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Our MISSION

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

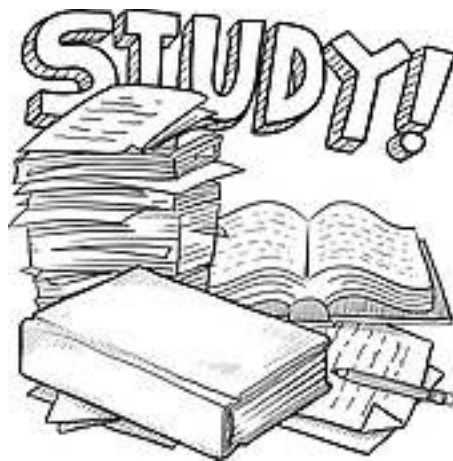
Our VISION

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.

PPCHS News & Events

Midterm Exams

Mid-Term Exam Schedule: Midterms are scheduled Wednesday, December 18th through Friday, December 20th. **Students are released at 10:30AM during midterms exam days.** Students cannot take exams earlier, but midterm exam make ups will take place on Monday, January 6th. If a student cannot make up the exam before grades are due, an "I" or incomplete will be issued.



Early Sign-Out

Please remember students are not permitted to be signed out after 1:30pm on regular school days.

Senior Parents

If your Senior is close to meeting the requirements for Bright Future Scholarship based on GPA and/or ACT/SAT test scores, the sooner the student volunteer hours are submitted, the better for the state to process the information. The FAS award requires 100 volunteer hours and the FMS award requires 75. Students may check their status towards the scholarship by: (Websearch: Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation) https://www.floridashines.org/CCRE/hs_accessbf.jsp If it is ACT or SAT "holding back" your student from qualifying, the Guidance department encourages your student to retest for SAT and ACT. As parents, we know the test fees do add up, but if they qualify it is a major financial saver.

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.

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High School Athletics Department

- 12/18 Basketball v. Coral Glades
- 01/07 Soccer v. Stoneman Douglas
- 01/08 Basketball v. Everglades
- 01/09 Girls Basketball v. Univ. School
- 01/10 Soccer v. Cooper City
- 01/10 Basketball @ Boyd Anderson
- 01/11 Girls JV Soccer v. Deerfield Beach
- 01/11 Girls JV Soccer v. West Broward
- 01/14 Soccer v. Nova
- 01/14 Basketball @ Cooper City
- 01/15 Soccer v. Western
- 01/16 Basketball @ Pompano Beach
- 01/17 Soccer v. South Broward
- 01/18 Girls JV Soccer @ Douglas
- 01/18 G JV Soccer @ Pompano Beach
- 01/21 Basketball v. Hollywood Hills
- 01/21 Soccer v. Ft. Lauderdale
- 01/23 Basketball v. Douglas
- 01/24 Basketball v. South Broward
- 01/27 Boys V Soccer @ St. Thomas
- 01/28 Basketball v. McArthur
- 01/28 Soccer v. McArthur
- 01/29 Soccer v. Coconut Creek

High School Counseling Department

- The PSAT for grades 8 and 9 on sale from November 12 to December 4, \$12 cash only. The test will be on January 15th.
- Algebra 1 EOC and Geometry EOC Retakes will be held on December 10-13.
- PSAT Update- PSAT/NMSQT scores will be accessible to students starting December 9th online on the College Board website. Specific instructions will be sent via Jupiter on how to access and read the score reports. Student's paper score reports and test booklets will be distributed in January.
- First semester is coming to a close- at this point it is important for all students and parents to review progress and determine what is necessary for continued success or improvement. Setting goals, staying organized and prioritizing are just a few of the important keys to academic success. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's school counselor.
- 10th Grade Students- Ms. Maycock is on leave. The new counselor assignments are as follows:
 Last Name A-Kh--- Ms. Perez
 Last Name Ki-Z----Ms. Plaskett



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

SPAR

The 2018-2019 School Accountability Report can be found by visiting <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>

Senior Corner - Class of 2020

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



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

Dual Enrollment

Students interested in Dual Enrollment at Broward College for **Summer 2020 (May - August)** must meet eligibility requirements and submit ALL paperwork BEFORE February 5, 2020 by NOON. Students in grades 9-11 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.

To meet with Ms. Fernandez, please see Ms. Benitez in the Guidance Office.

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

High School Clubs & Activity News

Class of 2022

On November 8th, our sophomore class went on their class trip to Magic Kingdom. Students had a blast visiting the iconic Disney theme park, whether they preferred the fast-paced roller coasters, such as *Space Mountain* or smooth, slow rides like *It's a Small World*. The park was filled with lots of sights to see, such as *Cinderella's Castle* and *Tom Sawyer Island*, not to mention the daily parades that made walking around the park very enjoyable. The day was magical and everyone had a great time visiting the happiest place on earth.



Forensics

On November 18th, thirty forensic science students and their teacher Ms. Larmony were granted access to a tour of the FBI Miami headquarters located in Miramar, Fl. These students went on a tour of the building and spoke with a computer forensic examiner (A Charter parent!) and got to see inside his mobile lab- which was used during the shooting at the Ft. Lauderdale airport to extract video and pictures off cameras and cellphones. Members of the Evidence Response Team (ERT) who collect evidence at crime scenes presented information about their role in the agency and gave hands on practice on how to collect prints from various objects. Students learned about the role and history of the FBI in our country and what it takes to work for them. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

National English Honor Society

The Pines Charter Chapter of the National English Honor Society has been very busy! Throughout the second quarter, NEHS volunteers have been making weekly visits to our PPCES-FSU Elementary campus to read with kindergartners and mentor students in Speech and Debate. In addition, On December 4th NEHS held its fourth annual Recite Night, at which 31 talented students recited poems in the preliminary round of our school's Poetry Out Loud competition! On December 11th, we celebrated the holidays with a White Elephant book exchange event and hot chocolate.

In January, NEHS seniors may apply for merit or collegiate scholarships! The deadline is January 21st. Please see nehs.us for details.

ALL PPCHS students will be invited to submit poems this January to this year's PPCHS poetry contest, which is accepting submissions in fourteen different categories! Please see the board outside D203 or visit Ms. Sarah Phelps for more information.

Robotics Team

On Saturday, November 16th, one of our school's robotics team (50811X aka Category 5) were the tournament finalists out of 40 competing teams in this regional competition. They now qualify for the state championship in the VEX EDR robotics competition. The team members are Pedro Osorio, Brady Garrison, Ishita Arbol, Alex Marin Garcia, and Gustavo Salama. Our next competition is on December 21, 2019 and all 3 of our teams will be competing.

In the VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, teams of students are tasked with designing, building and programming a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Classroom STEM concepts are put to the test as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications, and more. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state, and national levels and culminate at the VEX Robotics World Championship each April! With more than 11,500 teams from 45 countries playing in over 900 tournaments, we are very excited to see just how far our jags will go!

Spanish National Honor Society

Spanish National Honor Society's Spanish Reading gives SHS members the opportunity to spread the Hispanic language and culture to future generations. This program, now in its second year, allows SNHS members to interact in the classroom and teach the younger students new vocabulary, expanding the knowledge base outside of what is taught in the regular curriculum, and impacting them in a positive role-model manner. This program has become the Honor Society's signature community service project, and we are continuously expanding, as we plan to spread this program to other campuses in the future, impacting our community directly and allowing our members to give back.

The Spanish Reading Program takes place at the Pembroke Pines Charter Central Campus and has expanded to the Central Campus VPK Center. Each week a rotating group of members go to read to both campuses as they teach the kids new vocabulary, and coordinate an activity to go with each read. The kids refer to students as "The Spanish Buddies", as they meet the members with enthusiasm and listen closely to every new story, translated from Spanish to English.

This program is just the beginning of their journey in learning a second language and opening many doors for them in the future. This has also been an amazing experience for Spanish National Honor Society. Recognizing it as a rewarding way to give back to the community, it is a privilege to be able to introduce them to the diverse world that is at their fingertips.



Hey Jags, the CHAT is coming out with a surprise for the months of November and December, a super issue! This annual holiday issue features news from around the world, fun and festive stories, recipes, school events, and much more. To get sneak peeks and teasers check out our daily blog, chartersdailycorner.blogspot.com, or our Instagram and Twitter, @ppchsnewspaper. Something can be found for every student in the CHAT, and many are even featured. Check out our new issue in December at issuu.com/chatnews.

Silver Knight Nominees

We are honored to recognize our Silver Knight Nominees representing our school for the 2019-2020 school year. These young women not only have good grades, but give selflessly by sharing their talents and knowledge with the community. We are so proud!

Sabrina Briceno - Speech
Swati Kumar - Vocational
Naveen Farook - General
Alyssa Miragliotta - World Languages
Salonee Singh - English



For more information regarding the award and qualification criteria, visit <http://www.miamiherald.com/> or contact Ms. Salazar at csalazar@pinescharter.net.

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 Calendar

Important Dates

December

- 17 - Band Concert
- 18-20- Midterm Exams (Students Dismissed at 10:30 AM)
- 23 - 1st Day of Winter Break

January

- 06 - No School (Teacher Planning Day/ Mid-term Make Up Day)
- 07 - Winter Break Ends - 1st Day Back
- 10 - Winter Wonderland (6:00PM)
- 13 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM, SW Library)
- 16 - Pines Charter Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30AM)
- 20 - No School
- 23 - Class of 2021 Ring Ceremony
- 25 - Saturday School (8:00 AM, School Cafeteria)
- 30 - Talent Show
- 31 - World Hijab Day

February

- 07 - 8th Grade Orientation

- 07 - 9th Grade Hollywood Studios Field Trip
- 08- Incoming 9th Grade Parent Workshop (7:00 AM, ROG)
- 10 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM, SW Library)
- 13 - Teacher of the Year Ceremony (6:30 PM, ROG)
- 14 - Early Release Day
- 17 - No School
- 22 - Saturday School (8:00 AM, School Cafeteria)
- 27 - Black Student Union Showcase (6:30PM, ROG)
- 29 - Rhythms of Africa

March

- 06 - 11th Grade Animal Kingdom Field Trip
- 09 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM, SW Library)
- 13 - Spring Pep Rally
- 14 - Saturday School (8:00 AM, School Cafeteria)
- 16 - NHS Induction
- 17 - No School
- 18 - Mr. Jag (6:30 PM, ROG)
- 19 -Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45AM)
- 20 - No School (Teacher Planning Day)
- 23-27 - Spring 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 Daller (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.

Home of the Jaguars!

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