



Peekskill Schools:

***A System Focused  
on EVERY Student;  
EVERY Day***

Escuelas Peekskill: Un Sistema Enfocado  
en Cada Estudiante; Cada Día

**2016-2017**

**Peekskill City School District Calendar**  
Calendario del Distrito Escolar de Peekskill

# A Message From the Superintendent



Dear Peekskill Community,

We welcome you to our wonderful District where we are focused on every student; every day. It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. Our goals of academic excellence require focused, explicit, and transparent work. Our staff and faculty stand ready to lead, support and collaborate with respect to our journey as educators and change agents. By working together we have the opportunity to create a system of equity and excellence, which will enrich our school community.

This summer, our Board of Education along with administrators, staff, teachers, faculty and parents collaborated on various elements related to our school and District comprehensive improvement plans. These plans were driven by six tenets, which focus on leadership, systemic practices/decisions, curriculum, instruction, social/emotional wellness for students, and family/community engagement. I am proud of the work put forth by our educational community and all stakeholders that continue to remain part of the solution. As Michael Fullan states, "Change is a process; not an event."

This past school year we celebrated various successes. We held our District's First Annual Music in Our Schools Month concert and saw students participate in amazing art collaborations with local artists. Students also shared their talents by offering a variety of live performances for our Peekskill community. Academically, we increased graduation rates, improved Regents scores, added college-level sequences, and celebrated students as local and regional award winners. 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. Moving forward, in the fall of 2016, our District will be presenting at the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) conference in Buffalo. All this said, we continue to be lifelong learners, remain part of the solution and maintain a growth mindset so as our students are afforded every experience and opportunity they deserve.

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

@DrFinePCSD

## 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. Ellen Hackett**, Director of Special Services

**Dr. Rochelle Mitlak**, Director of Literacy

**Andrew Weisman**, Food Service Director

**Mr. Carmine Crisci**, Director of Facilities

**Jennifer Sampson**, Assistant Supervisor of Transportation

**Mr. David Santiago**, Director of Security

**Mr. Lou Panzanaro**, Athletic Director

**Ms. Laura Belfiore**, Communication Specialist

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

**Please note that:** In an effort to save resources and District funds, 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 viewing and/or downloading. Also a printed copy will be sent home with your child the first day of school. Copies will also be available at the District Office for pick up.



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# September 2016

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Hispanic Heritage Month — 9/15-10/15



## 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.

### A. Board and District Goals:

1. By the year 2020, graduation rates will increase to 100%
2. By the year 2020 all students, (cohort 2015) will achieve grade level literacy by the end of grade
3. Promote the active engagement of parents/guardians and the community in the education of all students.
4. Create safe, discipline, state of the art environment where everyone works to help students achieve

### B. 2016-2017 Deliverables

1. Systemically Align our Curricular, Instructional, and Assessment Expectations
2. Articulate and Implement our District Comprehensive Improvement Plan
3. Utilize data to drive instruction in an individualized manner
4. Remain transparent with respect to educational and financial planning
5. Continue to build collaborative opportunities with our community/families

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Superintendent's Conference Day No School for Students PHS SAT I & II Registration for 10/1/16 Test	2 Superintendent's Conference Day No School for Students	3 V Football – Peekskill at Lincoln (Yonkers): 1:30PM
4	5 Labor Day Buildings Closed No District Transportation	6 Schools Open Pre-K-12 1st Quarter Begins Kindergarten Half Day (12:15PM Dismissal) Uriah Hill Staggered Entrance Modified Sports Begins Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM	7 Kindergarten Half Day (12:15PM Dismissal) Uriah Hill Staggered Entrance	8 PHS ID Pictures (Grades 9-12) Woodside 1st Full Day of Kindergarten Uriah Hill Staggered Entrance PKMS Sports Physicals Athletics Fall Mandatory Parent Meeting @ PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM	9 Uriah Hill Staggered Entrance	10 V Football-Beacon – Home - Depew Park: 1:30PM
11 We Remember! 	12 Uriah Hill Full Day of Pre-K	13	14 Hillcrest Picture Day PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:30AM -5:00PM Hillcrest 4th Grade Meet the Teacher Night: 7pm	15 PKMS Sports Physicals Hillcrest 5th Grade Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM	16 Oakside – Picture Day Constitution & Citizen Observance Day for Schools	17 V Football - Peekskill - @ Eastchester: 1:30PM PHS Senior Pictures: 8:30AM – 3PM Constitution & Citizenship Day
18	19 Oakside Grade 2 Back to School Night: 7PM	20 National "Dads Bring Your Child to School Day" PHS SAT 1 & 11 Late Registration for 10/1/16 Board of Education / Common Council Joint Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM	21 Woodside Picture Day Woodside Grade 1 Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM	22 Oakside Grade 3 - Back to School Night: 7PM	23 Professional Learning Academy- Early Release Pre-K-12 (No PM Pre-K)	24 V Football – Harrison – Home – Depew Park: 1:30PM PHS Senior Pictures – 8:30am – 3PM
25	26 PKMS Picture Day PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM	27 PKMS Back to School Night: 6:30PM	28 PHS Guidance – Senior Night: 6PM – 7:30PM	29 PHS Faculty Candidats PHS Open House: 6:00PM – 8:40PM Woodside Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night: 7PM	30	

## Board of Education

**Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon, President**  
**Richard Sullivan, Vice President**

**Trustees:**

Michael Simpkins  
Doug Glickert  
Colin Smith  
Jillian Villon  
Maria Pereira

## 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, report card, progress report and grades. It is very easy to use, secure and confidential. To get started, parents need to create an account with the District by completing the online Parent Portal Request Form via the Parents menu on the District website, [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org). Parents can also get a paper copy of the Parent Portal request form from their child's school. Once the form is completed, a copy of an official photo ID must be provided to the school (this protects the students' confidentiality).

The District's Technology Office will email an access code and instructions on how to log on to the Parent Portal. That's it! Tutorial videos on how to use the Parent Portal are also found on the website. For questions, email [parentportal@peakskillcsd.org](mailto:parentportal@peakskillcsd.org)



# October 2016

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## 2016-2017 Board Of Education Meeting Dates

Regular Board of Education meetings begin at 6PM. 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 7 at 4PM (Mini Retreat 6-8PM)  
 July 23 BOE Retreat/Special Meeting  
 August 29 (Monday)  
 September 6  
 September 20  
 October 18  
 November 8  
 November 15  
 December 6  
 December 20  
 January 10  
 January 24  
 February 7  
 February 14  
 March 7  
 March 21  
 April 4  
 April 18  
 May 2  
 May 16 (Public Session 8PM)  
 June 6  
 June 20  
 July 6 (Thursday)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 PHS SAT I & II Cafeteria: 7:30AM Varsity Football – Peekskill @ Hen Hud: 2PM
2 National Custodial Workers Recognition Day	3 Rosh Hashanah Buildings Closed No District Transportation	4 Rosh Hashanah Buildings Closed No District Transportation	5 PKMS LEAP Begins Woodside Grade 1 Summer Reading Celebration: 7PM	6 Woodside Kindergarten Summer Reading Celebration: 7PM	7 15 Minutes Early Dismissal for Emergency Evacuation (County- Wide) PHS SAT I & II Registration for 11/5/16 Test	8 Coffee with the Superintendent: 9AM (Location TBA) HOMECOMING V. Football 2PM Mod. Football 10AM Boys' V. Soccer 10:30AM Girls' V. Soccer 12:30PM
9	10 Columbus Day Buildings Closed No District Transportation	11 Superintendent's Conference Day No School for Students	12 Yom Kippur Buildings Open	13 Uriah Hill Pre-K "Come Play our Way" 7PM	14 PHS ID Pictures Retakes (Grades 9-12) PHS Senior Group Picture: 1:30PM	15 2nd Annual Superintendent's 5K & Fun Run at Depew Park: 8AM
Family University Begins (Fall 10/13-12/3)						
PFFA/Local 2343 National Fire Prevention Week – Poster Contest Grades K-6 10/9-15						
16	17	18 Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM	19 PHS PSAT: 8:00AM Uriah Hill Picture Day PTO General Meeting, PHS: 6:30PM	20 PHS Mini College Fair: 8:50AM PHS Winter Sports Physicals Nurse's Office PHS Guidance Freshman Night: 6PM Oaksides – Summer Reading Challenge: 6:30PM	21 PHS/PKMS 1ST Quarter Progress Reports	22
23	24 Hillcrest Summer Reading Challenge Celebration: 6PM  Woodside Fall Costume Parade: 2:30PM	25 PHS SAT 1 & 11 Late Registration for 11/5/16 Test Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM SEPTO Meet and Greet PHS Library: 6:30PM	26 Athletics Parent Seminar, "How Athletes can be Recruited" in PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM	27 Uriah Hill Costume Parade PHS Guidance Sophomore Night: 6PM	28 Professional Learning Academy Early Release Pre-K-12 (No AM Pre-K)	29 PHS Interact Club Safe Halloween: 11AM – 1PM
30	31	Book Fair at Oaksides 10/24-28				



# Peekskill City School District Directory



## Uriah Hill Jr. Elementary School

Grades: Pre-K

Carmen Vargas, Early Childhood Director

980 Pemart Ave – 739-0682 Ext. 231  
School Nurse's Office: 739-0682 Ext. 234

Class Times:

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



## Woodside Elementary School

Grades: K, 1

Colleen Hardiman, Principal

612 Depew Street – 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 – 737-1591  
School Nurse's Office: 737-1591 Ext. 235

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



## Hillcrest Elementary School

Grades: 4, 5

Jacqueline Liburd, Principal

4 Horton Drive – 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  
Courtney Simon, LEAP Coordinator

212 Ringgold Street – 737-4542  
School Nurse's Office: 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

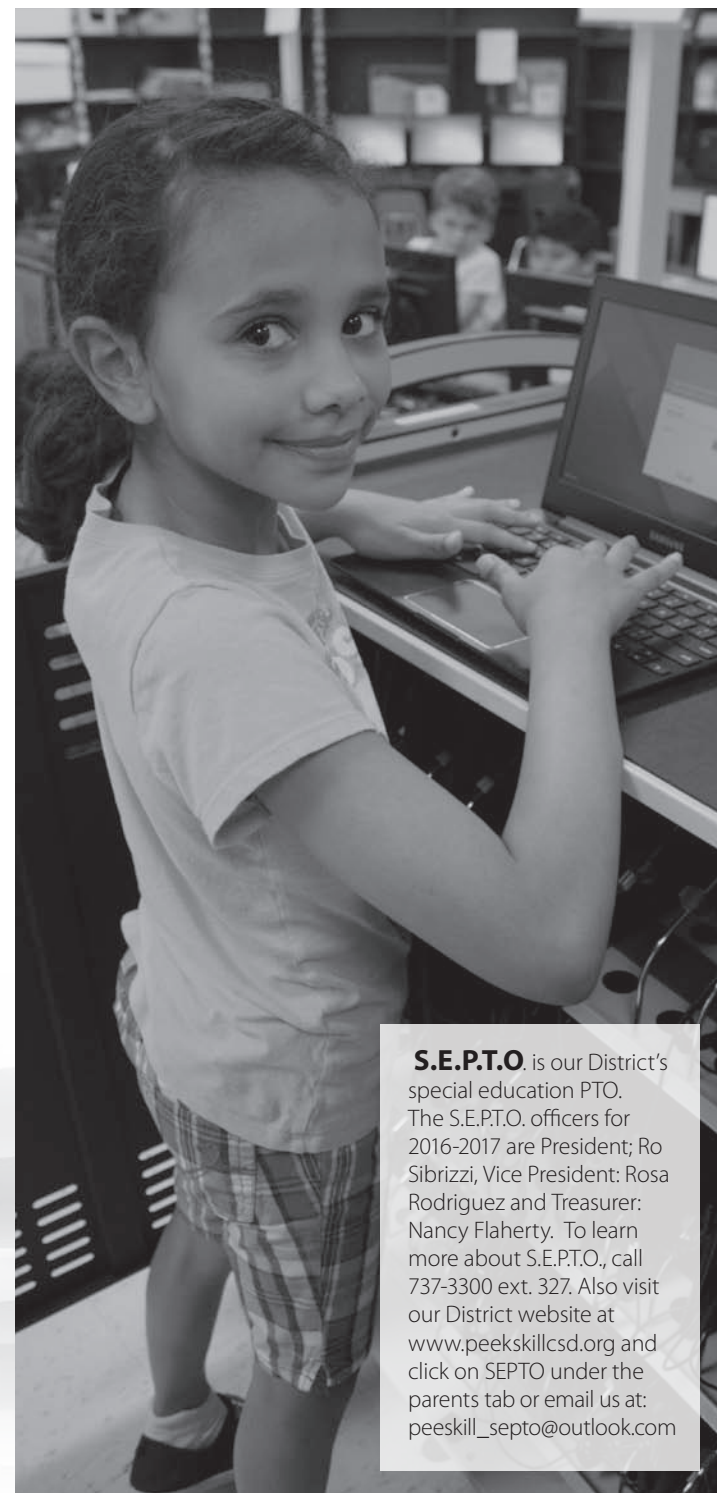
Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Rodney Arthur, Principal

Dr. Margie Daniels, Assistant Principal  
Kent Picou, Assistant Principal  
Naima Smith-Moore, Assistant Principal

1072 Elm Street – 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: 2:40PM  
Call Back 2:40-3:00PM  
Early Dismissal Half Day: 11:03AM



**S.E.P.T.O.** is our District's special education PTO. The S.E.P.T.O. officers for 2016-2017 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. Also visit our District website at [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org) and click on SEPTO under the parents tab or email us at: [peekskill\\_septo@outlook.com](mailto:peekskill_septo@outlook.com)

# November 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Hillcrest Picture Re-takes</i>	2 <i>Oakside Picture Retakes</i>	3 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 12/3/16 Test</i> <i>Fall Sports Awards Night at PKMS: 7PM</i>	4 <i>Woodside Picture Retakes</i> <i>Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner at Colonial Terrace: 7PM</i>	5 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
6	7 <i>Winter Sports Begin</i> <i>PTO Executive Meeting in BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	8 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i> <i>No School for Students</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	9 <i>No PM LEAP</i>	10 <i>1st Quarter Ends</i> <i>No PM LEAP</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	12
13	14 <i>2nd Quarter Begins</i> <i>Athletics Mandatory Parents/Coaches Winter Mtg. in PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	15 <i>PHS Financial Aid Night: 6PM</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	16 <i>PTO General Meeting at Uriah Hill: 6:30PM</i>	17 <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences Pre-K - 8</i> <i>Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K)</i> <i>PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:30AM -5:00PM</i> <i>PHS Winter Sports Physicals at PHS Nurse's Office</i> <i>PHS Drama Production: 7PM</i>	18 <i>Pre-K - 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> <i>Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K)</i> <i>1st Quarter Report Cards Distributed K-12</i> <i>PHS Drama Production: 7PM</i>	19 <i>PHS Drama Production: 7PM</i>
	Book Fair at Woodside 11/14-18					
20	21	22 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 12/3/16 Test</i> <i>Uriah Hill Thanksgiving Feast</i> <i>SEPTO Meeting PHS Library: 6:30PM</i>	23 <i>No PM LEAP</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	26
27	28 <i>Modified Winter Sports Begin</i>	29	30 <i>Modified Winter Sports</i>			



## Opportunities for Parent Involvement

The Parent Teacher Organization (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.PeekskillPTO.org](http://www.PeekskillPTO.org)

### Executive PTO Officers:

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



# 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.

## REGISTRATION:

New registrants must contact the Registrar's Office located at Uriah Hill Elementary School at 739-0682 ext. 246 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 Grade 12. 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. 236.

## 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 and services for students with a broad range of disabilities. For more information, please visit the District's Special Education Department webpage or

contact the Office of Special Services 737-3300 ext. 326. The Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) contact number is 914-737-3300 ext. 324.

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our elementary schools Grade K through Grade 5 offer an enrichment program for ALL students. This school-wide enrichment model offers literacy through literacy, the arts, through athletics, and through science and math. Each school has a designated weekly period where every child is given the opportunity for academic enrichment according to their needs. We are committed to meeting the unique academic needs of every child.

## THEATER PROGRAM

The Peekskill City School District Theater Program offers opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students, including a Theater Elective course at Peekskill High School. We will be having 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 focuses on improved literacy outcomes for all students while providing physical and mental/social health support and services. This community school model 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 Peekskill High School program in which a team of teachers welcome incoming freshmen 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 an 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: [www.summitacademypeakskill.com](http://www.summitacademypeakskill.com).

## HASS'S WAY

Hass's 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's 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's Way classes are taught by certified teachers and is located at Uriah Hill School on Pemart Avenue.

## TASC (TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION) PROGRAM

Peekskill has designed a **TASC 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 take place at the Ford 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 fill out a withdrawal form and give the school office the information needed to forward your child's records to the new school.



# December 2016

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## 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>Uriah Hill Picture Day Retakes</i> <i>PKMS Picture Retakes</i> <i>PHS Parent/Teachers Conference Night: 6:30PM</i>	2	3 <i>SEPTO Santa Event at PKMS: 10AM-12PM</i> <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
	4	5 <i>PTO Executive Meeting in BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	6 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	7	8 <i>Hillcrest Winter Concert at PKMS: 7PM</i>	9
	Book Fair at Hillcrest 12/5-9					
11	12 <i>PHS Guidance Junior Night: 6PM</i>	13 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Holiday Sing-A-Long: 9:30AM &amp; 1PM</i>	14 <i>PTO General Meeting at Woodside: 6:30PM</i>	15 <i>Oakside 2nd Grade Sing-A-Long : 9AM</i> <i>PHS Winter Concert: 7PM</i>	16 <i>Oakside 3rd Grade Sing-A-Long : 9AM</i>	17
18	19	20 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	21 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 1/21/17 Test</i> <i>Woodside Kindergarten Sing-A-Long: 9:30AM</i>	22 <i>Woodside Grade 1 Sing-A-Long: 9:30AM</i> <i>PKMS Winter Concert: 7PM</i> <i>No PM LEAP</i>	23 <i>PHS/PKMS 2nd Quarter Progress Report</i>	24
25	26 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	27 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i>	28 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i>	29 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Open</i>	30 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	31



## Bus Safety Rules

We are very proud of the safety record of our school buses and the professionalism of our transportation team. Bus transportation is a privilege and can be denied based upon violation of the Code of Conduct. Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

- 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.
- 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 seatbelts is recommended.
- Loud or abusive language (i.e. cursing) 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 (such as 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.
- Students must wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. Children should board in single file.
- Students should carry a backpack or book bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children get off the bus
- Repeated violations of bus rules will result in progressive student discipline consistent with school district policy and the law.

**We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children.**

## Inclement 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 on the District website: [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.org). The District will also make notification phone calls through the automated ConnectED service. A letter will be sent home in the beginning of the school year with instructions on how to manage your ConnectED preferences.

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

**NYC: WABC, WNBC, CBS, Fox 5**

**Poughkeepsie: WEOK 1390 AM, WRNN-TV, NEWS 12 TV, FIOS Channel 1TV, PCSD Cablevision Channel 77 - Verizon FIOS Channel 32, Facebook, and Twitter**



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## Transportation

The Peekskill Board of Education has approved transportation for any K through Grade 1 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	2 <i>Holiday Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation.</i>	3 <i>Classes Resume</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	10 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 1/21/17 Test Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Basketball Alumni Day at PHS</i>
15	16 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	17 <i>SEPTO Mtg. PHS Library: 6:30PM</i>	18 <i>PTO General Meeting PKMS: 6:30PM</i>	19 <i>Hillcrest Science Fair: 6PM</i>	20 <i>PKMS Drama Production: 7PM</i>	21 <i>SAT I &amp; II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM Coffee with the Superintendent: 9AM (Location TBA) PKMS Drama Production 7PM</i>
22	23	24 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	25	26	27 <i>2nd Quarter Ends Snow Date: PKMS Drama Production: 7PM</i>	28 <i>Snow Date: PKMS Drama Production: 7PM</i>
		PHS NYS Regents 1/24-27				
29	30 <i>3rd Quarter Begins</i>	31				

# 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1	Thursday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
September 2	Friday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
September 5	Monday	Labor Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
September 6	Tuesday	First day of School PreK-12 (9/8 Kindergarten 1st full day; 9/12 Pre-K 1st full day)
September 23	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K)
October 3, 4	Monday/Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
October 10	Monday	Columbus Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
October 11	Tuesday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
October 12	Wednesday	Yom Kippur - Buildings Open; No Transportation
October 28	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K)
November 8	Tuesday	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students
November 11	Friday	Veteran's Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
November 24, 25	Thursday/Friday	Thanksgiving Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
December 26	Monday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
December 27 - 29	Tues/Wed/Thurs	Holiday Recess - Buildings Open; No Transportation
December 30	Friday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed ; No Transportation
January 2	Monday	Holiday Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
January 3	Tuesday	Classes Resume
January 16	Monday	Martin Luther King Day - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
February 3	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K)
February 20, 21	Monday/Tuesday	Winter Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
February 22-24	Wed/Thurs/Fri	Winter Recess - Buildings Open; No Transportation
March 10	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K)
April 10 -12	Mon/Tues/Wed	Spring Recess - Buildings Open; No Transportation
April 13, 14	Thursday/Friday	Spring Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
May 19	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K)
May 29	Monday	Memorial Day Recess - Buildings Closed; No Transportation
June 9	Friday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K)
June 21	Wednesday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No AM Pre-K) - Last day for PM
June 22	Thursday	Professional Learning Academy - Early Dismissal (No PM Pre-K) - Last day for AM
June 23	Friday	Last Day of School for Students - Early Dismissal

**Note: If NO snow days are used**, school will be closed 5/26 & 4/17. If 1 snow day is used, schools will be closed 4/17(5/26 school is in session).

**If 2 snow days are used**, the calendar stands as shown (4/17 & 5/26 school in session).

**Note: If more than 6 snow days are used**, weather make-up days to be taken in the following order: 4/10, 4/11 & 4/12

## College Testing Programs — 2016-17

NYS Testing Dates At PHS SAT I & II	Registration Deadlines Without Penalty	Late Registration Penalty
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	September 20, 2016
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	October 25, 2016
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	November 22, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016	January 10, 2017
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017	February 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017





# February 2017

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Black History Month / National African American Read-In Month



Peekskill High  
School Test Center  
Code: 334465

Test Center Code:  
33-754

## General Information:

1. Online Registration for the SAT: [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 the SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## Advanced Placement

### Examination Dates 2017

Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5  
Monday, May 8 - Friday, May 12

## Preliminary Scholastic

### Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

**Date:** Wednesday, October 19,  
2016 at Peekskill High School  
Cafeteria.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 <i>2nd Quarter Report Cards Distributed K-12 Professional Learning Academy Early Release Pre-K-12 (No PM Pre-K)</i>	4
5	6 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	7 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	8	9 <i>PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:30AM -5:00PM</i>	10 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 3/11/17 Test</i>	11
12	13	14 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	15 <i>PTO General Meeting in BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	16 <i>PHS Winter Sports Physicals in Nurse's Office Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM No PM LEAP PKMS LEAP Living Legacy Awards: 7PM</i>	17	18
19	20 <i>President's Day Winter Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	21 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	22 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	23 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	24 <i>Winter Recess Buildings Open</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 3/11/17 Test  SEPTO Mtg. in PHS Library: 6:30PM</i>				

# Graduation Requirements

New York State requires twenty two credits and five state assessments in order to earn a high school diploma. Students can earn an Advanced Regents or a Regents diploma. See your school counselor for assistance in developing a program that meets your personal and academic goals.

Required Courses	Local Diploma	Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
English	4	4	4
Social Studies	4	4	4
Science	3	3	3
Math	3	3	3
LOTE (Language other than English)	1	1	3 (a)
Art/Music	1	1	1
Health	0.5	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	2	2	2
Electives	3.5	3.5	3.5
Total	22	22	22

## DIPLOMA DISTINCTIONS

### Regents with Honors

To earn a Regents diploma with honors, a student needs to have an average score of 90 or higher on all Regents examinations required for the Regents diploma (no rounding up is permitted). These Regents examinations are: Comprehensive English, mathematics, science, US History & Government and Global History & Geography.

### Advanced Regents with Honors

To earn an Advanced Regents diploma with honors, a student needs to have an average score of 90 or higher on all Regents examinations required for that advanced diploma (no rounding up is permitted). These Regents examinations are: Comprehensive English, two (or three) mathematics, two sciences (one in physical science/the other in life science), US History & Government, Global History & Geography and languages other than English (LOTE).

### Advanced Regents with Designation - Mastery in Math Endorsement

Meets all assessment requirements for the Advanced Regents with Designation and, in addition, earns a score of 85 or better on each of the 3 Regents Examinations in Mathematics.

### Advanced Regents with Designation - Mastery in Science Endorsement

Meets all assessment requirements for the Advanced Regents with Designation and, in addition, earns a score of 85 or better on each of the 3 Regents Examinations in Science.

*\*All students entering Grade 6 as of September 2010 must pass a swim proficiency test to meet graduation requirement.*





# March 2017

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Women's History Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Winter Sports Awards Night PHS Cafeteria: 7PM</i>	2 <i>Spring Sports Physicals at PHS Nurse's Office</i>	3	4
				Family University Begins (Spring 3/2 – 4-6)		
5	6 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, in BOE Room: 6:30PM Kindergarten Registration Starts</i>	7 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	8 <i>PHS Student Council Blood Drive: 8:30AM- 3PM</i>	9 <i>Sports Physicals at PKMS Nurse's Office Hillcrest Instrumental Night: 7PM</i>	10 <i>Professional Learning Academy Early Release Pre-K - 12 (No AM Pre-K)</i>	11 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
	National Foreign Language Week 3/6–10					
12	13	14	15 <i>PHS National Honor / Math Honor Society Induction Ceremony: 7PM</i>	16 <i>Uriah Hill Parent Teacher Conferences (No PM Pre-K) Spring Parent and Coaches Mtg. at PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	17 <i>PHS/PKMS 3rd Quarter Progress Report Uriah Hill Parent Teacher Conferences (No AM Pre-K)</i>	18
19	20	21 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	22 <i>PTO General Meeting at Oakside: 6:30PM</i>	23 <i>No PM LEAP PHS Guidance Freshman Night: 6PM</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>Modified Sports Begin</i>	28 <i>No LEAP SEPTO Mtg. in PHS Library: 6:30PM</i>	29 <i>No LEAP</i>	30 <i>No LEAP PKMS "Music in Our Schools Month" Concert: 7PM</i>	31	
		NYS Grades 3-8 ELA 3/28-30, Make up Dates 4/3-5				

## 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:**

**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).

# 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 web site, [www.peakskillcsd.org](http://www.peakskillcsd.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. 325. Each school building also has a DASA coordinator.



# 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, 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.)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 <i>PTO Executive Meeting, in BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	4 <i>Board of Education / Common Council Joint Mtg. in Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	5	6 <i>Woodside Poetry Night: 6PM</i>	7 <i>3rd Quarter Ends PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 5/6/17 Test PKMS Musical Production: 7PM</i>	8 <i>PKMS Musical Production: 7PM</i>
9	10 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	11 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	12 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Open</i>	13 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	14 <i>Spring Recess Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	15
	NYSESLAT Speaking 4/10-5/19					
16	17 <i>4th Quarter Begins</i>	18 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	19 <i>PTO General Meeting at Hillcrest: 6:30pm</i>	20 <i>K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal</i>	21 <i>3rd Quarter Report Cards Distributed K-12 K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal</i>	22 <i>Coffee with the Superintendent: 9AM (Location TBA)</i>
		Class of 2017/2018 Pre-K Screening (by appointment) 4/18-21				
23	24	25 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 5/6 Test Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop PKMS National Junior Honor Society Ceremony: 7PM SEPTO Mtg. in PHS Library: 6:30PM</i>	26 <i>Administrative Professional Day Hillcrest Poetry Café: 6PM</i>	27 <i>Woodside Spring Picture Day PHS Drama Production: 7PM No LEAP</i>	28 <i>PHS Drama Production: 7PM No LEAP</i>	29 <i>PHS Drama Production: 1PM &amp; 7PM</i>
30	Book Fair at Hillcrest and Administrative Professional Week 4/24--29					



## 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.



# 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 (Varsity Girls)  
Tennis (Varsity Girls)  
Volleyball (Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Girls, Modified Girls)  
Cross Country (Boys and Girls Varsity)  
Cross Country (Boys and Girls Modified)  
Cheerleading (Varsity - Modified)

### WINTER SPORTS

Cheerleading (Varsity, Modified)  
Basketball (Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Girls, Modified Boys, Modified Girls, Freshman boys)  
Bowling (Boys and Girls Teams)  
Indoor Track (Boys and Girls Teams)  
Wrestling (Varsity, JV, Modified)  
Swimming (Varsity Boys)

### SPRING SPORTS

Baseball (Varsity, Modified)  
Golf Varsity (merges with Putnam Valley)  
Lacrosse (Varsity, Modified)  
Softball (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified)  
Tennis (Varsity Boys)  
Track (Varsity 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	Science Honor Society
Exchange Club	Ski Club
Gardening Club	Student Council
	Yearbook



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>PTO BOE Candidate Forum, Ford Auditorium: 7PM</i>	2 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i> <i>No LEAP</i>	3 <i>No LEAP</i>	4 <i>No LEAP</i> <i>PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:30AM-5PM</i> <i>PHS Spring Concert: 7PM</i>	5 <i>PKMS Musical Production: 7PM</i>	6 <i>National Nurse Day</i> <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i> <i>PKMS Musical Production: 3PM &amp; 7PM</i>
PHS Advanced Placement Exams 5/1-12; NYS Grades 3-8 Math 5/2-4, make up dates 5/8-10						
National Teachers Appreciation Week 5/1-5						
7	8	9 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Registration for 6/3/17 Test</i> <i>LEAP End-of-Year Trip: No LEAP</i>	10 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Spring Sing-A- Long: 9:30AM &amp; 1PM</i>	11	12	13
	NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing 5/8-19					
National Nurses Week 5/7-12						
14	15 <i>PHS Intro to Drama Evening Performance: 7PM</i>	16 <i>Oakside Grade 2 Spring Concert: 9AM</i> <i>Board of Education Annual School Budget Vote Polls Open 7AM-9PM</i> <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 8PM</i> <i>Hillcrest Spring Concert at PHS: 7PM</i>	17 <i>Oakside Grade 3 Spring Concert: 9AM</i> <i>PHS Science National Honor Society Induction: 7PM</i>	18 <i>No PM LEAP</i> <i>PHS Sports Physicals in PKMS Nurse's Office</i> <i>PKMS Spring Concert: 7PM</i>	19 <i>Professional Learning Academy</i> <i>Early Release Pre-K - 12 (No PM Pre-K)</i>	20 <i>Woodside Family Fun Day: 10AM – 2PM</i>
21	22 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Spring Sing-A-Long (Part 1): 9:30AM</i> <i>PHS Advance Drama Evening Performance: 7PM</i>	23 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Spring Sing-A-Long (Part 2): 9:30AM</i> <i>SEPTO Mtg. in PHS Library: 6:30PM</i>	24 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Late Registration for 6/3/17 Test</i> <i>Woodside 1st Grade Spring Sing-A- Long (Part 1): 9:30AM</i> <i>PTO General Meeting at PHS: 6:30PM</i>	25 <i>Last day of LEAP</i> <i>Woodside 1st Grade Spring Sing-A- Long (Part 2): 9:30AM</i> <i>PHS Sports Physicals Nurse's Office</i> <i>PKMS LEAP Celebration: 3:30PM</i> <i>PHS Advance Science Research Symposium: 7PM</i>	26 <i>PHS/PKMS 4th Quarter Progress Report</i>	27
	Book Fair at Oakside 5/22-26				Grades 4&8 Science Performance Test 5/24-6/2	
28	29 <i>Memorial Day Recess Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	30 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Parent Workshop: 1:30PM</i> <i>Woodside Kindergarten Orientation: 6:30PM</i>	31 <i>Woodside 1st Grade Field Day</i> <i>District Dance Showcase at PKMS (Gr. 6-12): 7PM</i>			



## 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.







## 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 May 17, 2016, 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.

## 2016-2017 Breakfast and Lunch Programs/Hunger Free Kids Act (2010)

The Peekskill City School District has been awarded a Federally Funded breakfast and lunch grant for all District students Pre-K-Grade 12. Due to the large number of students attending Peekskill City School District who met previous guidelines for free or reduced meals, the District was able to apply for the Community Eligibility Option of the 2010 Hunger Free Kids Act. The grant runs from 2016 through June 2020.

Breakfast and lunch are offered every school day in all of our school buildings. Effective immediately, every child Pre-K through Grade 12 attending a Peekskill City School District site will receive a free breakfast and free lunch. The only time a child will need to pay for food will be if they wish to purchase a snack item or a second meal.

Students may still 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 a la carte items 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 to their child's school lunch account online.

### 2016-2017 Breakfast and Lunch A La Carte Items

Elementary breakfast: \$1.10

Secondary breakfast: \$1.10

Elementary lunch: \$1.85


Secondary lunch: \$2.00

Adult Lunch: \$3.62 plus tax

Adult Breakfast: \$2.15 plus tax

# June 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>PHS Awards Program Grades 9-11: 8AM Oakside 3rd Grade Field Day PKMS Sports Physicals at Nurse's Office PKMS 8th Grade Awards: 6:30PM PHS Senior Prom at Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor: 7PM</i>	2 <i>Oakside 2nd Grade Field Day</i>	3 <i>PHS SAT I &amp; II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
	4	5 <i>Oakside Award Ceremony: 9AM Oakside Meet the Principal for Incoming 2nd Graders: 6:30PM</i>	6 <i>Rain Date: Woodside 1st Grade Field Day Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM</i>	7 <i>Rain Date: Oakside 2nd &amp; 3rd Grade Field Day Spring Sports Awards Night at PHS Cafeteria: 7PM</i>	8 <i>PHS Last Day of Classes Woodside Kindergarten Field Day Hillcrest Grade 3 Meet the Principal Night: 6PM</i>	9 <i>Professional Learning Academy Early Release Pre-K - 12 (No AM Pre-K) PHS Final Exams Woodside Kindergarten Screening Fair: 4-6PM</i>
Grades 4&8 Science Written Test 6/5 Make up days 6/6,7				PKMS Local Exams 6/8-13		
11	12 <i>PHS Final Exams Hillcrest Awards Ceremony Grade 4: 9AM Grade 5: 1:30PM PTO Executive Meeting, in BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	13 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Visit to Woodside PKMS 7th Grade Awards: 8:30AM SEPTO Differences Day at Hillcrest: 9-11AM PKMS 6th Grade Awards: 2PM</i>	14 <i>Rain Date: Woodside Kindergarten Field Day PTO General Meeting at PKMS: 6:30PM</i>	15 <i>Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day Sports Physicals at PKMS Nurse's Office</i>	16 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Fun in the Sun Day Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day</i>	17
PHS NYS Regents 6/13 – 6/22						
18	19 <i>Rain Date: Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day</i>	20 <i>Uriah Hill Pre-K Graduation 9:30AM &amp; 1PM Board of Education Mtg. Admin. Ctr. Public Session: 7PM Rain Date: Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day</i>	21 <i>Professional Learning Academy Early Release Pre-K-8 (No PM Pre-K / Last Day for AM) PKMS Grade 8 Dinner Dance: 6PM PHS Senior Awards: 7PM at the Paramount</i>	22 <i>Professional Learning Academy Early Release Pre-K-8 (No AM Pre-K / Last Day for PM) PKMS Graduation at the Paramount: 6:30PM</i>	23 <i>4th Quarter Ends Last Day for Students</i>	24
25 <i>PHS Graduation at the Paramount: 2PM</i>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>4th Quarter Report Cards Distributed K-12</i>	



## 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. 236.

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.



# 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 their 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: Ellen Hackett, Director of Special Services, 914-737-3300 ext. 352, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY, 10566.

## INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Response to Intervention Teams are located in each school. Team members include school psychologists, school counselors, social workers, teaching staff and administration. Response to Intervention is the practice of providing high quality instruction and interventions matched to student need.

## 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.

# 2016-17 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

Vaccines	Prekindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2	Grades 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7 and 8	Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTp/Tdap) <sup>1</sup>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses If the 4th dose was received at 4 years of age or older or 3 doses If aged 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year of age or older		3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) <sup>2</sup>		Not applicable		1 dose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) <sup>3</sup>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses If the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years of age or older	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) <sup>4</sup>	1 dose	2 doses			
Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>5</sup>	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age			
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine <sup>6</sup>	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) <sup>7</sup>		Not applicable		By Grade 7: 1 dose	Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose If the dose was received at 16 years of age or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) <sup>8</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable			
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>9</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable			

Children in a Pre-Kindergarten setting should be age-appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For grades Pre-K through 8, intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age. (Exception: intervals between doses of polio vaccine need to be reviewed only for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8.) Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed above. Intervals between doses of vaccine DO NOT need to be reviewed for Grades 9 through 12. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

## 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.
- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.
- (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, 2016.

- 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**



# July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6 <i>Board of Education Mtg. Admin Ctr. Public Session: 4PM</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <div>30</div>	24 <div>31</div>	25	26	27	28	29

# August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Fall Sports Begin</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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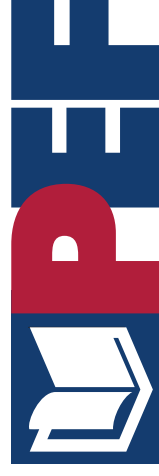
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