

# PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL TIGER TRIBUNE

May 13 - May 20

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## Universal Masking at PHS Starting Monday

Based on the increased number of positive COVID-19 cases, we have received guidance from the Princeton Department of Health to re-instate universal masking for all PPS schools. Starting on Monday, May 16, the district will return to universal masking for all indoor activities and classes. Masks will also be required on PPS buses.

Based on the high (orange) COVID Activity Level Index (CALI) score in our area, and concerns about in-school transmission, a mask will be necessary to enter any school building starting Monday. The Princeton Health Department notes that when masking guidelines changed in March, the plan included a return to universal masking should the CALI score rise to the high level. Staffing levels due to positive cases are also a concern.

PPS does not want to be in a position where the district would be required to move to a remote-only option for any of our schools, which would have a negative impact on students' social-emotional and educational needs. **Please bring a mask to school Monday morning.**

PPS would like to thank students and staff in advance for their cooperation. If you have any questions, please email [communications@princetonk12.org](mailto:communications@princetonk12.org).

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## IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

TO ALL STUDENTS WITH DRIVER'S LICENSES

Seniors with PHS Student Parking Permits are to park only in the senior parking lot down Franklin, on Franklin between the Middle School and Westminster, or on Guyot adjacent to the Turf.

Students are being ticketed daily for parking in permit required areas without the proper permits. I am hearing about tickets upwards of \$75-80! Please do not park in restricted areas including the school faculty lots or at the Choir College.

If you do not have a permit, there is limited parking available near PHS far down Walnut passed Guyot. Please make sure you are looking for parking permit signs before you park.

## Graduation Save the Date!

Graduation is currently slated for June 20th at 5:30pm on the PHS Front Lawn. A mailing is coming soon from the Main Office that will include your wristbands (4), graduation announcements, and other information you need to know for the big day.



For planning purposes, graduation generally runs about 2 hours. We will begin the procession of the graduates promptly at 5:30pm.

Due to the Monday graduation date, **Senior Sunset** will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 16th. If you aren't sure what senior sunset is, it is the evening (typically the night before the last day of school) where our seniors gather on the lawn to watch the sunset together. Students typically bring their yearbooks, blankets, lawn games and just enjoy time together. More info will be provided closer to the event.

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## Limited yearbooks left for purchase of the PHS Prince Yearbook!

The 2022 Prince has gone to print. We have a limited number of copies for sale. You can purchase yours at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) using code 4078.

Yearbooks typically sell out. If you are sure you want one, you should buy it soon! I have received many emails asking if a purchase was made. If you are unsure if you purchased a book yet, [you can check here!](#) Thank you so much for your support!

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## PHS Prom Meetings

Mandatory Prom Meetings are coming for all PHS Students attending our upcoming Prom. Meetings will be conducted May 11th at 7pm via zoom, May 16th during break in the PAC, and May 16th in the PAC at 2:37. Links and reminders will be in Class Canvas Announcements.



Want to request a song at prom? [Use this link!](#)

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## Supporting Princeton's LGBTQ+ Youth & Families

Thomas Foley and Jen Simon will be hosting two parent information sessions sponsored by the Princeton Regional Education Association (PREA) through a FAST grant from the NJEA. The presentations, called **"Supporting Princeton's LGBTQ+ Youth & Families"** will cover:

- terminology and statistics related gender, sexuality, and the LGBTQ+ community
- how to have developmentally appropriate conversations with kids of all ages
- helping foster a home environment where kids are comfortable talking about gender and sexuality
- how to respond when someone comes out to you
- for parents of young adults: additional risks LGBTQ+ teens face, and how to reduce these risks
- local and district resources and supports available to our families

We will also be able to provide refreshments and have some giveaways available to those who attend.

On **Monday, May 16 at 6:30**, our first session in the PMS Auditorium will be geared towards parents of 6-12 graders. The second session, on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 in Riverside's cafeteria, is geared towards elementary parents. Families are invited to attend either or both sessions.

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## Free In Person Workshop: Understanding Brain Development and Mental Health: How Parents Can Build Resiliency and Healthy Coping Skills In Children and Adolescents

All PPS parents, teachers, and community members are invited to a workshop on Tuesday, May 17 at Princeton Middle School from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

In this exciting in-person workshop, child psychiatrist and PPS parent Dr. Gal Shoval will provide an overview of the latest advances in neuroscience and mental health in children and adolescents. Participants will:

- Explore how mental health challenges in modern society impacts families, schools, and communities.
- Understand how current scientific knowledge can be implemented at home and in school to improve the quality of life for children and parents

- Learn tools to promote resilience, alleviate stress, and improve coping skills in children of all ages.

Here is the link to register for the workshop:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F49A4A82DA0F94-drshoval>

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## “Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently”

Please join Mrs. Shah and special guest on Wednesday evening, May 11, 2022 at 7pm for a presentation with Landmark College titled “Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently”

This presentation will be recorded and posted to the [College Counselor’s Corner](#).

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

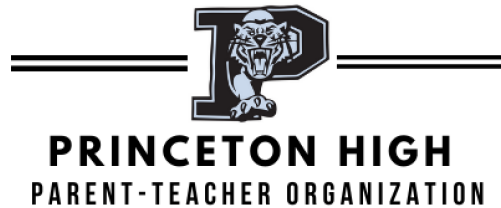
When: May 11, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: “Navigating the College Search for Students Who Learn Differently”

<https://princetonk12.zoom.us/j/86795363686?pwd=dnZxQWw0eDBRQlRRSHhRNDUuSkovQT09>

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## Class of 2022 Lawn Signs: Available for a limited time.

Class of 2022 lawn signs will be available for a limited time and only if one is reserved in advance. If you would like one, please complete the Google Form below. Signs will not be delivered to homes but will be available for pickup in early June. The PHS PTO is excited to offer the Class of 2022 signs free of charge. The signs are double-sided, printed in color, and long-lasting. An email will be sent out with pick-up instructions at a later time.

<https://forms.gle/2CVGWdpNgzHRoJkH8>

The last day to order a sign is Monday, May 16th.

# June PTO Meeting

*Join us for another informative meeting and our last for the 2021-2022 school year. Our guest speaker will be Kirsten Sharett, local educational/college consultant and PHS alum, who will share her insights into this year's college admissions and will give advice for each grade level.*

*Principal Chmiel will give his monthly update.*

- The meeting may pivot to Zoom based on school recommendations

**June 1, 2022**  
**8:35 AM**

**Princeton High School Performing Arts Center (PAC)**

PrincetonHSPTO@gmail.com  
www.princetonhspto.weebly.com



**PRINCETON HIGH**  
PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

OUR GUEST SPEAKER



**KIRSTEN SHARETT**  
*Educational Consultant  
Founder, Crafting Your Story*



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# PPS Special Ed PTO

## Upcoming SEPAG General Meetings and Officer Election Information



[Please see the latest SEPAG newsletter here.](#)

Our final general meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.**, also on Zoom, and will include the election of officers for the 2022-23 academic year. Three executive board positions are open for one-year terms: 2 Co-Presidents, and 1 Secretary. The Zoom link the meetings is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3979210547?pwd=SVplcXFyMk5tZ1BBT3l6cVRjelBFUT09>  
(Meeting ID: 397 921 0547; Passcode: 684188).

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## PHS Health and Wellness Green Team News

Welcome to news and tips from the PHS Health and Wellness Green Team (HWGT). Each week we will provide updates and information to help PHS families lead more mindful and sustainable lives.

## Open Space/Sustainability Events Around Town:

### Sustainable Princeton: Don't be Idle, Let's Upcycle, May 2022

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Parking Lot Behind Monument Hall, Princeton

Sustainable Princeton's waste collection event is back. The following items will be collected:

- **Batteries:** All types of batteries will be reused or recycled through Wireless Alliance. NOTE: Battery ENDS MUST BE SEALED with clear tape or wrap to prevent electrical discharge during shipping. No corroded batteries. No car or other large batteries.

- **Bikes for Adults:** The PHS Biking Club is collecting bikes suitable for adults to be refurbished & distributed to those who need one. NOTE: This collection does not include children's bikes, scooters, or biking accessories.
- **Block Styrofoam™:** Packaging Styrofoam™ used to encase a fragile item can be locally upcycled into picture frames. NOTE: All Styrofoam™ must be free of tape and glue! This collection does NOT include peanuts, plates, cups, egg cartons, or take-out boxes. We cannot accept spongy lookalike foams. (The lookalike foams act more like a sponge that bends or compresses. Alternatively, Styrofoam™ breaks or crumbles under force.) Finally, since we will be increasing our inspection of materials, you no longer need to bag your Styrofoam.
- **Cell phones and tablets:** All cell phones and tablets, as well as their accessories, can be refurbished or shredded for precious metals reclamation by Wireless Alliance. Review their information regarding data security. NOTE: To allow data cleansing of Apple products, disable the Find My iPhone Activation Lock.
- **Cooking Tools:** All brands of metal-based\* cookware, bakeware, and cutlery (\*Nonstick Aluminum, Stainless Steel, Carbon Steel, Cast Iron) will be recycled through Terracycle's Calphalon® Cooking Tools Recycling Program. To aid in shipping, please bring these in a large box and wrap knives in paper or bubble wrap. This is a new collection we are piloting.
- **Metal lawn sign frames:** Metal frames are accepted for scrap metal recycling. Please remove the signs. We are not aware of any recycling opportunity for the signboards.
- **Printer cartridges:** Ink cartridges will be refurbished or upcycled by Wireless Alliance. All printer cartridges, including laser and inkjet, are accepted.
- **Razors:** All brands of blades and razors (systems and disposable units, and replaceable-blade cartridge units), rigid plastic packaging, and flexible plastic bag packaging will be recycled through Terracycle's Gillette® Razor Recycling Program. This is a new collection we are piloting.
- **Reusable bags:** Gently-used reusable shopping bags will be collected for clients represented by a member of the Food Insecurity Task Force. All reusable bags are accepted.

For more information, visit

<https://www.sustainableprinceton.org/event/dont-be-idle-lets-upcycle-may-2022/>

## **Sustainable Princeton: Sustainable Minds Discuss Community Solar**

Wednesday, May 18, 7-8:00 p.m., Free, via Zoom

This special session will feature two dynamic speakers that will share the benefits of community solar, and help you decide if it's right for you. Come with questions!

Elena Weissmann, Mid-Atlantic Director of Vote Solar: Elena coordinates Vote Solar's campaigns in the Mid-Atlantic, advocating for inclusive and equitable solar policies throughout the region. Elana will provide an overview of Community Solar within the region and nationally, addressing equity and accessibility issues.

Tracey Woods, Research & Project Specialist at Sustainable Jersey: Tracey Woods works with the Sustainable Jersey Energy Team as a Project Research Specialist. Tracey will focus on New Jersey, describing the current state of NJ's community solar program. She will explain how you can subscribe and what municipalities are doing to enable adoption. [Register for this event here.](#)

### **Wellness Session - Nature Walk in Cranbury Brook Preserve**

Sunday, May 22, 2-3:00 p.m., Free

Cranbury Brook Preserve

Join naturalist Kathy Easton to learn about the plants and wildlife and explore the trails of Cranbury's largest preserve. Wear comfortable shoes and long pants to avoid tick exposure. Please meet at 2:00 p.m. in the West Property Soccer Fields parking lot adjacent to the soccer fields, accessed via a gravel driveway located between 1 and 5 North Main Street (just north of Cranbury Brook). Please contact Laura Zurfluh at [lzurfluh@cranbury-nj.com](mailto:lzurfluh@cranbury-nj.com) with any questions.

### **Friends of Princeton Open Space: Call for Land Stewards**

Saturday, May 28, 9:00 a.m.-Noon/1-4:00 p.m.

Mountain Lake House Parking lot, 57 Mountain Ave, Princeton

Volunteers will work under the guidance of FOPOS' stewardship staff to identify and remove target invasive species from the northern bank of Mountain Lake using pruners, loppers, and hand saws. We will also plant natives and install protective deer-exclusion caging. Invasive shrubs, such as Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) and burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), will be replaced with native species including viburnums, dogwoods, and oaks. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.fopos.org/getinvolved>

### **Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands: National Trails Day**

Saturday, June 4, 2022, 3:00 p.m. (Rain Date: Sunday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m.)

Mapleton Preserve

A new trail has been added to the Mapleton Preserve. Save the date to Join Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands for its grand unveiling! For more information, visit <https://fpnl.org>



## IN THE COMMUNITY

**AAPI Princeton 5K run & Walk**  
**Sunday May 29th 8:30 AM EDT**  
**101 Carnegie Center Dr, Princeton**

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month is a way to honor the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, learn about AAPI history and cultures, and amplify AAPI voices.

Princeton Running Team is partnering with the Institute of Financial Intelligence (IFI), Where Music Carries Us (WMCU), and the Museum of Chinese In America (MOCA) to host this 5K Run 'n' Walk in Princeton . Please come and join us!

For more information and Sign up link, please visit: [AAPI 5K Run & Walk Princeton](#)

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**[Please follow along with PHS Athletics news, scores and more online!](#)**

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