



POCONO MOUNTAIN EAST HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear EHS Parent/Guardians,

Opening the 2019-2020 school year, East High School is excited to roll into year 3 of PRIDE (Prepared, Respectful, Involved, Dependable, Empathetic). The goal is to continue to see positive changes to the school environment as a result of having clear and consistent expectations for staff and students. This year, we expect even greater growth!

Team EPIC (East Pride Initiative Committee) is growing and now includes over 50 EHS students who help to spread PRIDE in a variety of venues and formats throughout the year.

Team PEPIC (Parent East PRIDE Initiative Committee) will carry on as support to EPIC and the PRIDE committee. If interested in assisting, contact Mrs. Jessica Allshouse (PEPIC EHS Chair) at jallshouse@pmsd.org.

In addition, PRIDE has expanded to service select students through the Check and Connect program. Staff within the building volunteered and was trained to provide support to students with academic, attendance or behavioral needs. This program will be entering its first full year at EHS and looks to center on school engagement with a focus on graduation.

A few important items:

1. Beyond parentlink and letters sent home, PRIDE and EPIC will continue to post on social media accounts:
 - **Facebook** (*admin*: PMSD East High School)
 - **Twitter** (*admin*: PMEastHS; *student*: pme_pride)
 - **Instagram, Snapchat** (*student*: pme_pride)

2. Students will have opportunities to be recognized for meeting PRIDE expectations:
 - Daily Shout Outs on PM Announcements
 - Earning 'PRIDE Points' to enter in a monthly drawing for prizes
 - **Incentives** – after Marking Period 1, 2, 3
 - Criteria:
 - Honor Roll
 - 1 referral (warning only)
 - 2 excused absences/NO unexcused or unlawful absences
 - **Prestigious Incentive** – during Marking Period 4
 - Criteria (CUMULATIVE of Marking Period 1, 2, 3):
 - Perfect Attendance
 - Distinguished Honors
 - No referrals

Please continue to support your student by encouraging conversation at home about PRIDE and any upcoming events. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Kimberly Kochanski (kkochanski@pmsd.org) or 570-839-7121 ext. 80416.

Kind Regards,



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