

August 27, 2026





Goals for this meeting:

- 1) Introduce/Reintroduce our administrative, safety, and counseling team.
- 2) Review back-to-school expectations and supports.
 - The “**how**” and “**why**” of treating each other with respect.
 - Integrity and Kindness expected from all students.
- 3) Provide an overview of our PRHS goals for this year.



PRHS Administrative Team

Dr. Hernandez

Principal

Dr. Barlak

Students with last names A-F

Mr. Cawley

Students with last names G-O

Mrs. Kuchnicki

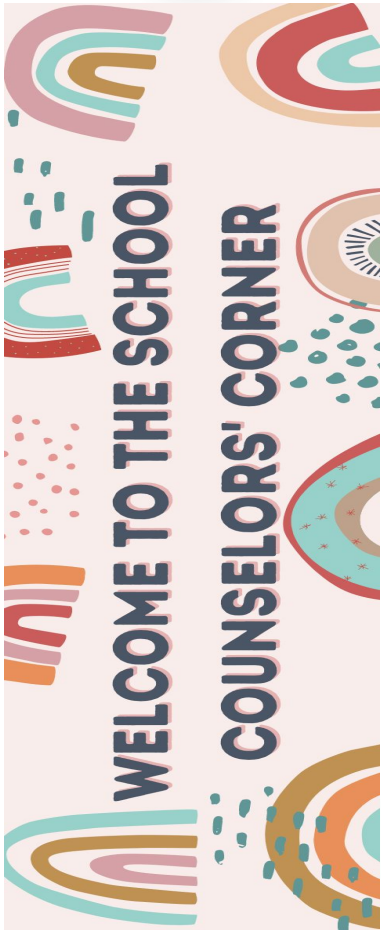
Students with last names P-Z





PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRHS School Counseling Team



Counseling Team Member	Classes of 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030
Mrs. Zacharias	<i>Students with last names A - D</i>
Mrs. Bowers	<i>Students with last names E - K</i>
Mrs. Filipowski	<i>Students with last names L - Q</i>
Mrs. Straub	<i>Students with last names R - Z</i>
Mrs. Secen (Mrs. Smith)	Transition Counselor
Mrs. Welshonce	Social Work Services
Mrs. Whalen	Director of College and Career Services
Ms. Duffy and Mrs. Erlain	School Counseling Department Secretaries

“Focus on learning for every student every day.”

#wearePRfamily

PRHS School Resource Officer and School Safety



Officer Kori Phillips

3rd Year as SRO

8th Year in Law Enforcement

Contact Information:

- kphillips@pinerichland.org

Important Safety Reminders:

- Drills should be taken seriously.
- Report, Do NOT Repost w/social media concerns

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



**HOLD! In your room, office or area.
Clear the halls.**

OCCUPANTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

STAFF

Close and lock door
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

OCCUPANTS

Return inside
Do business as usual

STAFF

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

OCCUPANTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

STAFF

Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Account for occupants and staff
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

OCCUPANTS

Evacuate to specified location
Bring your phone
Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings

STAFF

Lead evacuation to specified location
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

OCCUPANTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

STAFF

Lead safety strategy
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



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Some things we know about HS

This slide was shared with Grades 9-10.

- HS is a time in life of exploration and new opportunities.
- **College, Career, and Community Readiness as our goals for you.**
- People skills and interactions (verbal and non-verbal), executive functioning & time management, and self-advocacy are very important.



Being an upperclassmen means....

This slide was shared with Grades 11-12.

- You really need to start thinking about what's next after HS - And take steps towards what is next.
- We need your **best you** - Our HS will follow your lead.
- Productive struggle, some anxiety, and need to connect w/others is natural and needed.



PINE-RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Growing Awareness - Addressing Misconceptions



Paths do not just start after graduation. Many paths lead to our PR schools and community.



“Focus on learning for every student every day.”



- PR has 4,600 Students
 - Born in 43 different countries in the world
 - Born in 46 different states in the U.S.
 - In addition to English, 29 other languages are spoken
- Class of 2026 Graduates
 - College (117 Places in 27 States and 5 Countries) for many but also Career, Trade, Apprenticeship, Military, Direct Employment and More
- At PR, diversity is defined as “*all of the ways we differ.*”





Safe, Supportive & Respectful Learning Environment

PRHS Student Handbook & PRSD Discipline Code

- RESPECT for yourself and **everyone!**
- **Discipline Code Acknowledgement Form** (Sent to you and your parents in Sapphire)
- We will expect students to follow policies, rules, and general guidelines to maintain a safe learning environment for ALL students!
- Reminders.
 - Buses, Events, Activities
 - Levels I-IV



Nondiscrimination ~ Policy 103

Safe and Welcoming School for all students and staff

If you see something, if you hear something, say something!
WHEN IN DOUBT...REPORT IT!

PRSD Policy 103 - Nondiscrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students

The Board declares it to be the policy of this district to provide an **equal opportunity** for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs and activities offered in the schools **without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or handicap/disability.**

The Board also declares it to be the policy of this district to **comply with federal law and regulations under Title IX prohibiting sexual harassment**, which is a form of unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex.



Board Policy 103 & Related Administrative Regulations

Nondiscrimination

AR 103(A)
Race
Religion
All Others

AR 103(B)
Gender or
Gender
Identity

AR 103(C)
Sexual
Harassment
Title IX



Pine-Richland Student Code of Conduct

These violations of our Discipline Code carry significant consequences.

Bullying & Cyber Bullying (including Nexus Rule): Be careful of what you say or send - AND/OR - Be Kind at all times.	
Homophobic language or harassment	The N- Word and other racial language
Hate, Racism, or Intolerance including Religious Intolerance	Cheating and plagiarism including AI (Policy implications)
Sexual harassment	Weapons Policy & Making Terroristic/Threatening comments
Dishonesty with school staff	Inappropriate behavior at school events (home & away)
Vaping, THC Use, Drugs & Alcohol: Stay away, Reach out if you need help, Consequences and Approach to Violations.	

Kindness matters, A LOT, at our school.



Reflections from last year:

As a school community, we want to improve in these areas:

1. Kindness & Respect towards each other.
 - a. **Policy & AR 103 Expectations**
2. Academic Integrity.
 - i. Your authentic work.
 - ii. Electronic devices.
 - iii. Board Policy 815.2 - AI in Education
3. Hallway behavior.
 - a. Horseplay, On time, Restroom Use.



Restroom Reminders!

For all restrooms in the building including single stall restrooms.

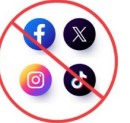
- **Only one person** is allowed in a stall at a time. There should never be more than one person in a single stall restroom.
- Being a “helpful friend” is **not accepted** as a reasonable excuse.
- If you are caught in the same stall with peers, you will be escorted directly to a principal, searched, and possible discipline.

**PINE-RICHLAND
HIGH SCHOOL**

**RESPECT PRIVACY
IN RESTROOMS**

**NO VIDEOS**

**NO PHOTOS**

**NO SOCIAL
MEDIA POSTS**

**RESTROOMS ARE PRIVATE SPACES. PLEASE RESPECT
THE PRIVACY AND COMFORT OF ALL STUDENTS.
CAMERAS, PHONES, AND OTHER RECORDING
DEVICES **ARE NOT** TO BE USED HERE.**

KINDLY REMINDING YOU

LET'S CREATE A SAFE & RESPECTFUL SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE



Cell Phones

Board Policy 237 - Electronic Devices

- ❖ *Educational & Instructional purposes*
- ❖ *Non-educational times*

PRHS Student Handbook

- ❖ *May be brought to school but must be kept turned off and out of sight during instructional time.*
- ❖ *Classroom teachers to require students to turn their phone into an assigned space upon entry to their class.*
- ❖ ***Clear link with integrity, cheating, plagiarism - Testing Procedures, Student Expectations***





Attendance: Be PRESENT!

Students are to report to homeroom by 7:40 A.M.

- Building will open @ 7:10 a.m.
- **All Doors** lock at 7:40 A.M.
- Parent drop-off and pick-up: All students must cross at yellow brick road intersection.
- All Students enter the main doors
- Students are only permitted to miss 10 Days of School, any days past 10 require a medical note.
- Students should not come and go throughout the day without a medical need to do so.

Homeroom is important for announcements, extra curriculum, and rewards!



Be PRESENT!



School Nurses

Nurse's Office:

Located Room near the Pool/before the Counseling Office

- Mrs. Elbel (**Mrs. Ranalli**)
- Mrs. Damian

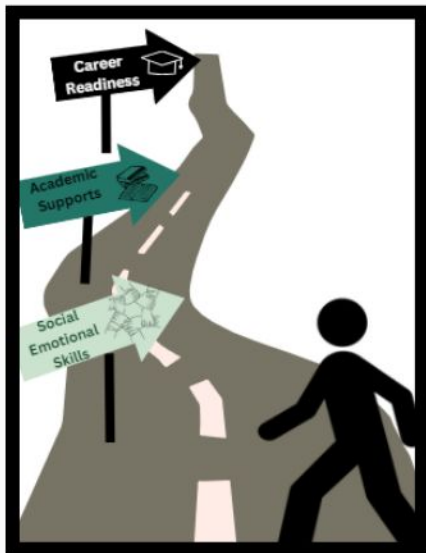


Medication reminder - School board policy prohibits students from carrying any medication, including over-the-counter medication (ibuprofen, Tylenol, etc.), at school. The only exception to this are EpiPens, asthma inhalers and diabetic supplies, and other life sustaining meds, with the proper physician forms. Medications needed at school should be turned into the health office with forms from the doctor



Your School Counseling Team

We are here to support you throughout
your high school journey.



Feeling stressed?
Need new study strategies?
Deciding on a career path?
Worried about a friend?
Don't know who to ask?





Quick Note- Schedule Changes

- **Need to change something? Fill out the google form** sent out on August 13th. All counselors are working through requests based on timestamp- not by counselor or via email.
- **Do NOT email** your counselor about changing your schedule.
- REMEMBER- not all changes can be made. If not, **embrace the schedule you have** and work with your counselor on how to make it the best year yet!



School / College Counseling Information

Juniors & Seniors

- **Attend** college and career visits
- **Know** admission requirements by college, then major
- **Read** your emails & **Check** Google Classroom
- **Follow** directions!
 - when applying to college (Use college website, admission rep., Google)
 - for transcripts/letters of rec. (Emailed to all seniors AND On PRHS website)
- **PLAN AHEAD.** There are **NO EMERGENCIES** in college admission.
 - Our office requires 10 business days to process your requests
 - Watch for deadline dates: Oct. 15, Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Jan. 1
- **Schedule** your SENIOR APPOINTMENTS starting September 3rd.



Homecoming Dance - September 26

Saturday, September 26 - 7:00 - 10:00 pm - PRHS

Permission forms will be emailed to all students on **Tuesday, September 1st**. Hard copies will be available outside of the cafeteria.

- **PLEASE READ ALL of the INFORMATION! Check-in, search, etc.**
- Complete ALL information requested on the form
- Guests are welcome, completed forms are required, check-in with principal

Ticket Sales - PRHS Front Lobby before school

- **September 21, 22, 23, and 24 - \$30 per person**

Court Changes

- We will now have both a Homecoming Queen **and King**

Questions?? - email both Mr. Majors - dmajors@pinerichland.org or
and Mrs. Green - rgreen@pinerichland.org



Support for YOU and your peers

Reporting Mechanisms:

- Trusted Adult - We are here for you.
- Building Administrator & School Counselors.
- [Safe2Say Something](#) (or 1-844-SAF2SAY)
 - Be specific.
- [ChildLine](#) (or 1-800-932-0313)
- [Policy 103 Initial Complaint Report](#)
- Re:Solve Crisis Center: 1-888-796-8226
- **SAP:** Refer your friend or yourself to our Student Assistance Program
- **Dial 988** for mental health crisis and suicide prevention services [988 National Mental Health Crisis Line](#)





Let's Have a Fantastic Year!

- Check your PR email Daily!
 - We (principals, counselors, teachers) communicate often with students throughout the school year via your PR Email account.

