

The Senior Guide, three new COVID-19 cases and more news



**Seniors and Senior families, the Senior Guide is here!**

Want to know what is happening this year and when? Check out the 2020-21 Senior Guide, posted on the Senior Graduation page of the GLIC, linked below for your convenience:

<https://sites.google.com/portageps.org/pchsglic/seniors/graduation-information>

**Have you had a chance to share your thoughts on the district survey?**

Last week you should have received a video from the district that outlined some discussions about what learning might look like in the weeks and months ahead. If you have not had a chance to see that yet, hit this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KXb5HHOEr&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KXb5HHOEr&feature=emb_logo)

Also in that video is a survey for parents and their middle- and high school students to get your thoughts about the choice ahead. The deadline to respond to that survey is today, so if you have not already done so, we would really appreciate it if you take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Here is the survey's link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1AYdMneWGWD8rWssI3aXDBycdoNfxIV34U-4tZIN1jqpHQ/viewform?gxids=7628>

Thanks for giving your time like this!

**Siblings here test positive for the virus, as well as one other student**

Two of our siblings contracted the COVID-19 virus from their dad. The kids are doing really well. Our dad is doing well now but had a few hard days. He said that it felt like a “truck was parked on my head for three days.” I cannot imagine. I have talked with so many students and family members who have had the virus over the past months, and some have had little to no symptoms while others have had major struggles.

As we learned about these positive tests, we worked to figure out if there were colleagues and students who were in close contact with our two siblings, and we identified six students. We reached out to their parents, and they were wonderful: they responded quickly and started a self-quarantine for their sons and daughters right away. We are beyond grateful.

Too, near the same time one of our other students contracted the virus from a brother who was visiting home. The student's mom picked up on the symptoms quickly and got tests for her boys right away, as they waited in self-quarantine. As a result, no one else was in close contact with them, which halted the spread.

Of course we all know this is the year that lies ahead of us. And as a community -- colleagues and parents and our incredible students -- are talking one right step after another, together. And we are all grateful.

### **Have you had a chance to complete the Wellness Screening Agreement for your son or daughter?**

If not, you still have time. Follow the link below for step-by-step directions, and you will have this done in no time. Thanks for doing this for us!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BYGFoY\\_BAdAiFBP4H\\_gA26i7CPwvIFeo2nSQAUWdGAE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BYGFoY_BAdAiFBP4H_gA26i7CPwvIFeo2nSQAUWdGAE/edit?usp=sharing)

### **Scholarship information for our seniors**

The Kalamazoo Foundation is hosting a Facebook Livestream on Tuesday, October 20 at 6pm. The information will be targeted toward graduating seniors, and will include information on both the Remyse Scholarship, as well as the General Scholarship which opens on 1/1/21. The format they'll be using does not require students or parents to sign up ahead of time. Simply to go to the Facebook event page at 6pm on 10/20/20. Here is the link:

<https://fb.me/e/3NnOGRtoo>

Families will be able to view the presentation. There will be additional staff members monitoring the chat feature, so students and parents can ask any questions that aren't covered. We plan to link the pre-recorded session to the senior grade level information page on our PCHS website.

### **Our wonderful neighbors are hosting a drive-thru flu clinic for parents and students**

WHEN: Friday, October 16 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Portage Community Center, 325 E Centre Ave, Portage, MI 49002

Bring picture ID and insurance cards for everyone 6 months of age & older who will be receiving their flu shot. Per CDC guidelines, all vehicles will be asked to park for 15 minutes following vaccination. Clinic will run while supplies last.

If you have questions, please call 269-373-5203. Also know that the health department will accept everyone, regardless of what type of insurance they hold. They will also be able to

accommodate those without insurance as well. Nobody will be denied a vaccine, and there will NOT be any out of pocket cost for anyone.

Yeah... we have awesome neighbors.

*Just one last reminder...*

**Juniors taking the PSAT/NMSQT, do you need a calculator?**

If you already have a calculator that is approved by the College Board, great -- please bring that with you for the test on **Thursday, October 29**. If you are not sure if yours is approved, no worries: take a look at this link to find out.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/calculator-policy>

If you do need a calculator, please sign up through the link below by noon on Monday, October 26. (If you don't sign up for one by the deadline, we will not be able to give you on the day of the test.) On the day of the test, your proctor will give you the calculator, so you will be ready to go. Thanks for this!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf\\_JNRIKsjCPI3cffFWIpmC5UPqX6rbJni\\_GQHEyBmlxW-MBKg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_JNRIKsjCPI3cffFWIpmC5UPqX6rbJni_GQHEyBmlxW-MBKg/viewform)

*Just a reminder...*

**Does your son or daughter need some additional academic support?**

Tutoring is now available for students who may need a little extra help with their classes! Link Crew and National Honor Society students have put together a great group of tutors who are ready to help out their classmates. Tutoring for students can either be in person or virtual with a variety of subjects to choose from. To sign up, please fill out the Google Form listed below. If you have any questions, contact the Activities Office!

Tutoring Google Forms link: <https://forms.gle/G6qvr7z4SD8eG3hCA>

With apologies for another long email,

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