

PINE-RICHLAND RAMPAGE

Introducing Book Club

Read All About It: The Latest After-School Activity

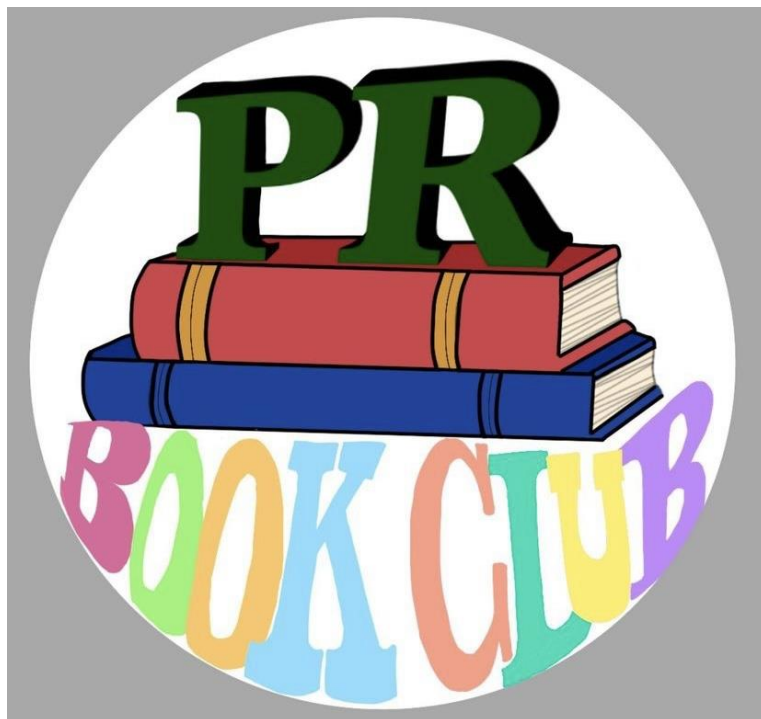
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Members of the PR Book Club build connections with each other through reading and discussion. The club's co-presidents, juniors Kayla Karmanos and Halle Fitzgerald, encourage all interested students to join. "If you are looking into getting into reading more or just making some new friends, book club would love to have you," said Fitzgerald.

Meetings will be held immediately after school on the third Tuesday of every month. Club members will share and discuss what they have been reading. The PR Book Club is flexible and easygoing. There are no specific reading requirements that must be met before each meeting; each month, reading should be completed at a comfortable pace. The high school

librarian Mr. Pollock will provide book recommendations that correlate with the time of year, but club members are encouraged to read whatever interests them.

Email Kayla Karmanos or Halle Fitzgerald with any questions.



The Book Club invites you to join them for a fun year of reading. To join the Google classroom page for additional information, use the class code *x2cimm6*. Juniors Halle Fitzgerald, Kayla Karmanos, and senior Sarah Horan at the Annual Open House and Activities Fair at PRHS on Tuesday September 14. Photo by senior Lizzi Montanti.

SPORTS

A Freshman's New Experience

First High School Field Hockey Game

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On Tuesday, September 7, the Field Hockey team had their first game against Hempfield. Freshman Kylie Schneck plays on jv and is going into her third year.

When asked if she was nervous before the start of Tuesday's game, Schneck said, "A little bit, but not too much; only since it was the first game against a new opponent."

Her opponents have stayed relatively the same since she played against her own grade.

When comparing her high school experience with her middle school experience, Schneck said she was enjoying high school better because of the smooth field.

"During middle school we played on grass which made it hard to move the ball. But during high school, we get to play on the turf field which makes it easier to move the ball," Schneck said.

Although she was nervous, Schneck couldn't wait to play her next game on Thursday, September 9 against Penn Trafford since she looks forward to playing new competition. When talking about new people she was playing with, Schneck mentioned that she has a



Freshman Kylie Schneck during her field hockey game.

great connection with some of the upperclassmen.

Schneck said, "My senior group leader also participates in band with me which helps us to connect more."

Of course, with everything someone participates in, there are the pros and cons.

Schneck compassionately said, "My favorite part was to cheer for my teammates."

When asked about her least favorite part, she said that 8th grade season didn't feel that intimidating because she was the oldest at the school. However, now that she's a freshman, she feels more intimidated

to face other teams because she feels younger.

To finish up the interview, Schneck said, "I am having a great time with her fellow teammates and coaches."

And last but not least, the Pine-Richland Girls Field Hockey team defeated Hempfield with a 2-0 victory.

RAMPAGE WANTS YOUR SPORTS PHOTOS! Email photos to Mrs. Harshman and your picture could be featured in next Thursday's Rampage.

FEATURES

The Best Day of Spirit Week

Students Reveal Their Favorite Dress Up Day

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Every year before Homecoming, there is a schoolwide spirit week, where students dress up in fun outfits that match the theme of that day. This year is no exception. But what is the best day of spirit week? An interview with 26 students reveals some very interesting results.

Of 26 votes, the top two days of spirit week were “Pajama Monday” with 8 votes, and “Green and White” Friday, with 7. The student’s least favorite day was “USA Tuesday,” racking in only 3 votes. I interviewed mostly sophomores, but the freshman, junior, and seniors interviewed also seemed to like those two days more than any other days.

The reason these days are favorites makes sense.

For instance, sophomore Michael Lattari said that he likes “Green and White” Friday the most because, “it’s the easiest for me to do.” Students have also shared the same opinion for Pajama Day, saying, “I already basically wear pajamas to school” and “it’s a good excuse to wear sweatpants.” Students love these days the most because they can be quickly and easily done, without needing to go out of your way for spirit week.

Are these the best days of a spirit week ever? Probably not. Seniors in spirit weeks from the past reminisced about “Tie-Dye” day or “Camo” day. But at least for this year, people are pretty happy about this week’s themes.

Organization Tips and Tricks

Keeping Calm During a Chaotic Time of Year

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It is important to keep yourself caught up and pulled together during any school year, especially this one. Between masks and social distancing, it is important not only to stay healthy, but to stay organized and productive. There are many ways to do so, whether you are writing essays or studying. We all need to make sure we are staying on top of our work and doing so in ways that will benefit us.

Classic organization tools known as keeping all your papers in separate folders or binders is always beneficial. Knowing where everything is located in your study space will create less stress in trying to search for certain assignments. Even online work can be sorted as well. Having labels on documents is always helpful or keeping a drive folder for certain topics can keep your different projects in one place.

It is also helpful to use a planner. That way, instead of having to remember all your work, you can just flip to a page and find all you need right there. If you prefer to type, try putting your assignments into a Google Doc. You will feel significantly more prepared when you have a space to record your homework and reminders for the school week.

Having a clean and organized workspace at home will also increase your productivity. Keeping a schedule for when you get home and how you want to do your work is up to you but having that clean desk ready for you to do your homework is always helpful.

Studying is always important for any test, though it can be hard to figure out what study method works best for you. Whether it’s flashcards or practice Kahoots, make sure to do whatever you can to help yourself prepare better. I tend to use a website called, “Life at Virtual Spaces.” This is a website that allows you to feel like you are in any workspace or environment to help you relax and focus more. It’s good for reading, studying, or doing anything else. You can choose between sitting in a coffee shop or looking over the streets of Tokyo. Sitting down at night with that site open and my flashcards is always the way I want to end the night before a test. Studying is different for many people depending on what works best for them. Studying for 20 minutes followed by a short break is always effective. Make sure to find your best studying strategy so you will always be ready for any test.

Using these strategies will help you feel more prepared and organized for this school year. Remember to try your best and focus on certain goals to help you succeed this school year.