



A Message From the Superintendent



Dear Peekskill Community,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Every September, we begin an exciting new year that allows us to continue existing initiatives and enhance our District with new opportunities to meet our goals. This year, PCSD remains dedicated to our students and families. The "Peekskill Promise" is our roadmap. The plan focuses on aligning rigorous and culturally responsive academics; offering robust literacy and STEAM opportunities; nurturing the whole child; providing enrichment experiences for all students, and participating in powerful family and community partnerships.

As we build on our past accomplishments, we are excited to continue the work set in motion with the help of our PCSD staff and supportive community partners. In 2018-19, we launched our, "What I Need" (WIN) Period at Woodside, Oakside and Hillcrest. Enhancing this literacy initiative this year will help us provide targeted instruction based on students' literacy levels. Since launching in November 2018, our Saturday Academy program has seen over 2,000 community members come out to take advantage of classes, information and resources offered from over 70 community partners. (Be sure to check this calendar for this year's Saturday Academy dates.) Last year, our My Brother's Keeper (MBK) program inducted over 50 young men from our middle and high school, and our City accepted the MBK Challenge alongside our District. We are pleased to announce that funding for the Peekskill MBK program has been extended into the 2019-2020 year, allowing us to continue offering mentorship and leadership opportunities to our young men. Additionally, we have started a girls empowerment group at the high school for our young ladies and will expand this program into the middle school. Finally, since re-opening our Lisa Roller Parent Resource Center last year, the space has quickly become known as a go-to-location for workshops, computer access and much more. We encourage our families to continue to utilize this space and its many resources.

Over the summer we welcomed new administrators, including Mr. Austin Goldberg, who will take the reigns as our Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. Dr. Anchala Sobrin has joined our administrative team as our new Director of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and Ms. Madeline Sanchez has been appointed as our new Director of Multilingual Learners. Additionally, our own Mrs. Crystal Hernandez will be taking the lead of Oakside Elementary as Acting Principal, alongside Mrs. Staci Woodley who remains at the building as Assistant Principal. We have also added two Pre-K Dual Language classrooms for the 2019-2020 year. We look forward to hearing more about plans and great accomplishments from our newest leaders and teachers.

Moving forward, we continue to strive towards our goals and prepare for all that is ahead of us. This September, we will introduce our "Commitment to Character" monthly themes and a district-wide attendance initiative. National research shows that students who have satisfactory attendance perform better in school; therefore, our goal is for our students to have no more than nine days of absence each school year. Please join us in supporting these important attendance efforts! In other exciting news, our Communications Department is proceeding with our District's rebranding project and has unveiled a new District logo and updated elementary school mascots, which you will see in this calendar. The District will also be holding a referendum vote on Monday, October 7, which, if approved by voters, will bring a new turf field to Torpy Field, a 21st Century Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Innovation Center to Peekskill High School; a STEAM Exploration Lab at Hillcrest; and various upgrades at each school. Be sure to vote!

I would like to remind our community to be active participants in our District events and initiatives. Stay connected by downloading the Peekskill City School District app on your phone; visiting our District and school websites; and following us on our social media accounts for frequent news, event listings and more.

I wish you and your children a wonderful and productive school year.

Sincerely,

David Mauricio

Dr. David Mauricio
Superintendent of Schools

PLEASE READ through this calendar before you hang it up. A paperless version of this calendar is posted on our website at www.peekskillcsd.org for viewing and/or downloading. Also, a printed copy will be sent home with your youngest child the first day of school. Copies will also be available at the Parent Resource Center for pick up.

The Board of Education recognizes that to govern effectively, it must clearly define why the District exists and what it aspires to be. The Board therefore adopted our mission statement to convey the District's purpose and vision to set forth what the District should strive to become in the future.

Peekskill's Promise

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.

- Rigorous PreK-12 Aligned and Culturally Responsive Academics
- Robust Literacy and STEAM Opportunities
- Whole-Child Commitment
- Enrichment Experiences For All
- Powerful Parent, Family and Community Partnerships

Peekskill City School District Core Values

WE BELIEVE THAT:

- all people can learn, contribute and have value
- embracing and understanding cultural diversity is imperative to strengthening and enriching a school community
- when a school community provides a respectful, safe, supportive, resource-rich environment, people thrive and meet their goals
- a school district excels when strong partnerships exist among families, schools and community
- educating the whole child will develop life-long learners who are compassionate, confident, critical thinkers
- a school district is responsible for aligning and carrying out the conditions for learning, leadership and commitment local and global community

Commitment to Character District-Wide Monthly Themes

In keeping with our District's whole child approach to education, this year Peekskill City Schools has adopted monthly District-wide themes to promote character education and social emotional learning. A whole child approach to education ensures that students are healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. The monthly themes noted below support the following NYS Education Department's Social Emotional Learning Goals:

- Develop self-awareness and self-management skills essential to success in school and in life
- Use social awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships
- Demonstrate ethical decision-making skills and responsible behaviors in personal, school, and community contexts

Please see below for a list of monthly themes which will inspire school activities, literature and more throughout the school year.

- September:** Hopes and Dreams
- October:** Safety, Respect and Responsibility
- November:** Gratitude and Kindness
- December:** Community
- January:** Collaboration
- February:** Sharing Love
- March:** Courage and Perseverance
- April:** Friendship
- May:** Attitudes and Values
- June:** Self Reflection

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September 2019

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Hopes and Dreams

Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15 – 10/15

Schools, 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 daily and on time
- Making sure that homework is done
- Limiting television and social media
- 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,

- Attend school daily and on time
- Do homework every day and ask for help when needed
- Read daily outside of school
- Give our parents all notices and information from my school every day
- Study your notes and coursework

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i> No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation	3 Schools Open Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 9 PHS Freshman Orientation (Grade 9 students only) 8:30AM-3:00PM Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	4 Grades 10-12 First Day of School PHS Freshman Trip	5 Athletics Mandatory Fall Sports Parent/Coaches Meeting at PHS: 6:30PM	6 PHS SAT I & II Registration for 10/5/19 Test	7 Regional Robotics Kickoff at PHS: Time TBD
8	9 <i>Athletics Fall Modified Sports Start</i> PTO Executive Committee Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM	10 Woodside Kindergarten Parent Breakfast: 9:45AM Oakside Grade 2 Back to School Night: 6:30PM	11 We Remember 9/11 Oakside Grade 3 Back to School Night: 6:30PM	12 Woodside Back to School Night, Kindergarten: 6:00PM Grade 1: 7:15PM	13 Oakside Picture Day	14 PHS Senior Pictures in Library: 8:00AM-3:00PM
15	16 <i>PHS/PKMS Dads Bring Your Child to School Day</i>	17 Uriah Hill Dads Bring Your Child to School Day Woodside Picture Day Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	18 Woodside Dads Bring Your Child to School Day PKMS Picture Day PHS Special Ed. Transition Planning Night: 6:00PM PHS Guidance Senior College Night in Auditorium: 6:30PM	19 Oakside Dads Bring Your Child to School Day PKMS Back to School Night: 6:30PM	20 Hillcrest Dads Bring Your Child to School Day	21 PHS Senior Pictures in Library: 8:00AM-3:00PM
Celebration of National "Dads Bring Your Child to School Day": September 16-20						
22	23 <i>Coffee and Conversation with the Special Services Director, Admin.</i> Building: 6:30PM	24 PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 10/5/19 Test Hanging with Hillcrest Literacy Night and BBQ: 6:30PM	25 PHS Back to School Night: 6:30PM	26 PHS Underclassmen ID Photos in Auditorium: 8:00AM-3:00PM PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:00AM-4:00PM Uriah Hill Back to School Night: 6:30PM	27	28 <i>Saturday Academy Kick Off at PKMS:</i> 10:00AM-1:00PM
29	30 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation					

Board of Education

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Jillian Villon, Vice President

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2019-2020 Board Of Education Meeting Dates

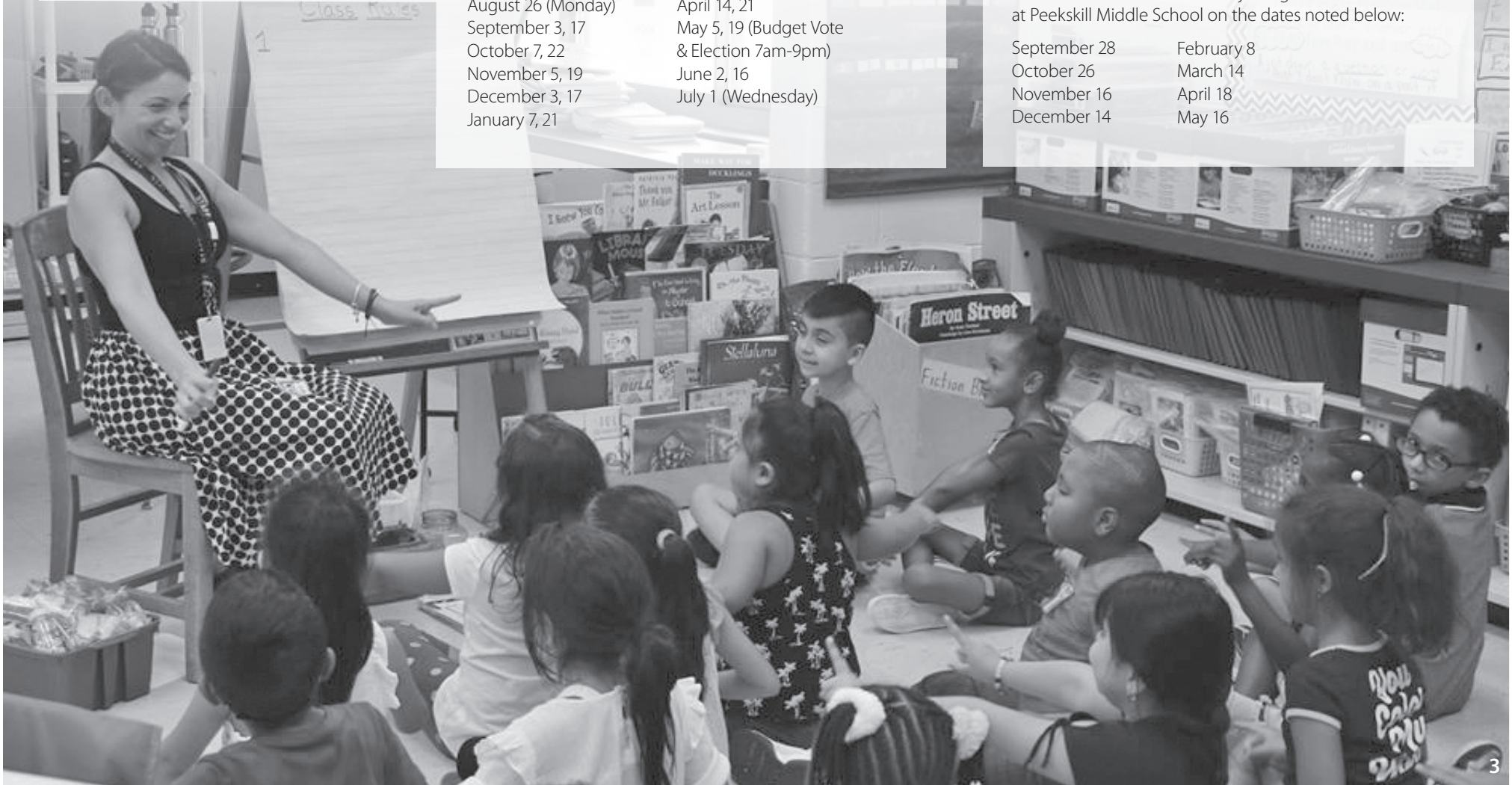
Regular Board of Education meetings begin public session at 7PM. Board of Education meetings are videotaped for broadcast on our educational channel, Channel 77 or FIOS Channel 32. You may also view BOE videos on our District website under the Board of Education tab.

July 2	February 4, 25
August 6	March 10, 24
August 26 (Monday)	April 14, 21
September 3, 17	May 5, 19 (Budget Vote & Election 7am-9pm)
October 7, 22	June 2, 16
November 5, 19	July 1 (Wednesday)
December 3, 17	
January 7, 21	

2019-2020 Saturday Academy Dates

In November 2018, Peekskill CSD launched our Saturday Academy as part of the District's community schools initiative. Saturday Academy features 70+ community partners and offers workshops, guest speakers, crafts, free resources and more! Each session also begins with a free brunch for our guests! This year, the Peekskill PTO will host themed enrichment activities at each event as well. We look forward to our families joining us from 10AM - 1PM at Peekskill Middle School on the dates noted below:

September 28	February 8
October 26	March 14
November 16	April 18
December 14	May 16



October 2019

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Safety, Respect and Responsibility
National Bullying Prevention Month





Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a link on the Peekskill City School District's websites 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" tab on the district website, 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 Technology Department will email an access code and instructions on how to log on to the Parent Portal.

That's it! For questions, email parentportal@peakskillschools.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Rosh Hashanah No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	2 <i>National Custodial Workers Recognition Day PHS Freshman Guidance Night in Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	3 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 11/2/19 Test Hillcrest Grade 4 Back to School Night and Summer Reading Celebration: 6:30PM</i>	4 <i>15 Minute Early Dismissal for Emergency Evacuation (County-Wide)</i>	5 <i>PHS SAT I & II Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>
6	7 <i>Bond Referendum Vote at PHS: 7:00AM-9:00PM Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	8 <i>Hillcrest Picture Day Woodside Coffee with the Principal English Session: 6:30PM Spanish Session: 7:30PM</i>	9 <i>Yom Kippur No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	10 <i>Hillcrest Grade 5 Back to School Night and Summer Reading Celebration: 6:30PM</i>	11 <i>Athletics Homecoming Weekend</i>	12 <i>Athletics Homecoming Weekend</i>
13	14 <i>Columbus Day No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	15 <i>PHS Special Ed. Transition Planning Night: 6:00PM PHS Financial Aid Night in Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	16 <i>PHS College Application Workshop: 9:00AM PHS PSAT Day: 9:00AM-11:00AM Oakside Summer Reading Celebration: 6:30PM</i>	17 <i>PHS Senior PANO Group Pictures at Depew Park: 1:30PM PHS Fall Sports Picture Day in Gym: 3:00PM PTO General Meeting and Kick Off, Ford Auditorium: 7:00PM</i>	18 <i>1st Quarter Progress Report (All Students)</i>	19
20	21	22 <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 11/2/19 Test Board of Education Meeting at Admin Building, Public Session: 7:00PM PTO Advocacy Committee Meeting, Uriah Hill Parent Resource Center: 6:00PM</i>	23 <i>Uriah Hill Picture Day</i>	24 <i>PHS Mini College Fair in Gym: 8:50AM Woodside Summer Reading Celebration: Kindergarten: 6:00PM Grade 1: 7:15PM PHS Northern Westchester College Fair at Yorktown HS: 6:30PM -9:00PM</i>	25 <i>Professional Learning Academy: Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12 Early Dismissal (See Page 5 for Dismissal Times)</i>	26 <i>Saturday Academy, Trunk or Treat and Interact Club Safe Halloween at PKMS: 10:00AM-1:00PM</i>
School Board Recognition Week: October 21-25						
27	28	29 <i>PHS Underclassmen, Senior and Faculty ID Picture Retakes: 8:00AM-3:00PM SEPTO Meeting, Admin. Building: 6:30PM</i>	30 <i>PHS Junior College Night in Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	31 <i>Uriah Hill Costume Parade: 10:00AM and 1:00PM</i>		

Peekskill City School District Directory



Uriah Hill, Jr. School

Grades: Pre-K
 Principal: Mrs. Carmen Vargas
 980 Pemart Ave – 739-0682 Ext. 7500
 School Nurse's Office: 739-0682 Ext. 7503
 Arrival Time: 8:30AM
 Student Dismissal: 2:30PM
 Early Dismissal/Half Day: 11AM



Woodside Elementary School

Grades: K-1
 Principal: Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez
 Assistant Principal: Mrs. Jacqueline Liburd
 612 Depew Street – 739-0093
 School Nurse's Office: 739-0093 Ext. 4520
 Breakfast: 8:45AM
 Arrival Time: 9:00AM
 Student Dismissal: 3:30PM
 Early Dismissal/Half Day: 12:20PM



Oakside Elementary School

Grades: 2-3
 Acting Principal: Mrs. Crystal Hernandez
 Assistant Principal: Mrs. Staci Woodley
 200 Decatur Avenue – 737-1591
 School Nurse's Office: 737-1591 Ext. 6506
 Breakfast 8:00AM
 Arrival Time: 8:20AM
 Student Dismissal: 2:50PM
 Early Dismissal/Half Day: 11:35AM



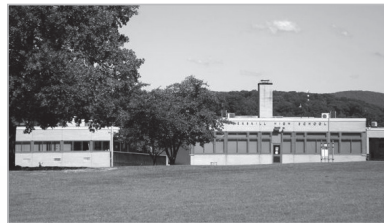
Hillcrest Elementary School

Grades: 4-5
 Principal: Mr. Randal Lichtenwalner
 Assistant Principal: TBD
 4 Horton Drive – 739-2284
 School Nurse's Office: 739-2284 Ext. 5506
 Breakfast: 8:00AM
 Arrival Time: 8:20AM
 Student Dismissal: 2:50PM
 Early Dismissal/Half Day: 11:35AM



Peekskill Middle School

Grades: 6-8
 Principal: Mr. Jamal Lewis
 Assistant Principal: Dr. June Campolongo
 Assistant Principal: Ms. Courtney Simon
 212 Ringgold Street – 737-4542 Ext. 2500
 School Nurse's Office: 737-4542 Ext. 2530
 Guidance Office: 737-4542 Ext. 2550
 Attendance Office: 737-4542 Ext. 2910
 Breakfast: 7:50AM
 Arrival Time: 8:20AM
 Student Dismissal: 2:56PM
 Early Dismissal/Half Day: 11:30AM



Peekskill High School

Grades: 9-12
 Principal: Mr. Rodney Arthur
 Assistant Principal: Dr. Margie Daniels
 Assistant Principal: Ms. Naima Smith-Moore
 Assistant Principal: Mr. William Toro
 Assistant Principal: Dr. Jenna Ferris
 1072 Elm Street – 737-0201
 School Nurse's Office: 737-0201 Ext. 3503
 Guidance Office: 737-0201 Ext. 3519
 Attendance Office: 737-0201 Ext. 3520
 Breakfast: 7:40AM
 Arrival Time: 8:05AM
 Student Dismissal: 3:00PM
 Call Back 2:47-3:00PM
 Early Dismissal/Half Day: 11:06AM

Check out
 our new
 elementary
 mascots!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our District's rebranding efforts — we are excited to unveil a new look for our District logo and elementary mascots! We greatly appreciate the input and information we received from our stakeholders via our "Love Letters to Peekskill" campaign last February, and the ideas brought to life by our rebranding committee members!



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 schools and parents, and organizing fundraisers and other special events. 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

Executive PTO Officers:

President: Marisa O'Leary
 marisa.oleary@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Jennifer Carbaugh
 jacarbaugh@yahoo.com

Vice President: Isabel Pipolo
 communications@peekskillpto.org



Secretary: Randi Alberino
 randella22@gmail.com

S.E.P.T.O. is our District's Special Education PTO. To learn more about S.E.P.T.O., call 737-3300 ext. 1524. Also visit our District website at www.peakskillcsd.org and click on SEPTO under the "Parents" tab or email us at: peekskill_septo@outlook.com.

November 2019

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Gratitude and Kindness



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Woodside Picture Retakes	2 PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM
3	4 PTO Executive Committee Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM Hillcrest Multicultural Celebration: 6:30PM	5 Superintendent's Conference Day No School for Students Board of Education Meeting, Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM Election Day	6 Athletics Fall Varsity Sports Awards at PHS: 6:30PM	7 Uriah Hill Parent Workshop: 1:30PM Conversation with the Superintendent at Uriah Hill Parent Resource Center: 6:30PM	8 PHS/PKMS 1st Quarter Ends PHS SAT I & II Registration for 12/7/19 Test	9
10	11 Veteran's Day Observed No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation	12 Athletics Winter JV/ Varsity Sports Begin	13 PKMS Picture Retakes	14 PKMS Parent/Teacher Night: 6:30PM	15 PHS/PKMS 1st Quarter Report Cards Mailed	16 Saturday Academy at PKMS: 10:00AM-1:00PM
17	18 Mandatory Winter Sports Parent/Coaches Meeting at PHS: 6:30PM Hillcrest Parent Workshop: 6:30PM	19 Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	20 SEPTO Meeting, Admin. Building: 6:30PM	21 PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:00AM – 4:00PM PHS Fall Drama Production: 7:00PM	22 PHS Fall Drama Production: 7:00PM	23 PHS Fall Drama Production: 2:00PM and 7:00PM
24	25 Athletics Modified Winter Sports Begin Hillcrest Picture Retakes Uriah Hill Picture Retakes	26 PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 12/7/19 Test PHS 1st Quarter Honor Roll Celebration, Auditorium: 8:00AM Oakside Curriculum Night: 6:30PM	27 Uriah Hill Thanksgiving Celebration: 11:00AM Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5: 1st Trimester Ends	28 Thanksgiving Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation	29 Thanksgiving Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation	30

Turn Off Your Cell Phone

The Board of Education has prohibited the use of cell phones, radios, portable listening devices and unauthorized tape recorders and/or cameras during the instructional day. Misuse of any of these electronic devices will result in their confiscation.



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 and click "Board Policies" under the Board of Education tab or contact Special Service Department at 914-737-3300 ext. 1560.

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. 7535 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, click Board Policies under the Board of Education tab.

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 Parent Center is open during school hours and on specific evenings when workshops and events are scheduled. Call the Uriah Hill School at 914 739-0682 Ext. 7309.

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. 1525. The Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) contact number is 914-737-3300 ext. 1526.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our elementary schools Grade 2 through Grade 5 offer an Enrichment program for all students. This school-wide model offers enrichment through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Music). Oakside and Hillcrest Schools have designated weekly periods where every child is given the opportunity for STEAM.

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 PHS and spring performance at PKMS.

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.

HASS'S WAY

HASS's Way is a six hour out-of-school suspension program that provides tutoring and lunch to students from Peekskill Middle School and Peekskill High School. The program is located at the Peekskill Youth Bureau. 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.



Here's What To Do "If"

- **You have a school related question or concern:** 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:** Your child 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 three (3) days or the absence will be considered illegal.
- **Your child will be home for a prolonged period of time 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 schools' 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 2019

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Community



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3 <i>Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	4 <i>PHS Sophomore Night in Auditorium: 6:30PM</i>	5 <i>PHS Parent/Teacher Conference Night: 6:30PM</i>	6	7 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM</i>	
8	9	10 <i>Woodside Kindergarten Sing-a-Long: 9:45AM and 1:45PM PKMS Winter Concert: 7:00PM</i>	11 <i>Woodside Grade 1 Sing-a-Long: 9:45AM and 1:45PM</i>	12 <i>PHS Winter Concert: 6:30PM Parent/Teacher Conferences Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5: 5:30PM-7:30PM</i>	13 <i>Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5 Early Dismissal (See Page 5 for Dismissal Times)</i>	14 <i>Saturday Academy Holiday Celebration at PKMS: 10:00AM-1:00PM</i>	
15	16	17 <i>Oakside Winter Concert: Grade 2: 9:00AM Grade 3: 1:30PM Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	18 <i>Uriah Hill Holiday Concert: 9:30AM and 1:00PM</i>	19 <i>Hillcrest Winter Concert: 7:00PM</i>	20 <i>PHS/PKMS 2nd Quarter Progress Reports</i>	21	
22	23 <i>Holiday Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	24 <i>Holiday Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	25 <i>Holiday Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	26 <i>Holiday Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	27 <i>Holiday Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	28	
29	30 <i>Holiday Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	31 <i>Holiday Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>					

In Case of Emergency

The Peekskill City School District is committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of its students, visitors and staff. Our Emergency Management Plans have been guided by and coordinated with the Peekskill and Westchester County Emergency Management Offices, Peekskill Police, Altaris Consultant Group and the State Education Department.

Each school has plans for emergencies and staff that have been trained to assist. Walkie-talkies are in place should a loss of electricity occur, and a cell phone contact list has been established for immediate notification. Emergency exercise drills are conducted periodically to test our preparedness and to ensure that all staff, students and visitors understand what to do in an emergency. In the event that schools must be evacuated due to an Indian Point Emergency, the County Emergency Management Office and the PCSDD will coordinate transportation efforts, and decisions as to where to transport students will be based on the actual emergency and 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.



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 PCSD 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 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 all children.

Inclement Weather Procedures

In bad weather when it seems likely that weather and street conditions will improve later in the day, the 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. The District will also make notification phone calls through the automated ConnectED service.

Peekskill: WLNA 1420 AM, WHUD 100.7 FM, NEWS 12 TV, FIOS Channel 1TV, PCSD

Cablevision Channel 77 - Verizon FIOS Channel 32, Facebook and Twitter

WHUD Storm Center: www.pamal.com/stormcenter/whud.php

Note:

If no snow days are used, school will be closed 5/21 & 5/26

If 1 snow day is used, school will be closed 5/26 (5/21 school is in session)

If 2 snow days are used, the calendar stands as shown (5/21 & 5/26 school in session)

If 2 or less snow days are used, 6/12, 6/25 & 6/26 will be half days for students

If only 3 snow days are used, 6/25 & 6/26 will be half days for students

If only 4 snow days are used, 6/26 will be half day for students



If more than 6 snow days are used, weather make-up days to be taken in the following order: 5/22, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8

January 2020

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Collaboration

Transportation

The Peekskill Board of Education has approved transportation for any student in Kindergarten through Grade 1, who resides between one-half miles and fifteen miles from school, and any Grade 2 through Grade 5 student who lives between one mile and fifteen miles from school. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students must have an authorized adult at the bus stop in order for the child to be released from the bus. If there isn't an authorized adult the student will be brought back to school. **Requests for private and parochial school transportation for the upcoming school year 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. 7702. Any questions regarding late buses or lost items left on the bus should be directed to our Transportation Contractor MAT Bus Corp -Total Transportation, located at 1022 Lower South St., Peekskill or contact Sam Srobertucci (Manager) at (914)-278 6829, email: srobertucci@totalbusco.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>No School/Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	2 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>No School/Buildings Open</i> <i>Special Services Transportation Only</i>	3 <i>Holiday Recess</i> <i>No School/Buildings Open</i> <i>Special Services Transportation Only</i>	4
5	6 <i>PTO Executive Committee Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	7 <i>Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	8 <i>PHS Winter Sports Picture Day in Gym: 3:00PM</i>	9 <i>PHS College Roundtable Discussion for Juniors (Student Assembly): 8:30AM – 10:30AM</i>	10	11
<i>Lou Panzanaro, Sr. Basketball Tournament: January 9-11 at PHS</i>						
12	13	14 <i>Woodside Math Night: 6:30PM</i>	15	16 <i>Hillcrest Parent Workshop: 6:30PM</i>	17	18
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> <i>No School/Buildings Closed</i> <i>No District Transportation</i>	21 <i>Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i> <i>PTO Advocacy Committee Meeting, Uriah Hill Parent Resource Center: 6:00PM</i>	22	23 <i>Uriah Hill Parent Workshop: 1:30PM</i>	24 <i>PKMS Musical Production: 7:00PM</i> <i>Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5 Progress Reports</i>	25 <i>PKMS Musical Production: 7:00PM</i>
<i>PHS NYS Regents: January 21-24</i>						
26	27	28 <i>SEPTO Meeting, Admin. Building: 6:30PM</i>	29	30 <i>Conversation with the Superintendent at Admin. Building: 6:30PM</i>	31 <i>PHS/PKMS 2nd Quarter Ends</i> <i>PKMS Musical Production Snow Date: 7:00PM</i>	

Traffic Safety

Standing or parking a car in an unauthorized area on school property is 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.

2019-2020 SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

August 28	Wednesday	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School for Students
August 29	Thursday	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School for Students
September 2	Monday	Labor Day, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
September 3	Tuesday	Schools Open Pre-K-12
September 30	Monday	Rosh Hashanah, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
October 1	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah, No School/Buildings Open, Special Services Transportation only
October 9	Wednesday	Yom Kippur, No School/ Buildings Open, Special Services Transportation Only
October 14	Monday	Columbus Day, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
October 25	Friday	Professional Learning Academy, Early Dismissal PreK-12
November 5	Tuesday	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School for Students
November 11	Monday	Veteran's Day Observed, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
November 28-29	Thursday–Friday	Thanksgiving Recess, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
December 23-25	Monday–Tuesday	Holiday Recess, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
December 26-27	Wednesday–Friday	Holiday Recess, No School/Buildings Open, Special Services Transportation Only
December 30-31	Monday–Tuesday	Holiday Recess, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
January 1	Wednesday	Holiday Recess, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
January 2-3	Thursday–Friday	Holiday Recess, No School/Buildings Open, Special Services Transportation Only
January 20	Monday	Martin Luther King Day, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
February 17	Monday	Winter Recess, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
February 18-21	Tuesday–Friday	Winter Recess, No School/Buildings Open, Special Services Transportation Only
March 13	Friday	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School for Students
April 6-9	Monday–Thursday	Spring Recess, No School/Buildings Open; Special Services Transportation Only
April 10	Friday	Spring Recess, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
May 22	Friday	Memorial Day Recess, No School/Buildings Open, Special Services Transportation Only
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day, No School/Buildings Closed, No Transportation
June 26	Friday	Last Day of School for Students, Early Dismissal PreK-12



February 2020

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Sharing Love

Black History Month / National African American Read-In Month

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.

A copy of the Code of Conduct may be reviewed at the District's Administration Center, at each of the schools, or on our website, www.peakskillcsd.org

No student shall be subjected to discrimination based on:

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

The District Coordinators for DASA are the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, Mr. Daniel Callahan and the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Dr. Mary Keenan Foster, 914-737-3300 ext. 1534. Each school building also has a DASA coordinator.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
District Art Display at Peekskill Coffee House for the Entire Month of February						1 PKMS Musical Production Snow Date: 3:00PM
2	3	4 Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	5 Grade 8 Parent Transition Night at PHS Auditorium: 6:30PM	6 Woodside Snowball Dance: 6:30PM	7 PHS/PKMS 2nd Quarter Report Cards Mailed Woodside Snowball Dance Snow Date: 6:30PM	8 Saturday Academy at PKMS: 10:00AM-1:00PM
9	10	11 Woodside Coffee with the Principal: English Session: 6:30PM Spanish Session: 7:30PM	12 Hillcrest Parent Workshop: 6:30PM	13 PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:00AM - 4:00PM PTO General Meeting/ Black History Month Celebration, Ford Auditorium: 7:00PM	14 PHS SAT I & II Registration for 3/14/20 Test	15
16	17 Winter Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation	18 Winter Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only	19 Winter Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only	20 Winter Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only	21 Winter Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only	22
23	24 SEPTO Meeting, Admin. Building: 6:30PM	25 Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	26 PHS 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Celebration in Auditorium: 8:00AM Winter Varsity Sports Awards at PHS: 6:30PM	27	28	29

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 (e)
Art/Music	1	1	1 (e)
Health	0.5	0.5	0.5
Physical Education	2	2	2
Electives	3.5	3.5	1.5
Total	22	22	22

College Testing Programs: 2019-2020

NYS Testing Dates At PHS SAT I & II	Registration Deadlines Without Penalty	Late Registration Penalty
October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019	September 24, 2019
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019	October 22, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 26, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020

DIPLOMA DISTINCTIONS

Regents with Honors

Assessments: 5 required Regents exams (1) with a computed average score of 90 or better as follows: 1 math, 1 science, 1 social studies, ELA and either 1 Pathway Assessment (2) or meet all the requirements of the CDOS Commencement Credential (no more than 2 Department approved alternatives may be substituted and will not count in the computed average)

Regents with Advanced Designation

Assessment: Students may meet the assessment requirements in order to earn a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation by passing any one of the following combinations of Regents examinations and/or Department approved alternatives if applicable:

- (a) Traditional Combination: ELA, Global History and Geography, US History and Government, 3 mathematics, 2 science, 1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments
- (b) Pathway (2) Combination (other than STEM): ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science), and either 1 Pathway (other than science or mathematics) or meet the requirements for the CDOS Commencement Credential = 7 or 8 Assessments
- (c) STEM (Mathematics) Pathway (2) Combination: ELA, 1 social studies 4 mathematics, 2 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments
- (d) STEM (Science) Pathway (2) Combination: ELA, 1 social studies, 3 mathematics, 3 science (1 must be life science and 1 must be physical science) = 8 Assessments
- (e) In addition, a student must earn 3 credits in a LOTE and pass a locally developed Checkpoint B LOTE* examination OR complete a 5 unit sequence in the Arts or CTE.

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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.

COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAMS 2019-2020

Peekskill High School Test Center Code: 334465 • Test Center Code: 33-754

General Information:

1. Online Registration for SAT's: 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's: www.collegeboard.com

Advanced Placement Examination Dates

Monday – Friday, May 4 – May 8, 2020
Monday – Friday, May 11 – May 15, 2020

PSAT / NMSQT - Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Peekskill High School.

March 2020

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Courage and Perseverance
 Women's History / Music in our Schools Month



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>PTO Executive Committee Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM</i>	3 <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 3/14/20 Test</i>	4	5	6	7
National Foreign Language Week: March 2-6						
8	9 <i>Athletics JV and Varsity Spring Sports Begin</i>	10 <i>Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	11	12 <i>District-Wide Music in our Schools Concert at PKMS: 7:00PM</i>	13 <i>Superintendent's Conference Day No School for Students</i>	14 <i>PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM Saturday Academy at PKMS: 10:00AM-1:00PM St. Patrick's Day Parade</i>
15	16	17	18	19 <i>Uriah Hill Parent Workshop: 1:30PM PHS Spring Sports Picture Day in Gym: 3:00PM Woodside/Oakside Parent Workshop at Woodside: 6:30PM</i>	20 <i>PHS/PKMS 3rd Quarter Progress Reports Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5 2nd Trimester Ends</i>	21
22	23 <i>Athletics Spring Modified Sports Begin</i>	24 <i>PTO Advocacy Committee Meeting, Uriah Hill Parent Resource Center: 6:00PM Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	25 <i>Athletics Mandatory Spring Sports Parent/Coaches Meeting: 6:30PM</i>	26	27	28
Woodside Reader's Theater Week: March 23-27						
NYS ELA Assessments: Grades 3-5: March 25, 26; Grades 6-8: March 24-31						
29	30	31 <i>SEPTO Meeting, Admin. Building: 6:30PM</i>				

Notes:

What are the Peekskill Basics?

Based on the Boston Basics, a public/private program that grew out of work at Harvard University, the Peekskill Basics is a campaign inspired by the fact that 80% of brain development happens in the first three years of life.

The Peekskill Basics are five evidence-based parenting and caregiving principles that encompass much of what experts find is important for children from birth to age three. Every child from every background can benefit from routinely experiencing Peekskill Basics learning experiences. Therefore, the Peekskill Basics Initiative is working through a broad range of institutions to ensure that every parent and caregiver is fully supported by family and friends to use these five practices in everyday life.

Who Is Involved?

Everyone! Partners include hospitals, health centers, community centers, child care providers, churches, and others.

What If I'm Not a Parent?

Doesn't matter! We want everyone to know the Peekskill Basics. Learn so that you can help spread the word and encourage parents and caregivers of young children.



MAXIMIZE LOVE, MANAGE STRESS

Babies thrive when the world feels loving, safe, and predictable. caregiving that is affectionate and responsive develops a sense of security and self-control.



TALK, SING, AND POINT

Babies learn language from the moment they are born. They learn through loving interactions with their caregivers, not TV or phones. Eye contact, pointing, and real words teach the most about communication.



COUNT, GROUP, AND COMPARE

Children are born wired to learn numbers, patterns, sizes, shapes, and comparisons. What they learn about math in the first few years makes a difference when they get to school.



EXPLORE THROUGH MOVEMENT & PLAY

Children are born curious about the world. They are like scientists. Pay attention to your infant or toddler's interests. Help them learn through play and exploration.



READ AND DISCUSS STORIES



The more we read with young children, the more prepared they become to enjoy reading and do well in school. Even infants enjoy the shapes and colors in books. Let them hold the book, turn the pages. Point to the pictures and talk about what you see.



April 2020

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Friendship



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <i>Conversation with the Superintendent at Admin. Building: 6:30PM</i>	3 <i>PHS SAT I & II Registration for 5/2/20 Test Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5 Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences Early Dismissal (See Page 5 for Dismissal Times)</i>	4
5	6 <i>Spring Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	7 <i>Spring Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	8 <i>Spring Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	9 <i>Spring Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation Only</i>	10 <i>Spring Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation</i>	11
12	13	14 <i>Board of Education Meeting, Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	15 <i>Hillcrest STEAM Fair: 6:30PM</i>	16	17 <i>Woodside Superhero Breakfast: 8:45AM</i>	18 <i>Saturday Academy at PKMS: 10:00AM-1:00PM</i>
NYSESLAT (Speaking): April 13-May 15						
19	20	21 <i>PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 5/2/20 Test Board of Education Meeting (Adoption of PCSD/BOCES Budget), Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM</i>	22 <i>Administrative Professional Day</i>	23 <i>Woodside Spring Picture Day PHS Spring Musical Production: 7:00PM</i>	24 <i>PHS/PKMS 3rd Quarter Ends Uriah Hill Carnival: 5:00PM – 7:00PM PHS Spring Musical Production: 7:00PM</i>	25 <i>PHS Spring Musical Production: 2:00PM and 7:00PM</i>
NYS Mathematics Assessments: Grades 3-5: April 22, 23; Grades 6-8: April 20-27						
Administrative Professional Week: April 20-24						
26	27	28 <i>SEPTO Meeting, Admin. Building: 6:30PM</i>	29 <i>Oakside Poetry Slam: 6:30PM</i>	30 <i>Uriah Hill Parent Workshop: 1:30PM</i>		

Notes:

Visiting Our District Buildings

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 must present a photo ID when arriving at any PCSD building.
3. All visitors to the school must report to the visitor reception area or the main office once inside the school. There, visitors' information will be entered into our visitor management system and a visitor tag will be printed and must be worn at all times while in the school or on school grounds. In addition, visitors will be issued a lanyard and card. The visitor must return all identification materials to the issuing office or security greeter before leaving the building.
4. Persons who desire to visit a school building shall do so only with the permission of an appropriate administrative staff member.
5. Visitors attending after-hours school functions that are open to the public, such as parent-teacher organization meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.
6. 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.
7. Teachers are expected not to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.
8. 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.

All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in the 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, JV Girls Soccer, Boys Modified and Girls Modified)
Swimming (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, Freshman Boys, Junior Varsity Girls, Modified Boys, Modified Girls)
Bowling (Varsity Boys and Girls Teams)
Indoor Track (Varsity Boys and Girls Teams)
Wrestling (Varsity, JV, Modified)
Swimming (Varsity Boys)

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball (Varsity, Modified)
Lacrosse (Varsity, Modified)
Softball (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified)
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 and volunteer in their community, while learning more about themselves and the world around them. Students who would like to participate should obtain information at the high school office. The roster usually includes most of the following activities:

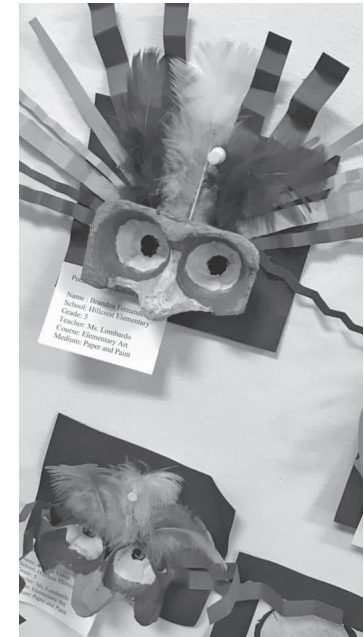
Academic Competition Club	Latino Culture Club
Art Club	Math Competition Club
Black Culture Club	Math Honor Society
Chess Club	National Honor Society S.S.
Debate Club	Newspaper – Mercury
Drama Club	P.I.E.S. (Peekskill Internship Experience for Seniors)
Environmental Club	Science National Honory Society
Exchange Club	Ski Club
Gardening Club	Student Council
Girls Who Code	Yearbook
Global Girls Alliance	
GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance)	
Interact Club	
Irish Culture Club	



May 2020

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Attitudes and Values

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
District Art Display at Westchester Community College for the Entire Month of May					1 PHS/PKMS 3rd Quarter Report Cards Uriah Hill Carnival: 6:30PM	2 PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM
3	4 PTO Executive Committee Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM	5 National Teachers Day Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	6 National Nurses Day	7 PHS Interact Club Blood Drive: 8:00AM – 4:00PM PHS Spring Concert: 6:30PM	8 Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5 Progress Reports Uriah Hill Mom's Day: 8:30AM PHS SAT I & II Registration for 6/6/20 Test	9
			National Teachers Appreciation Week: May 4-8			
			National Nurses Week: May 6-12			
10 Mother's Day	11 PTO BOE Candidate Forum, Ford Auditorium: 7:00PM	12 SEPTO Meeting, Admin. Building: 6:30PM	13 Uriah Hill Spring Concert: 9:30AM and 1:00PM	14 PKMS Spring Concert: 7:00PM	15 PKMS Career Day Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5 Progress Reports	16 Saturday Academy Year-End Carnival Celebration at PKMS: 10:00AM-1:00PM
NYSESLAT (Listening/Reading/Writing) and PHS Advanced Placement Exams: May 4-15						
17	18 PHS Advance Science Research Symposium: 6:30PM	19 Annual Budget Vote and School Board Elections at PHS: 7:00AM-9:00PM Woodside Kindergarten Spring Concert: 9:45AM and 1:45PM Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 8:00PM Hillcrest Spring Concert: 7:00PM	20 Woodside Grade 1 Spring Concert: 9:45AM and 1:45PM PHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony: 6:30PM	21 Oakside Spring Concert-Grade 2: 9:00AM and Grade 3: 1:30PM Woodside Multicultural Poetry Potluck: 6:30PM	22 Memorial Day Recess No School/Buildings Open Special Services Transportation only PHS/PKMS 4th Quarter Progress Reports	23
NYS Science Performance Assessments: Grades 4 and 8-May 18-29						
24	25 Memorial Day Recess No School/Buildings Closed No District Transportation	26 PTO Advocacy Committee Meeting, Uriah Hill Parent Resource Center: 6:00PM	27 Woodside Kindergarten Orientation (English Session #1): 6:30PM PHS SAT I & II Late Registration for 6/6/20 Test	28 PHS Senior Prom at Anthony's Pier 9 Woodside Kindergarten Orientation (Spanish Session #1): 6:30PM	29	30



Notes:

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 needed 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.



Free Breakfast and Lunch Programs & MySchoolBucks

We are pleased to inform you that Peekskill City School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs for the 2019-2020 school year.

All students enrolled at Peekskill City School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school every school day of the 2019-2020 school year at **no charge** to your household. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs **without having to pay a fee or submit an application**. Each month, menus are available to be sent home with the students. You may also check school websites for this information.



Breakfast and lunch are offered every school day in all of our school buildings. Students not willing to participate in our schools' Lunch and Breakfast Programs may bring a complete lunch from home, including beverages in plastic containers or cans. Glass bottles are not permitted.

For students wishing to buy a la carte lunch items, PCSD offers MySchoolBucks, a convenient online meal payment service. For more information, or to add funds to your student's account, you may log onto MySchoolBucks.com or click on the MySchoolBucks link on our school websites.

June 2020

Commitment to Character Monthly Theme:
Self Reflection



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NYS Science Written Assessments: Grades 4 and 8	2 PHS NYS Regents-US History and Government (12:30PM Start for Students NOT Taking the Regents Exam) Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	3 Woodside Kindergarten Orientation (Spanish Session #2): 6:30PM PHS Athletics Spring Varsity Sports Awards: 6:30PM	4 Oakside Grade 2 Field Day PHS Awards Program Grades 9-11 and 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Celebration, Auditorium: 8:00AM Uriah Hill Parent Workshop: 1:30PM Woodside Kindergarten Orientation (English Session #2): 6:30PM PKMS Grade 8 Awards: 6:30PM	5 Oakside Grade 3 Field Day Woodside Kindergarten Screening: 4:00PM-6:00PM	6 PHS SAT I & II Test Cafeteria: 7:30AM Woodside Kindergarten Screening: 9:00AM-12:00PM
7	8 PTO Executive Committee Meeting, BOE Room: 6:30PM	9 Woodside Grade 1 Field Day (Rain or Shine) PKMS Grade 7 Awards: 8:30AM Hillcrest Grade 3 Meet the Principal: 6:30PM	10 PKMS Grade 6 Awards: 9:30AM Oakside Grade 2 Meet the Principal: 6:30PM	11 Woodside Kindergarten Field Day (Rain or Shine) PTO Officer Elections/ Year End Evaluation, BOE Room: 7:00PM	12 PHS Last Day of Classes Uriah Hill Fun in the Sun	13 PKMS Jump Start: 8:30AM-10:00AM and 10:30AM-12:00PM
14	15	16 Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 7:00PM	17	18 Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day	19 Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day	20
NYS Regents: June 17-26						
21 Father's Day	22 Hillcrest Grade 4 Field Day Rain Date Uriah Hill Graduation: 9:30AM and 1:00PM Hillcrest Grade 4 Awards Ceremony: 6:30PM	23 Hillcrest Grade 5 Field Day Rain Date Uriah Hill Graduation: 9:30AM Hillcrest Grade 5 Awards Ceremony: 6:30PM	24 Uriah Hill Graduation: 9:30AM PHS Senior Awards in Auditorium: 6:30PM	25 PKMS Moving Up Ceremony at the Paramount Theater: 6:30PM	26 PHS/PKMS 4th Quarter Ends Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 5 3rd Trimester Ends Last Day of School for Students Early Dismissal (See Page 5 for Dismissal Times)	27
NYS Regents: June 17-26						
28 PHS Graduation at the Paramount Theater: 2:00PM	29	30				

Notes:

2019-2020 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

Please go to: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>

Beginning 7/1/18, all New York State public school students must have a health exam when they enter school as a new entrant, and in Pre-K or Kindergarten, and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

These examinations should be completed on the New York State School Health Examination Form: www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/ReqNYSchoolHealthExamForm.pdf

The required NYS School Health Examination Form was developed to provide consistency throughout the state in the health care information provided to schools.

Starting in the 2019-2020 School Year, only the Approved NYSED School Health Examination Form will be accepted.

Medical examinations of pupils attending public schools should be scheduled by the family's private physician whenever possible. Family physicians are the most familiar with the health problems of the pupil and best able to institute treatment when needed. If the examination form is not submitted to the School Nurse, the School Physician (Medical Director) will do a health appraisal on all new entrants and in Pre-K or Kindergarten, and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. Religious exemptions are no longer applicable in NYS.

Please visit the PCSD School Health Services page on the district website under the "District Department" tab for more details.

Special Services

The Special Services Department is responsible for all student/parent services, including but not limited to special education, 504 Plans, Response to Intervention, medical and clinical services. For more information, please contact the Special Services Department at 914-737-3300 Ext. 1524, the Coordinator of Student Support Services at Ext. 1560 and the Parent, Family, Community Liaison at 914-739-0682 Ext. 7309.

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

Home and Instruction: Students who are homebound or unable to attend school due to a temporary disability or medical condition are eligible to receive instruction at an alternate location such as the public library or a building within the district or at home if a child is medically homebound. Students in Grades 1-6 are eligible for one hour of instruction per school day and students in Grades 7-12 are eligible to receive two hours of instruction per school day. A parent or guardian must make the request in writing to the Director of Special Services and provide medical documentation. An application form must be completed and is reviewed by the district's physician. 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 substantially limited by a physical or mental impairment; there is record of such an impairment and is regarded as having such an impairment. Requests can be made to the District Compliance Officer/Director of Special Services, 914-737-3300 Ext. 1525, 1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY 10566.

Response to Intervention 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: Medication, including over the counter and prescription, can only be administered at school with permission from the doctor. Doctor's orders must include patient's name, medication name, dose and time to be administered. Parents must also sign the orders. All medications must be brought to the school nurse by the parent. Prescription medication must be in pharmacy labeled containers.

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

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

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

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

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

Parents or eligible students may ask the school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their rights to a hearing regarding the record for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

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

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

A school official has a legitimate education interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. (NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request).

(4) The right not to have Directory Information disclosed without prior written consent.

This school district designates the following items as Directory Information, and may disclose any of these items without prior written consent, unless the school principal is notified to the contrary, in writing, by the parent/guardian or eligible student by September 30, 2019.

- 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 and 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 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Board of Education Meeting at Admin. Building, Public Session: 4:00PM</i>	2	3 <i>PHS/PKMS 4th Quarter Report Cards</i>	4
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