



The Peekskill City School District is excited to announce that we have broken ground and have officially begun construction on Torpy Field! Once again, we thank everyone who supported this project and helped make this dream a reality - our Board of Education, our Peekskill community, and of course, our students and staff. We look forward to our student athletes playing on our new grounds in the fall!



Our Peekskill Athletic Department refused to let a global pandemic stand in the way of our Annual Sports Awards Ceremony. Taking measures to be safe and socially distance, Athletic Director Mr. "Awesome-Austin" Goldberg, PCSD coaches, board members Mrs. Maria Pereira and Mr. Allen Jenkins, Dr. Mauricio, Mr. Dan Callahan and staff took their ceremony on the road, personally delivering awards to each athlete at their home. If that was not enough to show the dedication of our staff and their respect for our athlete's hard work, the PCSD team also brought around their athletic department backdrop to set the scene for families to take pictures of the celebratory moment. [Click here](#) to watch a video of the day's events.





Peekskill High School recently inducted multiple students into several honor societies. If you missed the live broadcast of the ceremony, you can [rewatch the video here](#) or on the PHS website. Congratulations to all of our inductees!

## National Honor Society

New Junior Class Inductees:

Daniela Bloom	Alisa D'Souza
Isabella Contreras	Bianca Fernandes
Pablo Culcay Avila	Kya Jackson
Jason Curillo	Azaria Johnson





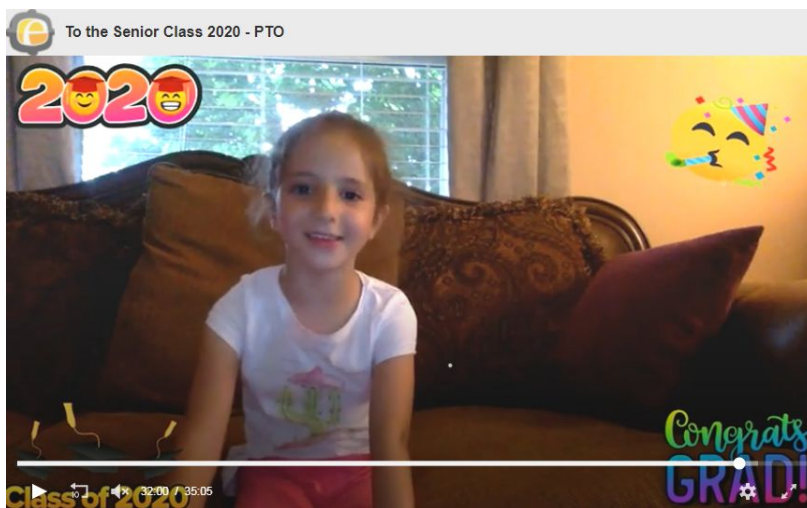
Peekskill High School Class of 2020 Valedictorian Miss Sarai Sales was recently interviewed by News 12 Westchester. The video has received more than 15,000 views! [Watch the clip here](#). Miss Sales was accepted to four Ivy League schools and chose a prestigious program at



Howard University! Sarai, you are a shining example of #PeekskillPride!

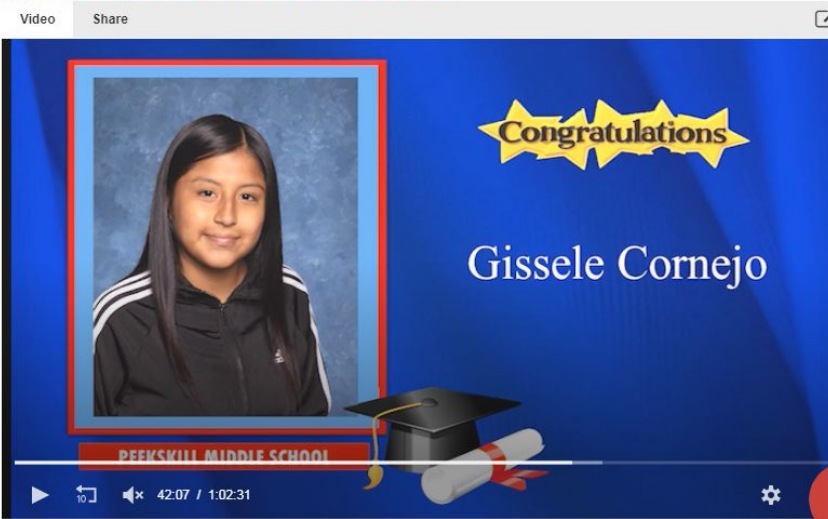


Thank you to our amazing Peekskill Parent-Teacher Organization, and to our many elementary students and building principals who collaborated on the making of [this heartfelt video](#)! Watch as our younger students offer congratulations and words of wisdom for the Class of 2020! The video also features some special messages from PHS staff.



Congratulations to our Peekskill Middle School Grade 8 students who are on their way to high school! This is an exciting new chapter of your lives and we wish you the best as you begin your high school careers. Our PKMS Virtual Moving Up Ceremony can be viewed [here](#) or on the PKMS website. The video has been viewed more than 2,000 individuals! Thank you to PKMS Principal Mr. Jamal Lewis and the entire PKMS team for your guidance and support while our middle schoolers were in your care.

## PKMS VIRTUAL GRADUATION 2020



Check out the final episode of [Woodside's Kid Talk](#) with special guest, Dr. Mauricio, who provides very encouraging and thoughtful words of advice to our young learners! While this is the final episode of the academic year Principal Aviles-Rodriguez will continue to have guests on Kid Talk all throughout the summer...so stay tuned!



Once again, the Peekskill City School District has committed to providing free meals to children during the summer. There are no income requirements and no registration is necessary. Any child who is 18 years old or younger is eligible for meals. Meals will be available for pick-up in the parking areas at Oakside Elementary and Peekskill High School Monday - Friday, June 22 - August 7, from 10AM-12PM. For more information, please [click here](#). Thank you to our food service staff who have served more than 100,000 meals since the pandemic began.

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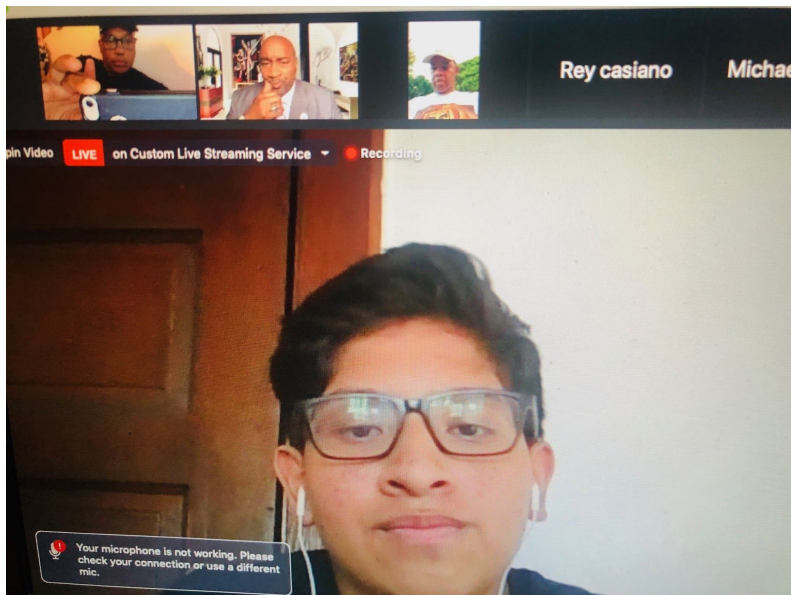
**Where:**  
Peekskill High School (open site)  
Oaksdale Elementary (open site)

This FREE program is open to all children 18 and younger. No enrollment needed! Parents may pick up meals for children.

**\*Please Note:** Meals will be served in the parking lots for families to take with them. There will be no congregating on school grounds.

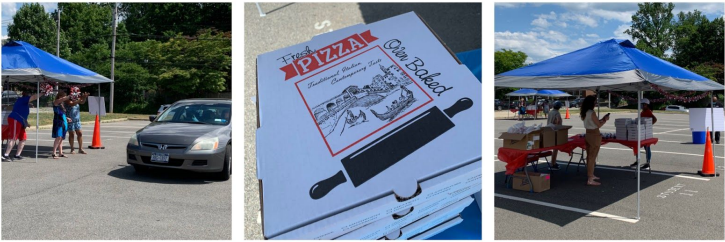
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Peekskill High School student and MBK Fellow Steven Ayala recently participated in an online forum with the NY Board of Regents members and other MBK Fellows throughout the State of NY. Conversations were based on the group's book study of, "Madd Truth," by Dr. Alfonso Wyatt.





Peekskill High School hosted a senior pizza night for our graduates as a preliminary celebration for graduation. Thank you to our District administrators who donated the funds to make this event possible. We hope our seniors enjoyed the evening as much as we did!



Dr. Mauricio was joined by Assistant Superintendents Dr. Mrs. Keenan Foster, Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Dan Callahan for a presentation to the Peekskill Industrial Development Agency. The meeting's purpose was to discuss our District's efforts to continue what we have accomplished and improve outcomes in the future. The presentation was well received by the members of the IDA and they offered their support to assist our students.



Peekskill High School senior Imani Pack was honored by Dr. Mauricio and staff for her instrumental role in starting the District's Girls Global Alliance (GGA) initiative. Miss Pack is a role model for her fellow peers and was awarded a plaque recognizing her efforts on behalf of the Peekskill City School District. Special thanks to our GGA leadership team Ms. Sadika Clarke, Ms. Madeline Sanchez and Ms. Shenea Brown for their support and guidance throughout the establishment of this program. Special thanks to Mrs. McDonald, Executive Director of the Peekskill Youth Bureau, for partnering with the District on this initiative.



Congratulations to our Pre-K graduates - our youngest learners are off to Kindergarten and we wish them the best of luck! A special shout-out goes to Uriah Hill Principal Mrs. Carmen Vargas and her amazing staff who made graduation an extra special moment for our Pre- K families.



This week, there was a memorial tree planting at Peekskill Middle School in memory and honor of educational legend, Regent Judith Johnson. The event was coordinated by Peekskill parent Dr. Jonathan Brown and was attended by board members Pereira, MacDonald and Jenkins, Dr. Mauricio, PCSD administrators, staff and members of the community. Regent Johnson's legacy continues to live on in the children we serve and we thank her for all that she did for our children.





Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in our Senior Parade! This is an event our students will remember for a lifetime! Special thanks to our escorts from the Peekskill Police and Fire Departments. [Click here for a photo album](#) from the day.



Finally, we say congratulations to the Peekskill High School Class of 2020! You made it! We know this year's graduation was a bit unconventional, however we can tell by the smiles on our students' faces that this did not put a damper on the festivities. Thank you to the entire high school team of administrators- Principal Mr. Rodney Arthur, his assistant principals Dr. Jenna Ferris, Dr. Margie Daniels, Ms. Naima Smith-Moore and Dr. William Toro and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Dan Callahan. Also thank you to our staff, PTO members, parents and students that worked hard to make this event one that will go down in the history books of



Peekskill High School! A special thanks to Facilities Director Carmine Crisci and the custodial staff; Director of Security David Santiago and the security team; and our clerical staff for all that you did to make the numerous events special for our students. For more photos from the day, [click here](#). Also, you can view the Virtual High School Graduation on our [high school website](#) or on Verizon (channel 77) and Optimum cable (channel 32).



As a reminder, the Superintendent's Communication Brief will move to a monthly publication for the months of July and August. Stay tuned for information regarding our District's Re-Entry Committee Planning. A big thank you to Communications Specialist Ms. Laura Belfiore and Cable TV Director Mr. Doug Brown for all that you have done to communicate with families and create amazing videos throughout the year. Thank you to all of our students, families, Board of Education, staff and partners for all that you have done to make this a special year.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent of Schools