

# Jaguar Journal

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**Pembroke Pines  
Charter Schools at  
Academic Village  
Campus**

## Administrative Team

### Principal

Peter Bayer

### Assistant Principals

Robin Battle

Alma Llanos

Helen Yanez

### Behavior Specialists

Steve Bruns

Melissa Fernandez

Cindy Velez

## **Our MISSION**

The Pembroke Pines Charter Community will provide a challenging educational foundation to prepare students for college success and responsible citizenship.

## **Our VISION**

Pembroke Pines Charter Schools in collaboration with students, parents, and the community, endeavor to create a challenging and supportive organization of lifelong learners. It is our vision to actively engage in a continuous process of intellectual, emotional and social growth that is unified in direction, yet diverse in approach and instruction.

A SACS/CASI Accredited District

## **College      Citizenship      Community**

### **Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!**

#### **What's new at Academic Village?**

We are delighted to welcome our new ninth graders and their families to the Jaguar team!



#### **New Jaguars Staff**

The Jaguar Family is excited to welcome our newest high school staff members:

Janelle Alongi (Social Studies), Stephanie Gonzalez (Dance), Carline Martin-Hernandez (English), Eric Barrett (Technology), Jennifer Timmerman (ASL), Lisette Plaskett (Guidance) and Teresa Pena-Diaz (ESE).

**Congratulations!**

#### **2018-2019 School Grade**

PPCS—AV is, once again, an A school! This is due, of course, to the hard work and dedication of our entire Academic Village community!

The Jaguar Family is proud to congratulate the following staff members and educators:

#### **10-Year Achievement**

Lori Azcarate, Doina Lutchi and Leydis Mancini.

#### **15-Year Achievement**

German Grijalva, Carrie Hyacinth, Sunshine Phelps, Alma Llanos, Robin Battle and Helen Yanez.

#### **20-Year Achievement**

Lorraine Vasquez, Tyler Kapela, Miriam Hernandez-Davis, Sarah Phelps and Peter Bayer.

#### **Charter School Liason**

Our Charter School Liaison for Academic Village is Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager.

Below is his contact information:

**E-mail:** agonzalez@ppines.com

**Telephone Number:** (954) 431-4884



**Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!**

## Important High School Announcements

### Absence/Tardies

When a student is absent, a parent must send a note within the 2 (two) days of the absences OR electronically submit on our website: <http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net> under the link "PARENTS and "ATTENDANCE SUBMISSION." Notes must specify the **full name and grade** of the student date of absences, reason for absences and parents' signature. Failure to do so within 2 (two) days will result in an unexcused absence.

- In cases of extended absences (three days or more), please stop by the high school front office to request a Permitted Absence Form that has to be filled out prior to the extended absence.
- **SIGN OUT TIME:** Parents may pick up their children no later than 30 minutes before dismissal time. The person(s) picking up student **MUST** be on the Emergency Contact Card. They must have a picture ID.
- Information on tardy policy can be found in the Proactive Discipline Plan.
- Makeup work for credit is allowed for all excused absences. Students have 2 class days to make-up work for each class day absent. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.
- **It is the student's responsibility to reschedule missed quizzes/tests within the allotted period for make up work.**

### Parent Advisory Meetings

Our parent advisory meetings are held at 6:00 PM on the second Monday of each month at the SW Regional Library Auditorium. Parent volunteer hours are given for attending the parent advisory meetings. See page 7 for dates. Mark your calendars!

### Uniforms

In order to maintain a safe and orderly campus, all students must be in proper uniform.

### On-Campus Supervision

On-campus adult supervision is provided from 6:45 AM-2:30 PM. Students who are at the library after school are subject to Broward County Libraries' rules & regulations.

### Drop-Off Policy

Parents are responsible for contacting their children and ensuring students know to pick up all items during their lunch time or between classes. Office personnel will **NOT** contact students as this disrupts the learning environment.

### School Hours

School hours are from 7:15 AM-2:00 PM. Students must be in their classrooms before 7:15 AM. Any tardy students must report to the front office. Students will not be able to sign out after 1:30PM.

### Late Policy

Maximizing instructional time is critical for student success. As such students must arrive to school on time as well as arrive to each class on time. If you have any questions regarding the tardy policies including consequences, please refer to the Code of Student Conduct posted at <http://bcps.browardschools.com/codeofconduct.asp>.

### Parent Volunteer Hours

It is the parent's responsibility to keep track of their hours. Please note the following dates for your records. The commitment of 30 parent hours must be completed by **May 22, 2020** for underclassmen parents (grades 9-11) and **May 8, 2020** for senior parents (grade 12). Senior students whose parents have not completed the volunteer commitment will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. In the event the parent volunteer commitment is not completed, your son/daughter will not be registered for the 2020-2021 school year.



**Athletics Dept.**

*Steve Bruns*

Athletic Director

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**High School Athletics Department**

**Fall sports are in full swing!**

**Below are just a few of the upcoming events for this season.**

- 09/17 Girls Volleyball @ South Plantation
- 09/18 Girls Volleyball @ South Broward
- 09/19 JV Football @ Coral Springs Charter
- 09/19 Girls Volleyball vs. Monarch
- 09/20 Girls Volleyball @ Everglades
- 09/20 Varsity Football vs. Coral Springs Charter
- 09/24 Girls Volleyball @ Monarch
- 09/25 JV Football @ Coral Gables
- 09/26 Girls Volleyball @ Nova
- 09/27 Varsity Football vs. LaSalle
- 10/2 Girls Volleyball vs. Western
- 10/2 JV Football @ Piper
- 10/4 Girls Volleyball @ Flanagan
- 10/4 Varsity Football @ St. Brendan
- 10/10 Girls Volleyball @ Am. Heritage
- 10/11 Girls Volleyball vs. Somerset
- 10/12 Varsity Football @ Randazzo
- 10/17 Varsity Football vs. Inlet Grove
- 10/25 Varsity Football vs. Dade Christian

**High School Counseling Department**

- PSAT/NMSQT exam will take place on October 16th for all 10th graders and pre-registered 11th graders. The 9th grade PSAT will take place in January 2020.
- SAT registration and information available at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ACT registration and information available at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- FSA/ELA and EOC Retakes took place on September 17-19, 23-27. The next retakes for FSA/ELA and Algebra 1 EOC will be held on February 24-March 13, 2020. Retakes for Biology EOC will be held December 2-20, 2019.
- September is National Suicide Awareness Month. Classroom and school-wide activities are being held to bring awareness.
- Start with Hello Week is September 23-27
- Student volunteer hours are required for graduation. For volunteer forms and locations, please visit our website at [hs.pinescharter.net](http://hs.pinescharter.net).

**School Counseling Department**

Gianna Scott

Grade 12

Idania Perez

Grade 11

Krystle Maycock

Grade 10

Lisette Plaskett

Grade 9

Dana Ostendorf

ESE

Pearl Moses

School Counseling Director

**2020 Class Sponsor**

Melissa Chevres

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**Senior Corner - Class of 2020**

- **Senior Panoramic** - December 3, 2019
- **Grad Bash** - April 25, 2020
- **Senior Awards** - April 30, 2020
- **Senior Prom** - May 16, 2020
- **Senior Dinner** - May 28, 2020
- **Graduation** - May 29, 2020



**SPAR**

The School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) for 2018-2019 school year will be available soon. Please check back for updates in the December newsletter.

## College Visits and Information

### Upcoming Campus Visits



- 9/12/19:** Florida State University (FSU) @ 7:15 AM in River of Grass
- 9/17/19:** Louisiana State University (LSU) @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 9/24/19:** Johnson & Wales @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/2/19:** Florida Polytechnic University (FL Poly) @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/7/19:** Northeastern University @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/8/19:** Nova Southeastern University (NSU) @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/10/19:** Lynn University @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/15/19:** University of Central Florida (UCF) @ 7:15 AM in River of Grass
- 10/16/19:** UMass Amherst @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/17/19:** University of Connecticut @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/22/19:** Dartmouth @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/23/19:** Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) @ 7:15 AM in U113
- 10/25/19:** University of Florida (UF) @ 7:15 AM in River of Grass

### Scholarship Search Engines

**-Scholarship Search App**

<https://myscholly.com/>

**-General Scholarship Search Niche:** <https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/>

**Fast Web:** <http://www.fastweb.com/>

**Big Future:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

**-Scholarship Guide for Black Students:**

[www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-black-students/](http://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-black-students/)

**-Scholarship Guide for Hispanic Students:**

[www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-hispanic-students/](http://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-hispanic-students/)

**-Scholarship Guide for Asian-American Students:**

[www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-asian-students/](http://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-asian-students/)

## Meal Prices

Please note that meal prices for high school students have changed for the 2018-2019 school year as follows:

Breakfast - \$1.75  
Lunch - \$3.20

## Address Changes

**Please note:** If your address changes, you must complete an address change form and attach a copy of a current utility bill (light, water, etc.) The utility bill MUST have the name of the parent/guardian and complete address. Updating this information in JupiterEd and/or the emergency contact card does not complete the process. This form and utility bill can be turned in to the Guidance office.

## Employee Performance Assessment

Parents have the opportunity to provide input into the faculty and administration performance evaluations. If you are interested, please provide the Principal with your input by April 30, 2020.

## Dispute Resolution Procedure

There is a procedure by which the charter school board resolves disputes. The school board is aware of this dispute resolution procedure.

1. **Parents speak with teacher. If not resolved...**
2. **Parents speak with administrator. If not resolved...**
3. **Parents speak with principal. If not resolved...**
4. **Parents speak with Charles Dodge, City Manager**

## High School Club & Activity News

The **American Sign Language Club** is going to start holding meetings each week in C202 on Mondays from 2-3PM, starting September 9th. We will offer tutoring for ASL 1-2, fun ASL lessons for those not in an ASL class, and will work toward our big end of the year ASL showcase show. We will also plan a trip to the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and take trips together to local Deaf Events.

### Spanish National Honor Society

This year, Spanish National Honor Society is partnering with Title 1 School, Apollo Middle, to donate health and beauty aid items such as toothpaste, deodorant, feminine pads, soap, shampoo and more, to help them provide assistance to many of its low-income students. SHS members will begin collecting donations starting in October.

As another school year comes around, SNHS will host its 3rd annual Spanish Spelling Bee. Members signed up contestants and audience members for one of its popular events of the year. The Spanish Spelling Bee will take place October 4th, 2019 at 2:30pm in the River of Grass. SHS hopes that this Spelling Bee is their biggest one yet!

Spanish National Honor Society is also preparing for the launch of its signature community service project, The Spanish Reading Program. SHS members read Bilingual books to K-2nd graders at PPCES Central Campus. This program has been expanded to the Central Campus VPK program as well. Spreading its love for the Spanish Language and Culture is what SHS is all about. Members will continue to spread their message, as they organize the Word of the Week event for Hispanic-Heritage Month. A new Spanish Word will be posted around campus for students to see each week with both translations. It will be promoted school wide, so as to promote the use of words in their everyday language! Spanish National Honor Society can not wait to get started on these projects and to see what new opportunities will unfold! Follow its members, events and community service projects on Instagram @shspchs.

## Prowler Yearbook

Ready for some memories? The PPCHS Prowler Yearbook is being sold for the price of **\$80**. The deadline to buy your yearbook is **December 5th**. Yearbooks are also being sold online at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/>. You can also find more information regarding promotions/sales on our social media accounts, Twitter @ppchsprowler, and Instagram @ppchsprowler. If you are interested in buying a senior dedication please contact Hannah Rojo through [hrojo0726@pinescharter.net](mailto:hrojo0726@pinescharter.net)

## Spring 2020 Dual Enrollment



Students interested in Dual Enrollment at Broward College for Spring 2020 (January – May) must meet eligibility requirements and submit ALL paperwork BEFORE September 25, 2019 by NOON. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible.

The criteria is as follows:

- 1) Unweighted High School GPA of a 3.0 or higher
- 2) Applied to Broward College and have a BC ID #
- 3) TEST scores (SAT, ACT, OR PERT)
- 4) Requested a Recommendation Form (class selection sheet) AFTER #1,2,3 are met from Ms. Fernandez in the A Building. Students who have not met the testing criteria, MUST apply to BC and receive a BC ID # then pick up the PERT testing form from Ms. Fernandez in the A Building.

**Students MUST have a BC ID prior to receiving a PERT test form.**

### **Broward College Retest Policy:**

- First retest may be completed after 24 hours of examination.
- All other retests must wait 30 days between each retest attempt
- Regardless of the age of the previous scores, there is a retest fee that applies to all retest attempts.

### **Broward College Re-enrollment Policy:**

If a student has already been enrolled in dual enrollment courses, they MUST STILL complete a Recommendation Form and complete the necessary procedures to enroll for the new term.

If you have any additional questions, please email Ms. Fernandez at [Melfernandez@pinescharter.net](mailto:Melfernandez@pinescharter.net) or visit [www.broward.edu/academics/cpl/dual/Pages/Dual-Enrollment---Student.aspx](http://www.broward.edu/academics/cpl/dual/Pages/Dual-Enrollment---Student.aspx).





# High School Calendar

## Important Dates

### September

- 12 - Pines Charter Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30)
- 13 - Blood Drive
- 21 - Saturday School (8AM, Cafeteria)
- 27 - Charter Family Night

### October

- 01 - Senior Parent Meeting
- 05 - SAT Administration
- 08 - Underclassmen Picture Day (Make-Up Day)
- 09 - No School
- 12 - Saturday School (8AM, Cafeteria)
- 14 - Parent Advisory Meeting (6:00 PM, SW Library)
- 17- Early Release Day (Dismissal at 11:45 AM)
- 17 - Multicultural Showcase (6:30 PM, ROG)
- 18 - No School - Teacher Planning Day
- 21-25 - Homecoming Spirit Week
- 25 - Homecoming Pep Rally
- 26 - Parent Workshop (8:00 AM, ROG)

- 26 - Homecoming Dance

### November

- 02 - SAT Administration
- 04 - Parent Advisory Meeting (6:00 PM, SW Library)
- 07 - Pines Charter Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30)
- 11 - No School
- 15 - Blood Drive
- 16 - Saturday School (8AM, Cafeteria)
- 19 - Club Picture Day
- 27-29- No School (Thanksgiving Break)



## Faculty Members Broaden Their Areas of Expertise

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their skills and developing increased levels on content expertise. We would like to recognize those teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at Academic Village Campus who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college work and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject. While completing this work, they will be teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved by the School Board of Broward County to teach out of field. The following teachers are out of field for the 2019-2020 school year: Jessica Brandt (certified in Biology 6-12) Out-of-field for Earth & Space Science, Annette Dallera (certified in General Science 5-9) Out-of-field for Chemistry, Jennifer Timmerman (certified in Social Science 6-12) Out-of-field for American Sign Language, Rebecca Lewis (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for Computer Science & Gifted, Paula Berti (certified in Math 6-12), Jennifer Carson (certified in English 6-12), Lisa Coolidge (certified in Math 6-12), Out-of-field for Gifted; Carina Blanco, Nahomi Hernandez, Jennifer Lannon and Ariel Taylor, Out-of-field for ESOL, certified in English 6-12.

## Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at Academic Village Campus

### Home of the Jaguars!

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### Governing Board Members

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Angelo Castillo, Commissioner  
Thomas Good Jr., Commissioner  
Iris Siple, Commissioner  
Aner Gonzalez, Pines Charter School Liaison  
Charles Dodge, City Manager & Superintendent of Schools

