



Peekskill City School District
A System Focused on Every Student; Every Day
 Our Mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

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 Principal

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July 26, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

With the summer winding down and the 2019-2020 school year quickly approaching, I want to take a moment to welcome our new and returning students and families. I am honored and excited to begin my fourth year as the Principal of Peekskill High School, where we build bridges of excellence for every student, every day.

Opening Day Schedule, Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - Important Information
Freshman Orientation – 9th Grade ONLY

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While breakfast will be available for 9th grade students on **September 3rd** starting at **7:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria, 9th grade students and their parents **should arrive no later than 8:00 a.m.** When you arrive, you will register your child and pick up a registration packet. The registration table will be available starting at **7:45 a.m.** Please note: **All parents and students must complete the registration process before proceeding to the auditorium.**

The freshman orientation program will begin promptly at **8:30 a.m.** We ask that you make every effort to arrive on time. Parents will be released at approximately **10:30 a.m.** and students will remain until dismissal at **3:00 p.m.**


Day 2 Schedule, Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – Important Information
Orientation for 10th, 11th and 12th Grade Students

The first official day for students in grades **10th, 11th, and 12th** is **Wednesday, September 4th**. In alignment with our freshman orientation, we have revised the opening day schedule for students in grades 10 – 12. Our focus will be on preparing students for college, establishing expectations and goal setting for the year. Students will follow a staggered arrival and departure schedule. The arrival and departure times are listed below, by grade.

Staggered Schedule

Grades	Arrival Time	Departure Time	School Counselors Available
10	8:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m.
11	9:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
12	10:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Freshman Orientation Trip - 9th Grade Students Only

All **9th grade** students are expected to report to school by **7:45 a.m.** and report to the cafeteria. The entire 9th grade will depart from Peekskill High School promptly at **8:00 a.m.** Students will return back to school at approximately **3:00 p.m.** The permission slip and release of liability for the trip is enclosed. We ask all students to return both forms on **Tuesday, September 3rd**. **All students must have both forms signed to attend the trip.**

Sincerely,

Rodney Arthur
Principal

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Itinerary for Freshman Orientation on Tuesday, September 3rd

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast available for students only in the cafeteria
7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Parents and students arrive and registration
8:30 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Principal's welcome in the auditorium
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Parent breakout: College Fair and Parent Information Session
9:15 a.m.- 11:12 a.m.	Freshman workshops for students only
10:30 a.m.	Parent departure
11:20 a.m. - 12:40 a.m.	BBQ and club fair
12:40 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.	Students will receive their schedules and lockers and follow a Day 1 modified schedule and meet their teachers

9th Grade Team Building Field Trip Wednesday, September 4th

7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Student arrival
8:00 a.m.	Buses depart for Ring Homestead Camp
3:00 p.m.	Buses return

Ring Homestead Camp
257 Lybolt Rd.
Middletown, NY 10941
845-361-3842
www.ringhomesteadcamp.com



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**Ring Homestead Team Building Trip
Permission Slip
Wednesday, September 4th, 8am – 3pm
Ring Homestead Adventure Camp
257 Lybolt Road,
Middletown, New York
845-361-3842**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The **entire 9th grade** will visit Ring Homestead Adventure Camp located in Middletown, New York for a day filled with fun and team-building activities. The activities selected are designed to engage students in identifying common areas of interests and to promote unity as a Freshman Academy. The program will also address the New York State Education Department Multiple Intelligence Scales Standards: *Physical, Mental, Emotional and Educational*. Students will participate in real life experiences pertaining to relationship building. We are proud to be a diverse school community. It is our strength!

Students must arrive at PHS no later than 7:45 am and report directly to the cafeteria. We will depart from the school at **8:00 am** and return by **3:00 pm**. Students are encouraged to dress comfortably (*shorts, t-shirts and sneakers*) and be prepared to participate in sporting activities. Please note that **no open-toed shoes or sandals** are permitted. Students are asked to bring sunscreen and a change of clothes. At the camp site, students will be provided with lunch and allowed multiple servings.

There is **no cost** for the trip for students. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Peekskill High School at 914-737-0201 and ask to speak with Mr. Toro, Assistant Principal and 9th Grade Administrator or Mrs. Amy Torres, 9th Grade School Counselor. Please sign the two attached forms and return them to the school by September 3rd.

Sincerely,



Mr. Rodney Arthur



Mr. William Toro

Attachments

Freshman Academy Trip to Ring Homestead Adventure Camp (Team Building)
Permission Slip
Wednesday, September 4th, 8am – 3pm
Ring Homestead Adventure Camp

I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter _____, to attend the Freshman
Academy trip to Ring Homestead Park located at 257 Lybolt Road, Middletown, NY 845-361-3842. The event will be
held on **Wednesday, September 4th**. Students will be provided with transportation to and from Peekskill High School.
Students are asked to arrive at school no later than **7:40 am** and report to the cafeteria. The busses will be depart
promptly at **8:00 am**.

I _____, can be reached at by the following phone number _____.
(Print Name of Parent) (Contact Number)

I understand that the staff of PHS will make every effort to reach me, but in the event of an emergency, I give the PHS
staff the right to transport and authorize medical treatment on behalf of my child.

Emergency contact: _____
(Names Address & Telephone Numbers of the Emergency Contacts)

My child has the following medical conditions that would interfere with his/her participation on this trip:

(Medical condition)

_____ (please check) My child and I have read and understand the schools' Code of Conduct. We agree to abide by
these rules.

Parent or Legal Guardian does hereby covenant and agree to release and hold harmless the Peekskill City School
District from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, claims, or actions (Including costs and attorney fees) for
bodily injury and/ or property damage, to the extent permissible by law, arising out of participation in the Ring
Homestead Adventure Camp Trip.

Parent Signature

Date

**Please return this PERMISSION SLIP and INFORMED CONSENT to Mr. Toro by
Tuesday, September 3rd (First Day of School)**

Please sign the Informed Consent for Ring Homestead attached labeled:

Catskill Outback Adventureland NY INC.

Ring Homestead Camp INC

Outdoor Adventure Activities



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ASSUMPTION OF RISK/RELEASE OF LIABILITY//INFORMED CONSENT

I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTS OF Catskill Outback/AdventureLand/Ring Homestead Camp Inc. PROGRAM MAY BE PHYSICALLY/EMOTIONALLY DEMANDING. I AFFIRM THAT MY HEALTH IS GOOD, AND THAT I AM NOT UNDER A PHYSICIAN'S CARE FOR ANY UNDISCLOSED CONDITION THAT BEARS UPON MY FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN Catskill Outback/Adventureland / Ring Homestead Camp Inc. ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN Catskill Outback/Adventureland/Ring Homestead Camp Inc. IS AT ALL TIMES COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY AND UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S CHOICE. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THE INHERENT RISK OF INJURY OR DISABILITY AND/OR DEATH IN Catskill Outback/Adventureland NY/Ring Homestead Camp INC. ACTIVITIES AND UNDERSTAND THAT EACH PARTICIPANT MUST ASSUME THE RISK OF INJURY THAT COULD RESULT FROM ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES. I RELEASE Catskill Outback/Adventureland NY/Ring Homestead Camp Inc. AND ITS STAFF MEMBERS, PRINCIPALS, AND BOARD FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY TO ME FROM PARTICIPATING IN Catskill Outback/ Adventureland NY/Ring Homestead Camp Inc. ACTIVITIES. I ALSO GIVE MY PERMISSION TO HAVE MY IMAGES REUSED FOR RING HOMESTEAD CAMP WEBSITE AND/OR OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA AND ADVERTISEMENT.

DATE _____

PARTICIPANT NAME (*Please Print*)

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE*

I _____ am _____ for _____. I have been granted permission by the children's parents to sign this waiver on their behalf.

*PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE (IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD)