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Teachers, Staff, Parents, & Guardians,

The Pitman High School Environmental Club is a proud partner of the Pitman Environmental Commission's Pitman For Trees Campaign. We are making it our mission to advocate for tree protection in Pitman.

The students of PHS enjoy local nature and care deeply about its future. Protecting our trees is essential to preserving the health, beauty, and sustainability of our community. As young residents of the Boro, we worry that the loss of trees throughout Pitman will result in negative impacts to our quality of life.

Trees benefit the local environment by providing wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, air and water quality, and reduction of heat. Trees also increase quality of life by providing shade, mental health benefits, energy efficiency, stormwater management, and property value.

The students of PHS all agree that we care about protecting Pitman's trees.

"To me trees are a way for us to survive. They give us air to breathe, and give us beauty to behold. Trees stand tall to protect the animals underneath. They are a lifeline for people, animals, and other plants. They are the way to protect, care for, and give the earth its meaning." - Keith Owens, Grade 9

"Trees are vital guardians of our well being, producing nearly 30% of our planet's oxygen that fills our lungs and filtering water to sustain our bodies. Their quiet presence not only cleanses the air but also purifies the earth, reminding us that our health is deeply rooted in the forests around us." - Connor Fortin, Grade 9

"I value trees because they give the world oxygen. Trees are important because we can't breathe without them. For example, trees give us oxygen and humans give trees CO2. Because of this humans and trees need each other to live and thrive." - Mason Smith, Grade 9

"Trees improve the whole air system. It brings life to everything." - Madison Cain, Grade 10

"Trees reduce stress, I value this fully because of the amount of impact trees have for promoting better public health.Some examples on why trees are so valuable is because they improve biodiversity, and because of this, the wildlife and the environment stays well kept." - Dante Abbott, Grade 10"

I value trees because they improve quality of life and neighborhood appeal. This is important because it promotes better public health. For example, they make the world prettier. Because of this we are happier and healthier." - Camryn Coyle. Grade 12

"I value trees because they reduce energy costs. This is important because people use a lot of energy. For example, someone standing in a tree's shadow when it's hot outside. Because of this, trees are important to humans and animals." - Izaiah Dill, Grade 10

"I value trees because they absorb about 50 pounds of CO2 per year. This is important because trees improve mental and physical health. For example trees reduce heat through shading and evapotranspiration. Because of this we need to love trees and care for them. - Tommy Moore, Grade 10

"I value trees because they reduce stress. This is important because it promotes public health. For example, they encourage outdoor activity. Because of this the community grows stronger together." - Cassidy Batten, Grade 11

"I value trees because they provide habitat for wildlife. This is important because it promotes better public health. For example, trees help prevent flooding because these trees help manage stormwater." - King Iglesia, Grade 11

"I value trees because they are the future of our Planet. Trees provide habitats for wildlife and they support biodiversity.Trees do so much including on a hot day, trees can cool the air through shade and evapotranspiration.Because of this trees make nature beautiful to see and nice to enjoy." - Tyler Porten, Grade 11

It is time that we commit to Keep Pitman Green, Protect Our Trees!

We respectfully urge all Pitman community members to protect existing trees on property, plant new trees, and support local environmental policies. Working together, we can ensure a greener future for the next generation of Pitmanites.

The Borough of Pitman has established a Tree Protection Ordinance. To learn more about this policy, tree stewardship actions, or to get support, please visit the Pitman Environmental Commission page on the Borough of Pitman website at Pitman.org. Follow the Pitman Environmental Commission on Facebook today!

Sincerely & For the Trees,

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