

HIGHLANDER HILLTOP

EDITION 10/2

Message from the Principal

Dear Portland Middle School Families,
<https://sites.google.com/portlandct.us/pmsopenhouse2020/home>

I am excited to present part one of our Portland MS Virtual Open House. The teachers at PMS have put together videos to present the typical information they would be reviewing for parents, and we have put them together on this easy to navigate website. The site contains a page for each team (7th grade, 8th grade, and Unified Arts), as well as student support services. On these pages you can access each teacher's videos for their different courses, their email address, and a google form to ask any questions for members of those respective teams.



On Tuesday, October 6th, we will be having part 2 of our open house, which will include live Q&A sessions for each of those teams. A google form is included for each team on the home page of the site, in order to post any questions you would like the team to respond to on Tuesday. The schedule will be as follows:

- Main Office and Support Staff: **5:00 - 5:30** [GMeet Link](#)
- 7th Grade: **5:30 - 6:00** <https://meet.google.com/mrt-wauf-cgc>
- 8th Grade: **5:30 - 6:00** [GMeet Link](#)
- Unified Arts: **6:00 - 6:30** [GMeet Link](#)

Sincerely,
 Chuck Hershon

 [@ChuckHershon](#)

Next Week's Hybrid Schedule

Monday 10/5	Tuesday 10/6	Wednesday 10/7	Thursday 10/8	Friday 10/9
Blue at home	Blue at home	<i>At Home Learning Day for All</i>	Blue in school	Blue in school
Red in school	Red in school		Red at home	Red at home

SAVE THE DATES:

Important Dates in October

10/5-10/9: Aims Web ELA Testing
 10/6: Board of Education Meeting
 10/6: Virtual Open House
 Music Boosters meeting
 10/12: Columbus Day (No School)
 10/14: Parent-Principal Roundtable
 10/28 & 10/30 Picture Day

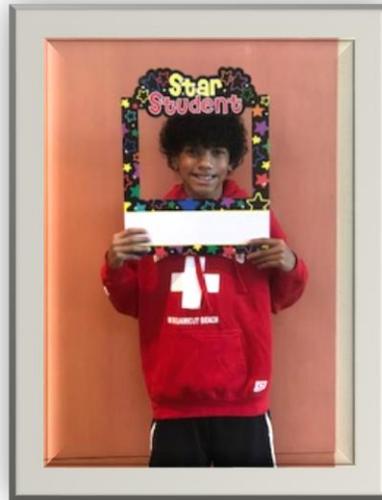


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STAR CITIZENS



STAR CITIZEN, Abby Leone

Abby is a hardworking 8th grader, who volunteers regularly and completes all work in a timely fashion.



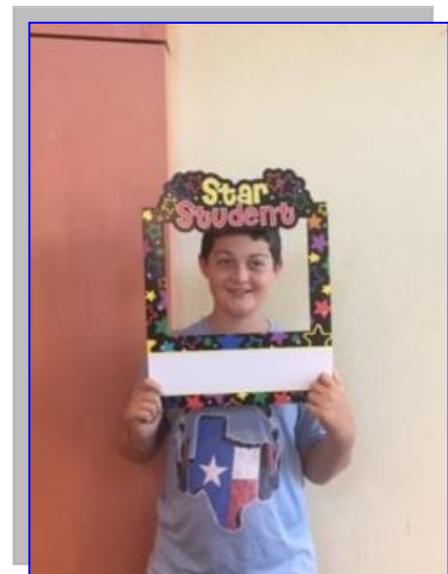
STAR CITIZEN, Jordan Harley

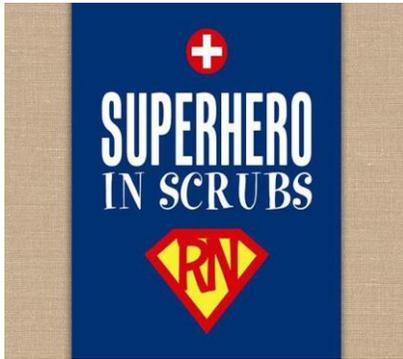
Jordan is a dedicated 8th grade student who always has a positive attitude and continues to be a self-starter.

STAR CITIZEN Gerry Hall is a willing participant who never fails to contribute positively to class discussions, often providing well thought out and mature perspectives. He is friendly and respectful.



STAR CITIZEN, Noah Sardinkas demonstrates an enthusiastically positive attitude and does not hesitate to offer assistance particularly with technology.





NURSE'S OFFICE:

I'm thinking about going to see my family for the holidays... What do I need to know for returning to school?



Executive Order Regarding Travel: Pursuant to Governor Lamont's [Executive Order No. 9C](#), someone traveling into Connecticut from a state

with a positive case rate higher than we do & who has been there at least 24hrs, is directed to self-quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state or country.

See <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/travel> for a list & map of affected states & territories.

Testing Exemption: You are allowed to obtain a COVID test within 72 hours before arrival in Connecticut, or on arrival in CT. **You must fill out the Travel Form (www.ct.gov/travelform) self-quarantine until you get your negative result, and you must forward both form and result to: DPH.COVID-travel@ct.gov or fax at (860)326-0529 as well as your employer or school. Then you may return to school/work before the 14 day quarantine period.**

What tests are acceptable for the testing option? Nucleic acid tests such as reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (**RT-PCR**) tests are the **only** acceptable testing option. Neither rapid antigen tests nor antibody tests for COVID-19 satisfy the testing requirement for the testing exemption.

If your test result comes back positive, even if you have no symptoms, continue to self-quarantine for 10 days from the testing date and contact your physician for guidance.

The list of impacted locations is updated on a weekly basis every Tuesday as the situation develops across the country.

SPIRIT DAYS SHOWCASING PORTLAND PRIDE

