Peekskill High School
9th Grade
Spring Parents’ Night
March 6, 2019

PHS Freshman Academy
Foundation for Success
Tonight Topics

➢ PHS Highlights
➢ Course Selection
  ➢ 2019–2020 school year
  ➢ NCAA
  ➢ Mercy College STEP
➢ Transition to Sophomore Year
➢ Regents Exams
➢ Understanding PSAT and the National Merit Scholarship
➢ Naviance / Family Connection
➢ End of the year procedures
Who are we?

Administration:
• Mr. Arthur - School Principal
• Dr. Daniels - Assistant Principal
• Dr. Ferris - Assistant Principal
• Mrs. Smith Moore - Assistant Principal
• Mr. Toro - Freshman Academy Assistant Principal

Clinical Staff:
• Ms. Bean - School Social Worker
• Ms. Brown - School Psychologist
• Mr. Olmstead - School Psychologist
Who are we?

Counselors:

- **Ms. Bishop** -
  - 10th Grade: R - Z
  - 11th Grade: S - Z
  - 12th Grade: R - Z
  - PACE/RISE

- **Ms. Cabassa** -
  - ENL Students
  - Summit Academy
  - Out of District Placement

- **Ms. Ellis** -
  - 10th Grade: A - H
  - 11th Grade: A - G
  - 12th Grade: A - G

- **Ms. Rios** - Chairperson
  - 10th Grade: I - Q
  - 11th Grade: H - R
  - 12th Grade: H - Q

- **Ms. Torres** -
  - Freshman Academy
PHS Robotics Competition
Peekskill Science Research (PSR) Program Information

**College and High School Credit**
- PSR Program provides research methods courses via the University of Albany.
- Students may earn up to twelve college credits, over three years!
- Students earn one science credit for each of the three years in the program

**Summer Research**
Collect data for their experiments with mentors, via internships, or on their own during the summers, fall, and spring.

**Symposium and Science Fairs**
Collect data for their experiments with mentors, via internships, or on their own during the summers, fall, and spring.
PSR Project Presentations
Art/Music Department

- Creative Crafts
- Studio in Art
- Sculpture
- Printmaking
- Advanced Art 1
- Advanced Art 2
- Intro to Dance
- Advanced Dance

- Music in our Lives
- Mixed Chorus
- Select Chorus - City Singers
- Guitar 1
- Guitar 2 (College Prep)
- Music Technology
- Concert Band
- Drama
14 Weeks left for the 2018–2019 School Year

3rd Quarter Progress Reports: March 15th

3rd Quarter ends: April 12th

Student’s Grades:
- **Parent Portal:** Monitor your child’s grades
- Elton Brand
- Callback

Communication:
- Important to communicate with your child’s teachers/counselor if you have a question or concern
Important Information

▸ Attendance/Lateness:
  ◦ School starts at 8:10am

▸ Student ID Cards:
  ◦ All students are required to wear their ID on their person at all times
  ◦ Replacement ID’s have a cost $3 which can be paid to the Main Office

▸ Honor Roll Celebration: Friday, March 8th @ 7:40am
  ◦ High Honor Roll: 90+ in all classes with no failures
  ◦ Honor Roll: 85+ in all classes with no failures
School Motto:

Building Bridges of Excellence

For Every Student, Every Day
Course Selection

2019–2020 School Year

➢ To move on to the 10th grade a student needs 5.5 credits
➢ Teachers will make course selection recommendations
➢ Students meet with school counselors to select electives
➢ Course selections and transcripts get mailed home
➢ Honors/AP/College level courses
Course Selection

Sophomore’s Sample Schedule

- English 10
- Social Studies
- Math
- Science
- Science Lab/ PE
- Spanish 2
- Lunch
- Elective
- Health
### 2019-20

**PEEKSILL HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES COURSE SELECTION SHEET**

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<th>Counselor</th>
<th>Grade</th>
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### Please Circle Choices

#### Science
- 313A Peeksill Science Res. Year 1

#### English
- 104AD SUNY African Diaspora

#### Social Studies
- 204ENT Entrepreneurship Economics
- 204SUT Start-up Tech
- 205 Psychology
- 206 Sociology
- 229 SUNY Latin American & Caribbean
- 240 SUNY Classism, Racism and Sexism
- 220 Yearbook

#### Art
- 601 Studio in Art
- 608 Creative Crafts
- 610 Printmaking
- 611 Sculpture
- 615 Digital Photography

#### Business
- 720 Business Computer Applications
- 721 Sports Entertainment Management

#### Physical Education
- 905 Intro to Fitness & Dance
- 108 Intro to Drama 1

#### Drama
- CTE 107 Robotics
- CTE 108 Broadband Academy

#### Technology
- 650 Music in our Lives
- 651 Concert Band
- 653 Mixed Chorus
- 657 Intro to Guitar Theory
- 660 Musical Tech. & Digital Recording

#### Music

#### OC21 Online Courses

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<td>You Are What You Eat: The Truth Behind Our Food</td>
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Course Selection Dates

➢ March: teachers started making course recommendations

➢ March – April: school counselors reviews process with students and works with students to make elective selections

➢ May – Early June: course selections are mailed home
Colleges and universities value careful course selection. Colleges appreciate students who challenge themselves in rigorous and demanding courses. Each selection conveys a message to a future admissions team. Use electives to explore your interests or to fortify your knowledge base.

Mercy College Rep
To move on to the 10th grade students will need 5.5 credits.

Most Freshman will be taking 2 NYS Regents exams in June which are Living Environment, and Algebra or Geometry.

Students in the Pre AP World course will be taking the AP exam next May 2020.

Earning the course credit entails the 4 quarters and a 5th quarter (10%) which is the Regents or the final exam.
# PHS Exam Schedule

## Regents June 2019

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<td>Uniform Admission Deadlines</td>
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<td>Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.</td>
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Regents Information

➢ Regents prep will start for students in April
  ◦ Tuesday/Thursday: 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm
  ◦ PHS teachers at PHS

➢ Last day of classes: Thursday, June 13th

➢ Final Exam Dates:
  ◦ Friday, June 14th & Monday, June 17th

➢ If your child does not have a Regents exam, they are NOT to report to school.
NCAA Requirements
National Collegiate Athletic Association

How it all works...

**Please check out the website for the courses that are approved.**
MERCY College STEP Science & Technology Entry Program

- Free to all students
- Recruit students from 7th to 10th grade ONLY
- Peekskill High School Liaison- Mrs. Smith Moore
- Students get the opportunity to attend Saturday workshops, conferences, and college fairs:
  - Saturday workshops are usually held twice a month (alternate between a Math day and Science Day. Students have the opportunity to sign up for a hands-on activity to participate in during each Saturday workshop).
  - Conferences include the Statewide STEP Conference in the Spring Semester (March), Career Day Conference (February), and Boys and Girls Conference (April).
PSAT Results

- Accessing your online score report. *(Students Name and Students email address)*
- Understanding and interpreting your score report.
  - Score Range – 160 to 760 (Reading and Writing)
  - Score Range – 160 to 760 (Math)
  - Combined Score – 320 to 1520
- Using PSAT scores to prepare for the SAT.
- Qualification for the National Merit Scholarship is two year away.
- Planning + Preparation = Success!
The National Merit Scholarship

- Only Juniors are eligible to compete for the National Merit Scholarship. Please note the eligibility noted on the score report does not indicate that you are a NMS candidate.

- Cut off scores vary state to state and year to year.

- In September of senior year qualified students will be notified of their selection status as either Commended or Semifinalists.
National Merit Scholars

- National Merit Scholars are students who score in the top 1% of all test takers.
- National Merit Scholars are eligible to compete for a wide range of scholarships.
- Several schools offer “free ride” scholarships for National Merit Scholars.
- Students who achieve National Merit Scholarship recognition enjoy a slight edge in the college admissions process.
Khan Academy

➢ Free online preparation for PSAT, SAT, ACT

https://www.khanacademy.org
Naviance Family Connection

➢ Career Planning
  ◦ Learning Style Inventory, Interest Inventory, Personality Inventory, Resume Building

➢ College Planning
  ◦ College Search, College Major Exploration, Scholarship/Financial Aid Resources, Maintain College List, and Community Service

➢ Success Planning
  ◦ Personalized Goals and Tasks, Journal Entries, Student Planner
Login Steps for Naviance

Step 1: Go to www.peekskillcsd.org.
Step 2: Click on the Student tab.
Step 3: On the drop down, click on Counseling Department.
Step 4: Look at the left hand toolbar under Counseling Department and click on Naviance.
Step 5: Click on Visit Naviance Here.
Step 6: Enter your username and password.
Step 7: Check your email messages for important information.
Step 8: Explore the tabs and get familiar with using the program.
College

Your college applications begin in the 9th grade!

- Maintain good grades;
- Take challenging classes;
- Join extracurricular activities;
- Volunteer!
Questions