

Winter 2021 PHMS Virtual Talent Show - Information Letter

“If you’re not having fun, you’re doing something wrong!” Groucho Marx

Pine Hollow students - it is time to have fun and showcase your talents. Given our pandemic restrictions, this year’s talent show will be online and available for all students to watch in school. **Join the Talent Show Classroom with the code rtshhlj**. Information will also be posted on the **Pine Hollow web site!**

Being online is not so bad. First, more people can participate and showcase their diverse talents. If you are a singer, let’s hear your voice. If you are an equestrian, film yourself horseback riding. If you are a skateboarder, video your skills on the course. If you can perform your talent on the PHMS stage, **we can film you at school**. Second, having a virtual talent show allows for a much larger audience. Once you film yourself and submit the video (directions below) or let us film you in the auditorium, we will select the videos to be included. This year, we are planning to show the video in homerooms and post online. Here’s what you need to know:

1. **Timing is everything.** Practice your talent during October. Film yourself performing your talent (probably need to record several takes). All acts should be about 3 minutes or under. If you have a group act, please social distance and wear masks, unless you are outside! Take the best video, and submit in the Google Classroom assignment by November 5, 2021. If you need us to film you, practice during October and be ready to film in the beginning of November. We anticipate the final video being posted online in December.
2. **Keep it classy!** We would love to have a wide variety of talents featured. The videos need to be school appropriate and thoughtfully prepared. All performances and attire need to be G- rated and comply with school rules. Change lyrics if you need to. In addition, make your performance space interesting and neat. Be creative; it is up to you! If you are filming at school, please have your background music ready.
3. **Check all the boxes.** Please complete the Google Form in this Classroom letting us know who you are, what your talent is, and how you will be filming. *For students*, make sure to have your parent or guardian fill out the digital permission slip in Google Classroom. This form will allow us to post your video on the PHMS website, a public space. We will only use first names and last initials on the videos. Ms. Pitofsky will send confirmation emails if your video is selected as part of the 2021 Virtual Talent Show.
4. **Practice makes perfect.** Please rehearse whatever you plan to submit before you begin filming. We may also offer rehearsal times after school so you can practice.
5. **Use technology to your advantage!** If you have professional video equipment and know how to use it, fantastic! Otherwise, you can film yourself using the technology that works for you. Your cell phone works great for recording and editing video. Be sure to

watch and listen to your video before you submit. The viewer needs to clearly hear you and see you in action. If you need us to film you, let us know on the interest form.