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From the Activities Coordinator

Hey Bear Fans,

Greetings from the Activities Office. Can you believe how fast the school year is flying by? I want to thank everyone for their continued support for the many activities, teams, clubs and groups that we have here at PRHS. I especially want to give a shout out to all the Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Guardians, and family members who make sacrifices to ensure that their child is enjoying their time here at PRHS. The early morning drop-offs, the late night pick-ups, the financial contributions, and the support of your son or daughter are truly appreciated by myself and the entire PRHS Family.

I would like to thank the many coaches, advisors, and students along with the parents who helped me park cars for the 3 different Golf Tournaments that we had this year (the final one is Feb. 10-16) It brought in approximately \$32,000 for our programs. Something that I've been talking about to many different groups this year is that our programs receive very little funding from the main District Office. We are thankful for the funding they do provide which covers coach's salaries, transportation, event workers and funding for major repairs but for the most part we have to raise all of the other monies to support our programs. So the Golf Tournaments are major boost to our yearly funding along with sponsorships. We also depend heavily on gate receipts to fund that individual sport. So everyone pulling together to help raise the necessary money is truly appreciated. Anyone that wants to help with the fundraising or to sponsor our program or just needs additional information can email me at brickzbr@collierschools.com.

Have you left your legacy here at the Ridge? The Activities Office is selling "engraved bricks" that will go around the Bear Statue in the stadium. The

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cost of the brick is \$75.00 and there are several engraving options. Please contact Kathy Diaz diazka@collierschools.com for more information.

The Bear All Sports Banquet will be held in May. We are currently looking for table sponsors. The cost per table is \$100.00 and it ensures that all Varsity Athletes get their meal for free. If you are interested in becoming a table sponsor, please contact Mr. Brent Brickzin at brickzbr@collierschools.com.

Finally, many people come and go in your life, and I am appreciative for all of them but I want to take just a moment to say thank you to a gentleman who has been a major influence in my life. He has always been a mentor, he has been supportive, a good friend, very knowledgeable, and someone that has been totally committed to his school and his students. This campus will definitely have a major position to fill, not only as a teacher, but someone who is as much a part of this school as the foundation on which it is built. Good Luck in your retirement and THANK YOU Coach Butts, your PRHS BEAR Family will miss you.

Go Bears!
Mr. Brickzin
Activities Coordinator

Guidance Department

COURSE SELECTION

The school counselors will be working with all students to select courses for next year. Core class recommendations will be done by our staff and students will be adding their elective choices. Parents, please help your child in this decision-making process. You will be given an opportunity to review these choices and make final changes later in the year.

Students who are interested in taking dual enrollment next year need to make sure they meet all requirements. Requirements are: 1) have a 3.0 or higher unweighted GPA, 2) apply to the college, and 3) supply counselor with qualifying test scores. For more details please see the school website, under Guidance. Remember, the sooner the better!!!!

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SENIOR PARENTS

Bright Futures

Bright Futures applications should be completed ASAP and must be done before graduation. Students who fail to complete the application will lose their chance to qualify for this scholarship. Many students completed this in the lab in early January. Please check with your son/daughter. Instructions for completing this are on the PRHS website under Guidance.

The following Bright Futures requirements must be completed prior to graduation; qualifying GPA, community service hours, qualifying SAT/ACT test scores (students can test in June). To see a list of Bright Futures requirements please check the PRHS website under Guidance.

Scholarship \$\$\$\$\$\$

Local scholarship information is available on the school website under "students" then click on "Scholarship information". Students should regularly check the list through the end of March for new scholarship opportunities. Students will need to submit their application as well as financial information, letters of recommendations, high school transcript and a personal statement. This is a great opportunity so please encourage your child to apply for these scholarships!

Transcripts

Colleges will require a final transcript at the end of the school year. Students will complete a form at graduation practice requesting their final transcript be sent to the school of their choice.

Last but not least, senioritis, don't let it bite us!!!! It is a real thing. Make sure your child finishes the year strong. Colleges will want to see final transcripts and reserve the right to change their minds about acceptance.

SOPHMORE AND JUNIOR PARENTS

SAT and ACT Testing

All juniors should take an ACT or SAT or both during the second semester. Sophomores who are considering dual enrollment should take an ACT or SAT or both during the second semester.

For testing information and registration please go to the following sites:

- SAT – www.sat.org/register
- ACT – www.ACTstudent.org

Students with diagnosed learning disabilities (currently have an IEP or a 504 Plan) could be eligible for extra time on SAT or ACT. Parents should contact Mr. Durick (377-2421) if they would like to start the application process with College Board and/or ACT.

Fee waivers are available for SAT and/or ACT for juniors and seniors who are approved for free or reduced lunch. Students can obtain a waiver in the Guidance office during lunch time.

FRESHMEN PARENTS

Hang in there and help them keep their grades up, your time will come. And CONGRATULATIONS, you are half way through Freshman year and be warned, it goes even faster from here.

ALL PARENTS

Continue to stay involved in what is going on. Despite what they say, your children need and appreciate your guidance and involvement. Trust, but verify.



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Please follow JROTC on Twitter @ Palmetto Ridge High School JROTC. Every aspect of the PRHS JROTC Program is documented with pictures. Thank you!



SGA had a great wrap-up to the first semester, and we're off to a great start for the second semester!

During the month of December PRHS participated in our Holiday Week. We had themed dress up days for each day of the week along with games and music during lunchtime. We also held our annual Adopt-A-Child program which supported more than 50 children and families in the local community.

Some of the events we have planned for the second semester are the annual talent show, a week themed as Kindness week, and the Prom.

In March the members of SGA will be attending the annual FASC state convention in Tallahassee. We are very excited to join together with SGA groups from across the state for the convention. PRHS will be hosting the FASC state convention in 2021! We have already begun the planning process for this event. If you are interested in assisting with this event in any way, please contact Mr. Brent Brickzin at brickzbr@collierschools.com.



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Academic Calendar

February

M	T	W	T	F	T	S
3	4	5+	6	7	119	23
10	11	12=	13	14	124	28
17	18	19	20	21	129	32
24	25	26	27	28	134	37

3-7 FTE Week
5+ Interim Period Ends
12=Distribution Interim Reports
17 President's Day [Paid Holiday]
No School Teachers or Students
26 Early Dismissal Day

March

M	T	W	T	F	T	S
2	3	4	5	6	139	42
9	10	11	12	13	139	0
16	17	18	19	20=	144	4
23	24	25	26	27	149	9
30	31				151	11

6 End Quarter 3 (42 days)
9-13 Spring Break; No School Teachers or Students
16 Teacher Plan Day; No School for Students
20=Distribution Report Cards

April

M	T	W	T	F	T	S
		1	2	3	154	14
6	7	8	9	10	158	18
13	14	15	16	17	162	22
20	21	22	23	24+	167	27
27	28	29	30		171	31

10 No School Teachers or Students
13 No School Teachers or Students
24+ Interim Period Ends

May

M	T	W	T	F	T	S
				1=	172	32
4	5	6	7	8	177	37
11	12	13	14	15	182	42
18	19	20	21	22	187	47
25	26	27	28	29	192	51

1=Distribution Interim Reports
25 Memorial Day [Paid Holiday] No School Teachers or Students
29 Early Dismissal; Graduation

June

M	T	W	T	F	T	S
1	2	3	4	5	196	54
8	9	10	11	12		
15	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26		
29	30					

3 End Quarter 4 (54 days); Early Dismissal Day; Last Student Day
4 Teacher Plan Day; Last Teacher Day
8 Report Cards Mailed Home

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