and height of members of an athletic team,
- school of attendance and degrees/awards received,
- most recent/previous school attended,
- photographs for use by the District and media.

(5) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

**Family Policy Compliance  
U.S. Department of Education  
600 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605**

# NYS Immunization Requirements for All Student Entry 2015-2016

<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>K through 12</b>
<b>3 doses of Diphtheria</b>	<b>3 doses of Diphtheria</b>
<b>3 doses of Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP)</b> <i>(children born on or after 1/1/2005)</i>	<b>3 doses of Tetanus and Pertussis DTaP, DTP</b> <i>(children born on or after 1/1/2005)</i>
<b>Not applicable</b>	<b>1 dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)</b> <i>(grades 6-11 for the 2015-2016 year)</i>
<b>3 doses of Polio (IPV or OPV)</b>	<b>3 doses of Polio (IPV or OPV)</b>
<b>1 dose of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)</b>	<b>2 doses of Measles and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella</b>
<b>3 doses of Hepatitis B</b>	<b>3 doses of Hepatitis B</b>
<b>3 doses of Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)</b> <i>if less than 15 months old or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age.</i>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>4 doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)</b> <i>by 15 months of age if born on or after 1/1/2008</i>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>1 dose of Varicella (Chickenpox)</b>	<b>1 dose of Varicella (Chickenpox)</b> <i>for students born on or after 1/1/1998 or on or after 1/1/1994 and enrolling in grades 6 through 12 for the 2012-2013 school year.</i>

Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner that a child/students has had measles, mumps, or varicella diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases.

## Student Support Services

### STUDENT RECORDS ACCESS

Parents of students under the age of 18, or students 18 years or older have the right to inspect and review the education records, including all materials in the students' folder.

### HOME AND INSTRUCTION

Students who are homebound due to temporary disabilities are eligible to receive home instruction. Home instruction for elementary grade students is one hour per school day and two hours per school day for secondary students. A parent or guardian must notify the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary/Elementary Education in writing, if a student requires home instruction. An application form must be completed, and a parent or guardian must be present during the instruction.

### SECTION 504 REHABILITATION ACT

Section 504 under the Federal Civil rights statute ensures that any individual with a disability cannot be discriminated against. The individual must have a documented disability. Students in the general education population may be found eligible for accommodations under Section 504 if their activities of daily living are limited by their disability. Requests can be made to the District Compliance Officer: Joyce Long, Director of Special Services, 914-737-3300 ext. 327, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, 10566.

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Instructional Support Teams are located in each school. The team consists of the School Psychologist, Guidance Counselor, Social Worker, Nurse, and Administrative and Teaching Staff representatives. The team is available for Committee on Special Education evaluations, crisis intervention, and consultation with parents.

### MEDICATION

Medicine can only be given with a written physician's order, which includes the patient's name, medication name, dose, and the time to be administered. The parent must also sign a written request for the medicine to be administered in the pharmacy labeled container. This includes over the counter medication.

# July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <i>PHS/PKMS 4th Quarter Report Cards Mailed</i>	2
3	4	5 <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 4PM</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16 <i>Board of Education Mtg. @ Admin. Bldg; Public Session: 7PM</i>	17	18	19	20
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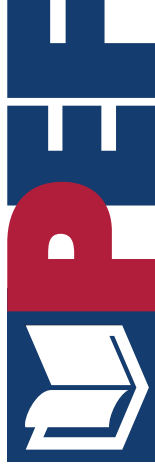
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