



# PRHS

## Family Newsletter

### May 2024

May				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 - Silver 1:30-3:45p Celebration of Learning	2 - Blue Celebration of Learning	3 - Silver Celebration of Learning
6 - Blue	7 - Silver AP Statistics	8 - Blue AP English Literature	9 - Silver AP Environmental Science	10 - Blue AP US History AP Macroeconomics
13 - Silver AP Calculus AB & BC	14 - Blue AP English Language	15 - Silver AP World History AP Computer Science	16 - Blue AP Spanish AP Biology	17 - Silver AP Physics MEA Science - all Gr 11, except LRTC Silver students
20 - Blue Senior Finals Week MEA Science - Gr 11, LRTC Silver students 6p NHS Spring Induction	21 - Silver	22 - Blue 7p HS Band & Chorus Concert	23 - Silver 6p 9, 10, 11 Awards	24 - Blue Last day senior classes
27 - <b>No School</b>	28 - Silver 8a Graduation Practice	29 - Blue 8a Graduation Practice 6p Senior Banquet	30 - Silver 7:45a Senior Assembly	31 - Blue 6p Graduation

June				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 - Silver	4 - Blue LRTC Orientation for students attending '24-'25	5 - Silver	6 - Blue	7 - Silver
10 - Blue	11 - Silver	12 - Blue	13 - Silver	14 - Blue <b>Last Day of School</b>

# Greetings from Mr. Anderson

Hello PRHS students and families!

Celebration of Learning time is this week! Please note the details below for the CoL events **on May 2nd and 3rd**. These CoL events are important aspects of the high Roundtable curriculum and are graduation requirements. Students unable to participate on the two CoL days will be responsible for making up these learning activities.

In addition to the CoL events, **during the second half of May** our third year (11th grade) students will be taking the [MEA Science Assessment](#).

The district budget meeting will be **at 6:30p on May 21st in the PRHS auditorium** and the budget validation referendum will be **on June 11th** - these are both important dates for the [RSU16 budget process](#).

Finally, our graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024 will be **at 6p on May 31st** in the PRHS gymnasium, doors will open to guests at 5p, tickets are required. Much more information on end of the year activities for the seniors will be shared directly with students and families in a separate letter..

If you have any questions about your student's learning at the high school, please contact the main office staff or me at 998-5400 x129 or [banderson@rsu16.org](mailto:banderson@rsu16.org).

Thank you,

*Mr. Anderson*

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## High School Class Happenings

### Junior/Senior Prom

Information regarding this year's big night includes:

**Date: Saturday, May 4th**

**Time: 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

Location: Main Building at Agassiz Village

*Ticket sales have ended*

Prom is a CHEM FREE event, and all rules and policies regarding this expectation will be strictly adhered to.

Any questions or concerns regarding all things Prom can be directed to Ms. Bell.

### Project Graduation

Lawn Signs are being purchased for each graduating senior and will be visible at the entrance of the school. If you want to purchase an additional sign, please complete the [attached form](#). If you have any questions please reach out to Carrie Paradis at [carrie54452002@yahoo.com](mailto:carrie54452002@yahoo.com).

### Class of 2024

The senior class will have a student and family information session **at 6p on Thursday May 16th** in the PRHS auditorium. The meeting will provide information on the senior class trip and end of the year activities.

### **Class of 2025**

We have been all about designing a lovely prom for the juniors and seniors. Once that is over, we will start planning the senior trip! All students will need to have their dues fully paid (\$15/ year that a student has been at PRHS with a minimum of \$45 to cover the cost of the cap and gown). Also, juniors should start thinking about their Senior Celebration project, because there will be opportunities to get work done early on the projects to reduce the stress of senior year.

### **Class of 2026**

The sophomore class is still selling \$10 raffle tickets to win a \$300 Hannaford gift card, \$150 Visa gift card, or \$50 Aroma Joe's gift card! Only 250 tickets will be sold - please ask a sophomore or email Jes Elias at [jeliascastillo@rsu16.org](mailto:jeliascastillo@rsu16.org) with questions or to purchase tickets. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help raise money for class specific activities including prom next year and a class trip in 2026. Thank you for your support!

In addition, we are co-hosting the Spring Fundraiser-palooza on May 18th from 9am to 2pm and we need your help! Please consider donating items for the bake sale or yard sale or taking time from your Saturday to help ensure the many activities are running smoothly. We will have a yard sale donation drop off on May 10th afterschool until 6pm.

### **Class of 2027**

The freshman and sophomore classes are working together to host a Spring Fundraiser-palooza - a **yard sale/car wash/bake sale** - **on May 18**, from 9am to 2pm. Please consider donating gently used items to the yard sale as you do your spring cleaning - donations can be dropped off at school on Friday, May 10 from 2-6pm!

## **Celebration of Learning, May 2nd & May 3rd**

### **9th Grade Roundtable**

9th graders are responsible for:

1. **Grading** one Sophomore Exhibition project on a panel with faculty
2. **Viewing** at least 3 Sophomore Exhibitions and 1 Senior Celebration as an audience member
3. Completing a **job shadow** on the day they are not grading/viewing projects.

[9th Grade Job Shadow Letter to Families](#)

[9th Grade Job Shadow Reflection & Form](#)

### **10th Grade Roundtable**

10th graders are responsible for:

1. **Presenting** their Sophomore Exhibition on the scheduled day and time
2. **Viewing** at least three other Sophomore Exhibitions
3. **Viewing** at least one Senior Celebration

### **11th Grade Roundtable**

11th graders are responsible for:

1. **Grading** one Senior Celebration on a panel with faculty on their assigned day. Juniors are aware of which day they have been assigned to grade. If Juniors already attend LRTC one of the days, they will attend LRTC on their regular day and stay at PRHS for grading on the other.
2. **Viewing** at least 4 additional Senior Celebrations.

3. Complete at least one activity from the [Choice Board for Celebration of Learning Days](#). This board includes options like college visits and job shadows.

### **12th Grade Roundtable**

Seniors only need to be in school to present at their scheduled time on their scheduled day. ***If a senior DOES NOT show up for their scheduled Senior Celebration time, they will not be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony and must complete the presentation during summer school.***

***Please contact your student's Roundtable Advisor to verify the day your student should be in attendance.***

## **More High School Updates**

### **Host families wanted**

Are you looking for a positive experience to help exchange culture from around the world? This year PRHS was able to host 4 exchange students that enriched our community and school environment. In efforts to continue the tradition, we are looking for families who would want to host a student for the 2024-2025 school year through the Greenheart Exchange Program. Please reach out to Kristin Ross at [kross@rsu16.org](mailto:kross@rsu16.org) for more information.

### **Yearbook Info**

There are a limited number of PRHS 2024 Yearbooks available for pre-order. Once these pre-orders are filled, we cannot guarantee availability at the end of the year. Order yours today by visiting the PRHS Yearbook Shop at [yearbooksforever.com](http://yearbooksforever.com) or [using the link](#).

### **Class of 2024 Sun Journal Senior Ad**

Attached is a form for the Lewiston Sun Journal: A Salute to Seniors. If you would like to recognize your graduating senior in the Lewiston Sun Journal, complete this [form](#).

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## **From the Counselors' Corner...**

*May is our busiest month with AP exams, state testing, prep for summer school, Celebration of Learning, and, of course, Graduation! This is an exciting time as we celebrate the Class of 2024 and their future plans. Members of this class have been accepted to: CMCC, SMCC, USM, UMaine, UMaine-Farmington, UMass-Boston, St. Joseph's, University of New England, St. Anselm's, Quinnipiac, Trinity, Husson, Dartmouth College, Middlebury, and more!*

The [Senior Calendar](#) is your one-stop place for all information for seniors. The highly coveted [Scholarship list](#) is here!

### **Important dates:**

May 7-May 17 - AP Exams at PRHS

May 17- MEA Science test for Juniors (except LRTC students)

May 20 - MEA Science for LRTC juniors

June 4 - LRTC Orientation for new LRTC students at both campuses

**AP EXAMS are coming soon!**

DATE		START TIME	EXAM	TIME
Tuesday, May 7	Paper	12:00 PM	AP Stats	3 hours 10 mins
Wednesday, May 8	DIGITAL	8:00 AM	AP English Literature	3 hours 10 mins
Thursday, May 9	Paper	8:00 AM	AP Environmental Sci.	2 hours 50 mins
Friday, May 10	DIGITAL	8:00 AM	AP US History	3 hours 25 mins
Friday, May 10	Paper	12:00 PM	AP Macroeconomics	3 hours 20 mins
Monday, May 13	Paper	8:00 AM	AP Calculus AB	3 hours 25 mins
Monday, May 13	Paper	8:00 AM	AP Calculus BC	3 hours 25 mins
Tuesday, May 14	DIGITAL	8:00 AM	AP English Language	3 hours 25 mins
Wednesday, May 15	DIGITAL	8:00 AM	AP World History	3 hours 25 mins
Wednesday, May 15	DIGITAL	12:00 PM	AP Computer Sci Principle	3 hours 10 mins
Thursday, May 16	DAC	8:00 AM	AP Spanish Language	3 hours 13 min
Thursday, May 16	Paper	12:00 PM	AP Biology	3 hours 10 mins
Friday, May 17	Paper	8:00 AM	AP Physics	3 hours 10 mins

All AP exams will be held in the Presentation Room (back of the Auditorium). All students **must check in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the exam**. Students should bring pencils, pens, water and snacks with them. Calculators are needed for many exams as well. Chromebooks must be charged for the AP English Literature, AP US History, AP English Language, AP World History, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Spanish Language exams. We are not excusing AP students from their other classes (except during the time that they are testing), so parents will need to call in to excuse them to come in late or to leave early. Any questions - ask your AP teacher or your school counselor.

**FAFSAs** - Hey Senior families! The **FAFSA ( [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) )** is still available. **HOWEVER, there are may be issues with the FAFSA being processed and the information getting to colleges.** It has been wonky but they are working out the glitches. Students and parents can each get their FSA IDs now at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) ; this takes 2-3 days to process. Find more information on our [website](#). **FAME** will also have more information and training around the new FAFSA. Right now FAME offers 30 minute free financial aid coaching for families at [Free FAFSA Help with FAME](#).

**FREE COLLEGE** is here for the classes of **2024** and **2025**! The process is easy - apply to one of the Maine community colleges, do your FAFSA, enroll full time. The classes of 2020-2023 can still access the free college option as well!

Class of 2020-2021 - enroll no later than during the '23-'24 academic year

Class of 2022 - enroll no later than during the '24-'25 academic year

Class of 2023- enroll no later than during the '25-'26 academic year

***At this point the class of 2025 is the LAST class to be eligible for free community college in Maine.***

**Lewiston Regional Technical Center** - Our decisions have gone out via snail mail. The wait list is there and we will be visiting it often. Openings will happen for LRTC programs starting now through the summer. Students can check in with their school counselor if they have any questions.

Other options for next year include **Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)** at Lewiston HS, **AP4ME** offering AP courses that PRHS does not, **early college classes** through the University of Maine system or Maine Community College system, as well as other colleges. Students can contact their counselor to get more information.

Any questions or concerns about your students? Start with their counselor and/or advisor. We are happy to help!

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## Co- and Extra- Curricular Update from Mr. King Let's Go Knights!

### Open Coaching Positions:

Football Head Coach

Football Assistant Coach

JV Field Hockey Coach

-Please remember that most of our conference schools do have **NO Pet Policies**, as do we.

-Athletes are expected to be in school and in class to be eligible for practices and games.

-Baseball & Softball, If you are attending one of our home games, please do not go on our neighbors property to retrieve game balls. We wish to honor the owner's wishes to stay off of the property.

-We have a **NO PET** policy here at PRHS. Many of our opponents do too. To be safe, we ask you to plan to leave pets at home. This is not only for poop reasons, but also for safety as we have had dogs attack each other on campus in the past.

-Parents, please help us in encouraging a positive culture with our kids. This includes not using the F\*\*\*-bombs and discouraging the taunting behavior in the stands.

-If you are a golfer, please gear up for our spring Golf Tournament to benefit the baseball team. Look for information for the June golf tournament at Fairlawn, or contact Kelly Gwarjanski or Coach Pray.

-The **Outdoor Track Team** is kicking off a Snap Raise Fundraiser. They are collecting donations to help purchase a new High Jump Pit. This is a big ticket item at \$10,000. The pit gets a lot of track usage with Panther Track, Whittier Middle School and Poland Regional High School usage.

-**Knights Pride Boosters** are looking for new members. This is a great way to help your child's programs, and to help the environment at our sporting events.

**Fall Athletics begin August 19.** We will have a Player, Parent, Coach meeting on Sunday evening, August 18. Look for registration to open June 1 for Summer and Fall activities.

A special thank you to **Poland Spring and Blue Triton Waters!** At our softball field, we began to use a new scoreboard thanks to them. Thank you, we appreciate your commitment!

The spring musical, The Comedy of Hamlet will be performed **at 7p on Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th** in the PRHS auditorium.

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## Health Office Update

### Immunizations:

Per the state of Maine immunization requirements, students will need to be up to date with all required vaccines prior to attending school in the fall. All 11<sup>th</sup> graders that will be entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2024, must have two Meningococcal conjugate vaccines, MCV4, for entry to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The first dose of MCV4 should be received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose should be received on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the student is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required. We have mailed out letters to families of students who do not have two MCV4 vaccinations on file at school. Please send updated immunization records to the nurses' office when your student receives their second dose of MCV4. Our fax number is 998-5523.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or to report illness.

Thank you for helping to keep our community healthy.

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## Other News

### Attendance

We encourage parents to work with the school staff to keep their children in school or to provide timely excuses for absences. Please call 998-5400 x124 within 24 hours of an absence, beforehand when possible. Please review the [Planned Absence Guidelines](#) if your student will be absent from school for family vacations or other personal reasons.

### Monthly Newsletters

We will send out a monthly digital newsletter via email throughout the school year to keep you up to date on events at school. If you do not have internet access and still need a paper version sent in the mail during the school year, please contact the high school main office (998-5400).



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