



# PRHS

## Family Newsletter

May 2022

### News and Updates

#### **Thank You!**

As some of you may know, I will be moving on to a new job at the end of the school year and will be the superintendent in SAD 52 (Turner, Leeds and Greene). I do not have the words to adequately convey the gratitude I have to all of the families of RSU 16 for supporting your students through high school all of these years. It has been an honor and a privilege to work at PRHS since 1999 and I have truly enjoyed working with all of the kids that have come through our doors. I am proud of the faculty and its dedication to doing what is best for our students and I am confident I am leaving the school well positioned to continue serving the students and families of RSU 16 with professionalism and dedication. I am excited for this new challenge but leaving PRHS is really difficult. It has been my professional home for 23 years. I will always be a proud citizen of Knight Nation!

#### **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:**

The district's extraordinary drivers and monitors stand out in Maine as one of the very few transportation teams that has not missed any routes or trips as a result of the nationwide shortage of school bus drivers since the pandemic began. There is a possibility, however, that RSU 16 will experience driver shortages from time to time moving forward that will cause service interruptions. Please be alert for Robocalls in the morning directly from each impacted school that will ask families to provide transportation for their students on days that we do not have enough drivers to provide service. Each Robo Call will tell families the bus number, driver's first name, and major streets and roads through which the bus would have operated. These calls will then ask families to transport for both morning and afternoon that day. If you receive such a call, please do not call the transportation department with questions while routes are operating because everyone who would normally answer the phone will likely be driving. Our drivers and monitors will continue to do their best to keep service interruptions to an absolute minimum.

#### **Does your student need a work permit?**

- Go to [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)
- Type "work permit" in the search bar
- Fill in the form and print it out, or you may print it out and fill in the information by hand.
- If you do not have access to a printer, you may get a blank form from Ms. Moreau in the office.
- Bring the completed form and a copy of your birth certificate to Ms. Moreau
- We will submit your application to the state and notify you when it has been approved.

#### **End of Year Important Dates**

- May 5-7: Zombie Prom Musical, 7 pm
- May 10: Underclass Awards, 6 pm

May 17: District Budget Vote meeting, 6:30 pm

May 21: Prom

May 25: HS band and chorus concert, 7 pm

May 27: last day of classes for seniors!

May 31: Senior class trip

June 1: Senior Banquet, 6 pm

June 3: Graduation 6 pm on football field (tickets required if inside due to weather)

June 17: Final day of class for all students

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## From the Counselors' Corner...

# **FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

yes, it is real for the PRHS classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023!

### **Information Session**

**with Central Maine Community College**

**Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 PM**

**PRHS Auditorium.**

We welcome our alumni, families, and current juniors and seniors to attend to learn more about this opportunity. Contact Ms. Bush at [hbush@rsu16.org](mailto:hbush@rsu16.org) if you have any questions.

More sessions on the FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE are available at the college campuses.

CMCC will host sessions on :

Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM or

Monday, May 9, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Both sessions will be held on the CMCC campus in Kirk 103. Register [here](#)

More information is also available at the ME Community College System website [here](#)

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS are May 2-12.** Students will be excused from classes for the time of their exam, not before nor after; parents will need to excuse their students for those classes before or after the exam. All AP exams will be held at PRHS. Scores will not be available through the College Board until July. Any questions, please contact the AP teacher or your student's school counselor.

**LRTC letters** were mailed home last week. If your student did not receive any letter, please contact your student's school counselor. LRTC Orientation, for the students accepted, will be **May 31, 2022** and more information will be coming. Students on the waiting lists will be contacted by their school counselor when a seat opens up, which can be any time now through school starting next fall. This was a VERY competitive year for LRTC, so we will continue to work to get more seats for our students at LRTC.

**NWEA testing** starts soon for all juniors and 3rd year students. This is the state mandated testing that is a PRHS graduation requirement. Testing will happen **May 19-24** at PRHS. Please contact your student's school counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

**CLASS OF 2022** - College acceptances abound for this class! This includes: University of Maine, Husson University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Southern Maine, University of New Hampshire, Siena College, Bowdoin College, Swarthmore College, Southern ME Community College, St. Joseph's College of ME, Wentworth University, Southern NH University, University of New England, University of Maine at Fort Kent, Springfield College, College of Holy Cross, Liberty University, University of Maine at Machias, Stonehill College, Connecticut College, University of Maine at Augusta, Central ME Community College, Thomas College, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Maine College of Health Professions, Elizabethtown College, Bentley College, University of St. Louis, Millersville College, James Madison University, Norwich University and more! **Congratulations to each member of the class accepted to a post-secondary option!!**

*Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's school counselor for help and resources at any time. Our contact information is listed below.*

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## Co- and Extra- Curricular Update

**The Zombie Prom** has entertained and generated lots of questions. Our kids have worked hard behind the scenes and on the stage to put this production on May 5,6 and 7. I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy it.

Great work by the **National Honor Society** to improve landscaping in the Courtyard. It couldn't have been done without donations from businesses and the help of a few teachers and parents.

**Transportation** is an issue in most school districts across the state. Athletic contest scheduling has been affected by a lack of officials and busing. This has caused games to be moved to new times or dates. Thank you for your patience and understanding. These challenges have added to the usual spring battles with Mother Nature.

As the end of the year approaches, there will be meetings for **summer programs**. We continue a search for boy's soccer coaches and field hockey coaches.

**August 1-13 is our scheduled "hands off" period.** This is a great time to plan a family trip. We will have a parent meeting on Sunday August 14, at 6pm at PRHS. PRACTICES for fall sports will begin August 15.

### Fall Teams/Coaches

- Boy's Soccer-open
- Girl's Soccer-Tyler Connors [T6connors2014@gmail.com](mailto:T6connors2014@gmail.com) & Andrea Forbush [AForbush@rsu16.org](mailto:AForbush@rsu16.org)
- Field Hockey- open
- Cross Country-Sean Galipeau [Sgalipeau@rsu16.org](mailto:Sgalipeau@rsu16.org) & Ray Lafreniere

- Fall Cheer-Nancy Walker [NWalker@rsu16.org](mailto:NWalker@rsu16.org)
- Golf-Gregg Rose [Grose@rsu16.org](mailto:Grose@rsu16.org)
- Football-Gus LeBlanc [polandknightsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:polandknightsfootball@gmail.com), Noah Collins, Jeff Inerre, Matt Fifield

#### **Winter Teams/Coaches**

- Boy's Basketball- William Flynn [WFlynn@rsu16.org](mailto:WFlynn@rsu16.org) & Doug Patenaude
- Girl's Basketball-Jake Webb [webbjake2121@gmail.com](mailto:webbjake2121@gmail.com) & open

We are really excited for **the 'new look' of our high school gym**. It looks awesome!

Thank you to the **Knights pride Booster Club** for purchasing golf bags for our golf team. They look great!

## **Announcements**

[LUNCH MENU LINK](#)

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