

# **Pembroke Pines** **Charter High School**



## **2011-2012** **ORIENTATION**

**This On-Line Packet contains:**

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PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
**OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
SCHOOL YEAR 2011-2012

As you are aware every family with students attending the Pembroke Pines Charter Schools are required to earn 30 parent volunteer hours “each” year...

**Purchase up to twenty (20) parent service hours** – total of \$300.00

The first ten (10) hours may be purchased for \$10.00 per hour ■ The second ten (10) hours may be purchased for \$20.00 per hour. No parent/guardian shall be permitted to purchase more than twenty (20) parent service hours.

**“Let’s Teach Our Children Well” Workshop Series (High school parents only)** - 10 hours for attending  
The administration and staff of PPCHS have developed a series of opportunities for parents to acquire knowledge and skills to help their children achieve academically. There will be three half day Saturday Workshops offered throughout the school year. **First workshop is October 22, 2011.** Notices will be emailed, registration and fee are required.

**Read & Learn Program (High school parents only)** – total 10 hours/only **one** book per family

The list of approved books and book assignment can be found in the front office or on our website at [www.pinescharter.com](http://www.pinescharter.com). Books can be checked out in the library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), see Ms. Oltmans or Ms. Alberto.

**Donations** – ½ hour per donation “**NOT**” **per item** (maximum 10 hours per year)

Wish lists will be available in the front office.

**Regional Library**

The Regional Library is open evenings and weekends, you may earn volunteer hours there as well. See Ms. Oltmans, Media Specialist.

**Athletics**

Contact Steve Bruns, Athletic Director at (954) 538-3700. If your child plays sports, ask the Coach if there are any volunteer opportunities. Be aware that coaches/boosters are NOT going to keep track of your hours. Parents are responsible for obtaining volunteer forms, getting them signed and turned into the office.

**Field Trips/Student Activities**

Check with Student Activities Coordinator or Teacher sponsor. Driver’s license required for background check.

**Advisory Meetings** – Hours earned are based on the length of the meeting.

Advisory meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month in the Library auditorium and begin at 6:00 pm. Please check our web site [www.pinescharter.com](http://www.pinescharter.com) for any changes and remember to sign-in at the meeting for your hours.

**Pembroke Pines Charter Elementary and Middle Schools**

You may volunteer at any of the Charter Schools and those hours earned will be added to the ones you earn at the High School. Contact the Volunteer Liaison from the other campuses.

**Parents must complete 30 hours (per family per year) by **May 25<sup>th</sup>**, 2012\* in order for the student to be registered for the following year. \*Senior students will NOT be allowed to participate in graduation ceremony if parent volunteer hours are not satisfied by **May 11<sup>th</sup>**, 2012.**

## City of Pembroke Pines Charter High School 2011-2012 School Calendar

### FIRST QUARTER

August 15	Employee Planning (1)	Monday
August 16	Employee Planning (2)	Tuesday
August 17	Employee Planning (3)	Wednesday
August 18	Employee Planning (4)	Thursday
August 19	Employee Planning (5)	Friday
August 22	Start 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter –Students Report (47 Days)	Monday
September 1	HS Professional Study Day (1) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
September 05	Holiday – 1	Monday
September 22	Early Release – (1) - (11:45 AM Release)	Thursday
September 23	Interim Reports Issued	Friday
September 29	Day off	Thursday
October 6	HS Professional Study Day (2) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
October 27	Early Release - (2) - (11:45 AM Release) - End 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Thursday
October 28	Employee Planning – (6)	Friday

### SECOND QUARTER

October 31	Start 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (44 Days)	Monday
November 3	HS Professional Study Day (3) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
November 11	Holiday - 2	Friday
November 17	Report Cards Issued for First Quarter	Thursday
November 23	Day off	Wednesday
November 24	Holiday -3	Thursday
November 25	Day off	Friday
December 08	Interim Reports Issued	Thursday
December 08	HS Professional Study Day (4) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
December 19-29	Winter Break	
December 30	Holiday – 4	Friday
January 12	HS Professional Study Day (5) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
January 16	Day off	Monday
January 17-19	Mid Term Exams – (10:30 AM Release)	Tues-Thurs
January 19	Early Release - (3) (11:45 AM Release) - End 2 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Thursday
January 20	Employee Planning – (7)	Friday

### THIRD QUARTER

January 23	Start 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (43 Days)	Monday
February 02	Early Release – 4 (11:45 AM Release)	Thursday
February 08	Report Cards Issued for Second Quarter	Wednesday
February 09	HS Professional Study Day (6) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
February 20	Holiday – 5	Monday
February 24	Interim Reports Issued	Friday
March 08	HS Professional Study Day (7) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
March 12-16	Spring Break	
March 29	Early Release - (5) - (11:45 AM Release) - End 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Thursday
March 30	Employee Planning – (8)	Friday

### FOURTH QUARTER

April 02	Start 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (46 Days)	Monday
April 06	Day off	Friday
April 19	Report Cards Issued for Third Quarter	Thursday
May 03	HS Professional Study Day (8) (10:30 AM Release)	Thursday
May 08	Interim Reports Issued	Tuesday
May 25	Employee Planning – (9)	Friday
May 28	Holiday – 6	Monday
June 5-7	Final Exams – (10:30 Release)	
June 7	Early Release- (6) - Last Day of School (10:30 Release)	Thursday
June 08	Employee Planning – 10 – Last Day for Teachers	Friday
June 27	Report Cards Issued for Fourth Quarter	Wednesday

## 2011-2012 Bell Schedules

### Regular Day

### Early Release Days

### HS Study Days

	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Length</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	7:15 - 8:05	50 minutes	7:15 - 7:50	35 minutes	7:15 – 7:42	27 minutes
<b>Period 2</b>	8:11 - 9:01	50 minutes	7:56 - 8:31	35 minutes	7:48 – 8:15	27 minutes
<b>Period 3 Reading</b>	9:07 - 9:37	30 minutes				
<b>Period 3 Content</b>	9:37 - 10:27	50 minutes	8:37 - 9:12	35 minutes	8:21 – 8:48	27 minutes
<b>Announcements</b>	10:27 - 10:33	6 minutes			8:48-8:51	3 minutes
<b>Lunch A*</b>	10:39 - 11:12	33 minutes	9:18 - 9:42	24 minutes		
<b>Period 4A</b>	11:18 - 12:08	50 minutes	9:48 - 10:23	35 minutes	8:57 - 9:24	27 minutes
<b>Period 4B</b>	10:39 - 11:29	50 minutes	9:18 - 9:53	35 minutes		
<b>Lunch B**</b>	11:35 - 12:08	33 minutes	9:59 - 10:23	24 minutes		
<b>Period 5</b>	12:14 - 1:04	50 minutes	10:29 - 11:04	35 minutes	9:30 – 9:57	27 minutes
<b>Period 6</b>	1:10 - 2:00	50 minutes	11:10 - 11:45	35 minutes	10:03 – 10:30	27 minutes
<b>Common Planning</b>	2:00 - 2:30	30 minutes				

\* Lunch A – M/U BUILDINGS

\*\* Lunch B- C/D/PE & S BUILDINGS

\*\*\* Early Release Days are 9/22, 10/27, 1/19, 2/2, 3/29, 6/7.

\*\*\*\* There are **8** High School Study Days- 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 5/3.

### LUNCH PERIODS

PPCHS has two lunch periods each day. Students in **M & U** will attend *first lunch* (Lunch A), while the other students meet for fourth period. Students in the **C/D/PE & S** buildings will attend the *second lunch* (Lunch B), while the other students meet for fourth period. For this reason, all students attending lunch must report to the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to roam the campus.

Students who would like to use the library during lunch will be escorted by PPCHS media personnel 15 minutes into each lunch period.

## **PEMBROKE PINES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

August 9, 2011

Dear Parents:

Pembroke Pines Charter High School entered into a partnership with the Broward County Library system to provide library services to the students. What makes this unique is the Southwest Regional Library, located on the Academic Village Campus, is also your child's media center while they are in school. We are very pleased to offer better access to information; we would like to point out that there are differences in the types and variety of materials available to your child in a public library compared to what is available in a traditional school media center. Your child may use the public library to select materials for classroom assignments along with materials for pleasure reading and entertainment. Books, videos, DVDs and music CDs are some of the types of resources available to them for loan. They also have access to the Internet through computer workstations located in the library. Your child must have a library card in order to check out materials and to use the computers.

When your child applied for a library card to check out materials, a parent's signature was required on the application agreeing to the following terms: "I agree to pay any fines or other charges imposed for late return, loss, damage or mutilation of library material. As all library materials will be available to this child, I assume the responsibility of monitoring the child's library and Internet use." As stated in the last sentence, you as a parent are responsible for what your child checks out and accesses from the library. The materials at this library were selected for the entire Broward County population based on established collection development criteria. It is possible that your child may check out materials that you feel are inappropriate for him or her.

It is not the responsibility of the public library staff to decide what a child may or may not check out from the library. The staff works from the Library Bill of Rights which states that a person's right to use the library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views and a library should provide books and other resources for the interest, information and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. It further states a library's responsibility is to provide information and enlightenment. The Broward County Public Library staff fully believes in the Library Bill of Rights and its ideas.

As a parent you may have concerns about which materials your child can check out. If you would like to restrict the materials your child may check out, you do have an option of placing a "soft block" on your child's library card. The form is available at the circulation desk in the library. Please talk to your child about what materials you feel comfortable in letting them check out. You may want to take this time to speak with your child concerning what they read, watch, and listen to, including Internet sites.

When your child comes to the library with a class assignment to check out reading material, I as the school's media specialist will suggest appropriate books and Internet sites. A student orientation for incoming freshmen will be conducted at the beginning of the school year. The rules for Internet and library use will be reviewed. During the school day students are under the jurisdiction of the Acceptable Use Policy from the School Board of Broward County, which prohibits students from going to inappropriate web sites. They are also under the jurisdiction of the Broward County Libraries Division Customer Code of Conduct, a copy of which is provided to students during library orientation. If I see a student on an inappropriate web site or exhibiting disruptive behavior, the student will be referred for disciplinary action.

Thank you for your time and interest in reading this letter. Should you have any comments or need to speak to me, please call me during school time at (954) 538-3700, extension 340 or e-mail me at [joltmans@pinescharter.com](mailto:joltmans@pinescharter.com).

Respectfully,

Judi Oltmans  
Media Specialist

# PPCHS Clubs and Activities

It is very important to take an active role in high school campus life. Getting involved in high school clubs, activities and athletics is a great way to show colleges that you are a well-rounded individual. Of course grades and test scores are most important in the college admissions process, but college is getting exceptionally more competitive every year, requiring applicants to have an edge. Students who balance their portfolio have an edge over the competition. Joining a club and/or participating in a sport or activity can give you an opportunity to showcase your leadership skills and be an active part of a team. It also teaches you responsibility. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people and have a good time as well. When applying for colleges, you should definitely make sure that you include all of the extracurricular activities that you were involved in during high school. If you took an active leadership role in these activities, give a detailed explanation of your role in the activity, and remember that the sponsor/coach would be a great person from whom to get a letter of recommendation. Joining a club and participating in activities can be a great way to earn service hours. Check out the list of clubs, activities and Varsity athletics that we offer at PPCHS, and get involved! For even more information, check out our website at [www.pinescharter.net](http://www.pinescharter.net).

## Clubs/Activities

**The Art Club:** The Art club meets in room M101 (Vazquez). The members of the Art club work on murals around the school and the Pembroke Pines Senior Center. They work on up keeping the Art bulletin board in the M-building. Field trips to an art museum and the Vizcaya Renaissance Festival are being planned.

**The Black History Club:** The Black History Program is a production that takes place every year in the FIU Auditorium. The member's responsibilities are to participate in the program in whatever aspect they choose and to help research and put the program together. The club is focused on what the students have researched and how they are planning to incorporate that into the Black History Program. Stop by D109 for more information.

**The Book Club:** A great time to have fun and just hang out! Grab a book, bring a friend and come along to join our awesome club. We'll be having book chats, movies, games, crafts, fundraisers, and many opportunities to earn services hours. Remember that books can come alive when we all get together. Another fantasy is right around the corner... in the Southwest Regional Library in The Teen Room.

**The Business/DECA Club:** Mrs. Coolidge sponsors a club for students interested in business.

**The Drama Club:** Drama club is for anyone who wants to be involved in theater, onstage or off! School plays, musicals and other special presentations are all produced by drama club, and this year we will also have script and screenplay competitions, an improvisation troupe, and more. Drama Club members are eligible to become part of the International Thespian Society, and attend competitions, conferences, and special field trips. Interested students can come to any meeting in room M115.

**The Engineering Club:** The Engineering Club is designed to help students who are considering a career in engineering. We will explore and understand different engineering disciplines. See Mrs. Invernizzi in Room C217.

**The Key Club:** The Key Club is club for students who are dedicated to helping others in the community. In the past year, the Key Club has sponsored a canned food drive and a blood drive. The members of the Key Club visited a Teen-age runaway shelter and helped the shelter by running and planning a barbeque dinner. All Key Club members can earn service hours by participating in these activities.

**The Latin Dance Club:** The Latin Dance Club was created by a very dedicated group of students who had a challenging task in mind. They wanted to share their love for dancing and to teach other students not only how to dance those rhythms characteristic of their Hispanic culture but also to appreciate and respect their Hispanic heritage, traditions and customs through dance. Our club will be participating in school activities such as the Hispanic Heritage Month, pep rallies, and field trips, as well as other activities organized by the communities of Pembroke Pines and Miramar. See Ms. Sandin in Room S113.

**The Mu Alpha Theta Club:** Mu Alpha Theta is a Math Honor Society for students interested in attending Math competitions and in helping other students.

**National Honor Society:** 10th and 11th grade students can start applying at the beginning of the 2nd semester (January). No freshmen or seniors can apply. For a description of this organization, see the attached brochure regarding requirements. For all students interested in joining this organization, you must have a minimum 3.0 unweighted G.P.A. Listen for announcements and look on the bulletin boards in the administration building.

**The ONE Pines Charter Club:**

As part of our ongoing efforts to raise public awareness about the issues of global poverty, hunger, disease and efforts to fight such problems worldwide, the students of Pembroke Pines Charter High School have joined together to form ONE Pines Charter. ONE engages students in discussions about these issues and provides them with the ability to participate in activities that contribute to the effort to end poverty in the immediate community and around the world. Join us for a series of information sessions, movie screenings, and community volunteer activities and events. Together, as ONE, we will end poverty.  
See Ms. DePas in D213.

**The Relay for Life Club:** See Mr. Velasquez in Room U229 for information regarding the Relay for Life Club.

**The Science Club:**

The PPCHS science club is an environmentally conscience club that discusses and performs scientific experiments. These experiments stretch across fields such as Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. We are a growing club in the school and are always looking for new members to add to our small community. We are partnered with the environmental club and conduct various Science days throughout the year. See Mrs. Hernandez-Davis in Room S122 for information regarding the Science Club and **The Environmental Club.**

**The Spanish Honor Society Club:**

See Ms. Wagner in U134 for more information.

**The Step Team:** Mrs. Kidd sponsors a club for students interested in becoming members of the Step Team. See Mrs. Kidd in Room M115.

In addition to joining a club, you can participate in class activities, such as dances and pep rallies, as well as student government for your class. Below is a list of sponsors for each grade level:

- Freshman Class: Ms. Ellis - D110
- Sophomore Class: Ms. Diaz - Front Office
- Junior Class: Ms. Schwab - D114
- Senior Class: Mr. Simon - C113
- Student Government: Mr. Velasquez - U229

## Varsity Athletics

All varsity athletes must have a cumulative 2.0 unweighted GPA. You must also pass a physical exam from your physician. Physical forms must be completed and returned to the coach prior to participation. Physical exam forms are located in the front office.

Fall/Winter Sports *(The beginning date is when tryouts are held. For an exact date for tryouts, pay attention during the morning announcements or contact the head coach)*

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>
Football (Boys)	August - Early November	Coach Bruns
Cross-Country (Boys & Girls)	August - End of October	Coach Hazera
Golf (Boys & Girls)	August - End of October	TBA
Volleyball (Girls)	August - Early November	TBA
Cheerleading	August - June	TBA
Swimming (Boys & Girls)	August - End of October	Coach Solar
Soccer (Boys)	End of October - February	Coach Lemmon
Soccer (Girls)	End of October - February	Coach Velasquez
Basketball (Boys)	End of October - February	TBA
Basketball (Girls)	End of October - February	TBA

## Spring Sports

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>
Baseball (Boys)	January - May	Coach Iglesias
Softball (Girls)	January - May	Coach Fadul
Tennis (Boys & Girls)	January - May	TBA
Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	January - May	Coach McNamara
Volleyball (Boys)	February - May	TBA
Flag Football (Girls)	March - May	Coach Scocco
Lacrosse	March - May	Coach Munoz

