

# Jaguar Journal

Pembroke Pines  
Charter Schools at  
Academic Village  
Campus

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## College Citizenship Community

### PPCHS News & Events

#### Administrative Team

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#### Midterm Exams

**Mid-Term Exam Schedule:** Midterms are scheduled Wednesday, December 21st through Friday, December 23rd. **Students are released at 10:30AM during midterms exam days.** Students cannot take exams earlier, but midterm exam make ups will take place when students return from Winter Break. If a student cannot make up the exam before grades are due, an "I" or incomplete is issued.

**Exam Exemption Forms:** Students in grades 9-12 who earn a "B" or better in a particular course may exempt from the mid-term and/or final exams in that course. **Dual**

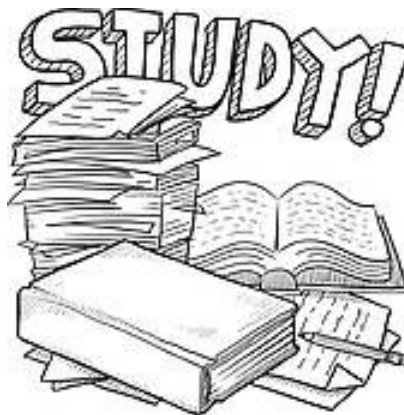
**Enrollment, Cambridge, and AP midterms CANNOT be exempted. Exam exemptions require parental permission.** Forms will be sent via Jupiter Grades and are due Friday, December 13th. *Per Policy 6000.1, students may not take midterms early. If a student is absent, the makeup is arranged with the teacher after the winter break.*

#### 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](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 through June of 2017. As parents, we know the test fees do add up, but if they qualify it is a major financial saver.



#### **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.

## Important High School Announcements

### 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 8 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.

### Sign-Out

Students will not be able to sign out after 1:30PM.

### 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 26th** for underclassmen (grades 9-11) and **May 12th** for seniors (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 2017-2018 school year.

### 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.

### 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>.

## High School Club News

### Drama

Forty Advanced Drama Honors students will be participating in the District 13 Individual Events Festival on December 10th. Students are preparing in over 37 categories which include play-writing, costume design and construction, make up design, duet and ensemble acting, monologues, musical theatre, pantomime, original dance choreography, publicity! This year's competition will be held at Nova University School.

### Winter Fantasy

Winter Fantasy is on December 15th and will feature over 300 students in Drama, Dance, Art and Music - as well as the Advanced Drama students from our Academic Village Middle School! Tickets go on sale the week after Thanksgiving and are sure to sell out fast again this year. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased during A and B lunches. Come out for some Holiday Cheer!

Please see page 4 for more club news!



### Athletics Dept.

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## High School Athletics Department

- 12/1 Basketball v. West Broward
- 12/1 Soccer @ Pompano
- 12/2 Boys soccer @ Douglas
- 12/3 JV Girls soccer @ St. Thomas
- 12/5 Boys soccer vs St. Thomas
- 12/6 Basketball @ Everglades
- 12/6 Soccer vs Hallandale
- 12/8 Basketball @ Flanagan
- 12/8 Boys Soccer @ Stranahan
- 12/8 Girls soccer vs. Stranahan
- 12/10 JV Girls soccer @ Western
- 12/12 Basketball @ Cypress Bay
- 12/13 Basketball @ Miramar
- 12/13 Soccer @ American Heritage
- 12/15 Soccer @ Coconut Creek
- 12/16 Basketball @ Cooper City
- 12/17 JV Girls soccer
- 12/20 Soccer @ Western
- 12/22 Basketball v Boyd Anderson
- 1/9 Basketball @ McArthur
- 1/9 Boys soccer @ Blanche Ely
- 1/10 Basketball @ West Broward
- 1/10 Boys Soccer vs. Pompano
- 1/11 Soccer @ Cardinal Gibbons
- 1/12 Basketball @ Everglades
- 1/12 Boys Soccer @ Hallandale
- 1/16 Boys Soccer @ Deerfield Beach
- 1/17 Basketball vs. Flanagan

## School Counseling Corner

### Empowering Parents

- Parent's Guide to Testing & Academic Planning  
[http://www.collegeboard.com/prod\\_downloads/collegeed/CE-materials-sample-8th-family-handbook.pdf](http://www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/collegeed/CE-materials-sample-8th-family-handbook.pdf)
- Khan Academy Parents Guide (free SAT Prep)  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/educator/parents-and-tutors/tutor/a/start-tutoring-with-khan-academy>
- Bereavement Support for Children  
[www.childbereavement.org](http://www.childbereavement.org)
- Broward County Schools Family Counseling Services  
<http://browardstudentservices.com/family-counseling-services/>

### School Counseling Dept.

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*Krystle Maycock*  
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## Senior Corner - Class of 2017

- **Grad Bash** - April 29, 2017
- **Senior Awards** - May 4, 2017
- **Parent Graduation Meeting** - May 9, 2017
- **Senior Prom** - May 20, 2017
- **Senior Dinner** - May 24, 2017
- **Graduation** - May 25, 2017

## SPAR

The School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) for 2015-2016 school year will be available soon. Please check back for updates.

## More Club News (Continued)

### Yearbook

Happy Holidays! There are so many ways to buy your yearbook this holiday season:

- Buy your yearbook online. Credit cards are welcome—<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>
- Buy a yearbook to be entered to win a free iPad Mini!
- Buy a yearbook to be entered in the Friday giveaways (gift card giveaways).
- You can buy your yearbook in school with cash or check also. The cost is \$80 and are available in C117. Don't delay! **The last day to order your yearbook or Senior dedication is December 8th!**

### Key Club

The annual pancake breakfast will take place on Sunday, December 4th in the PPCHS cafeteria. 100% of proceeds collected from the breakfast will be donated to the Hope Outreach Center to benefit families all over Broward County during this holiday season. Tickets are \$5 and the breakfast will be open from 9:30am-2:00pm.

### H.O.S.A.

Our H.O.S.A. (Health Occupations Students of America) club, sponsored by Ms. Ramirez, has been working with NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness). We have been selling green buttons to raise awareness for mental health and overcome the stigma associated with these disorders. Last month we raised money for breast cancer research. In the coming months, PPCHS H.O.S.A. students will be preparing for their annual health competition.

### KG4

The Kevin Garcia Foundation is a non-profit organization created to commemorate the life of Kevin Garcia, the younger brother of Mr. Brian Garcia, who just began his first year here at PPCHS. Kevin was 17 years old when he passed away December 9, 2008. Students are working hard around campus taking part in activities such as a canned food drive with NHS and Key Club and gearing up for a toy drive to benefit Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

## Silver Knight Nominees Confirmed

We are honored to recognize the 10 Silver Knight Nominees for 2016-2017 representing our school. These young men and women not only have good grades, but give selflessly by sharing their talents and knowledge with the community. We are so proud!



**Esther Omole** - Art

**Alexa Kaufman** - Athletics

**Alyson Davis** - Business

**Elizabeth Garrison** - Drama

**Shreeya Singh** - Speech

**Alyssa Haniff** - Mathematics

**Nadira Danticat** - Journalism

**Emily Reyneri** - Social Science

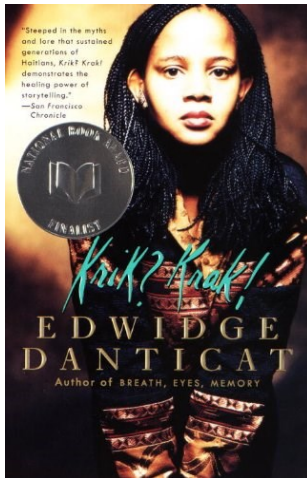
**Nicole Patrick** - World Language

**Sofia Mohammad** - Science

For more information regarding the award and qualification criteria, visit <http://www.miamiherald.com/> or contact Natalie Portalatin at [nportalatin@pinescharter.net](mailto:nportalatin@pinescharter.net).

## Literary News!

On November 30th, award-winning author, Edwidge Danticat is coming to PPCHS to speak with students.



In other news, on December 9th, the National English Honor Society will be hosting its first Recite Night after school in Ms. Schwab's room. This will be an opportunity for students to recite published poetry and prose.

Our very own **JOHANNA MOISE** earned the prestigious title of **Broward County Student Poet Laureate!** She submitted a group of ten outstanding poems that were ranked as the best collection submitted by any school in the county.

## Upcoming Testing Dates

- 11/28-12/1 - EOC Winter Algebra Retakes
- 12/1 - 2nd Quarter Interim Reports via Jupiter Grades
- 12/12 - 10th & 11th gr. PSAT results available online
- 12/21-12/23 - Mid-Term Exams
- 1/11 - 8th & 9th gr. PSAT
- **Juniors** - National ACT District testing reservations - 1/17-1/27. \$43 cash only and the test date is April 19, 2017

## Student Government Updates



After Student Government's success with our first quarter projects like Homecoming and Spirit Week, we now transition our focus to community service projects for the second quarter.

Projects such as the Anti-Bullying Week, December Dunk, Jingle Bell Trot, Honor Flight, and Powder Puff are some of our upcoming projects.

Anti-Bullying Week involves SGA and several clubs partnering up with the Anti-Defamation League to promote PPCHS as "No Place For Hate." The Anti-Defamation League and SGA will also be hosting an anti-bullying training for club presidents to attend.

Jingle Bell Trot is a 5K which will take place on December 11th in the Keystone Lakes community of Pembroke Pines. Participants must donate a toy and all toys will go to the Covenant House, an organization that helps the homeless and underprivileged youth.

December Dunk is a charity basketball tournament from which all proceeds will benefit the Ability Experience, a non-profit organization that assists children with disabilities.

SGA also participates in raising funds for Honor Flight, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to send WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial.

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The PPCHS Newspaper has gone mobile! Now available for download is "The CHAT News," a FREE app available in the app store. It is now easier than ever to read about the news, students, and school events going on at PPCHS. Coming out soon is The

CHAT December issue, featuring stories about students helping the community, this season's most popular TV series, Winter Fantasy, and recipes for the holidays! Also, follow us on Instagram @\_theCHATter, Twitter @\_theCHATter, and Snapchat @theCHATnews to stay updated.

## US Naval Academy Makes a Unique Visit

by Nadira Danticat and Cristina Feliciano, Managing Editor & Features/Copy Editor

On Monday, November 21st at 9 AM in U113, Pembroke Pines Charter is hosting a visit from the U.S. Naval Academy. The academy is located in Annapolis, Maryland and is home to over 4,576 midshipmen, or students. One of our very own Charter alumni, Britney Bruns, will act as the representative for the school. Daughter to Coach Bruns, she will be explaining the wonderful opportunities the Naval Academy has to offer, as well as answering any questions you may have regarding the school. Campus visits are only open to juniors and seniors.

"Since I plan on being in the military one day, this is a really great opportunity that I can't pass up. We always get visits from typical schools, but to have a member of the Naval Academy come is super unique and awesome," said senior Jose Hernandez.

Sabatier has asked students to note that the spaces are limited for each meeting and students can't add themselves once the spots are filled. This is truly a rare opportunity for Jaguars who envision enlisting upon graduation, so the meeting is sure to fill up quick!



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## A Special Ceremony for Senior Stars

by Mason Feldman, Staff Writer

On Wednesday, 2016 PPCHS the early signing Jag athletes as take their talents to in college. Julia Pena and Nappi have all committed to they will be able their degrees while sport they love. player Ramos intentions to stay in



Photo by Julian Barcelo, Photo Staff

November 16, celebrated of three senior they officially the next level Ramos, Alyssa Christopher become college where to receive playing the Softball always had

Florida so she has

decided to attend the College of Central Florida, a Junior College, in Ocala. In addition to Ramos, teammate Alyssa Pena is going to be taking her softball talents to college out of the state of Florida. Pena has committed to Bloomfield College, a Division II school, located in Bloomfield, New Jersey. To cap off all of the commits gathered at today's signing party was baseball player Christopher Nappi. Nappi put a lot of thought into where he wanted to play baseball and felt New York Institute of Technology, a Division I school in Long Island, was the best fit for him as a pitcher.

When asked about this special day Nappi stated, "I felt it went great seeing all of my family members and friends support me at the greatest moment in my life. To be signed to play at NYIT means that all of the work I have put into baseball since freshman year and not doubting myself has paid off."

Once again, congratulations to these outstanding seniors as they embark on a new journey. We wish them the best of luck as they continue to achieve their personal goals and are proud to call them our "senior stars".



# High School Calendar

## Important Dates

### December

- 01 - High School Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30 AM)
- 03 - SAT Administration (7:00 AM)
- 04 - Key Club Pancake Breakfast (9:00 AM, School Cafeteria)
- 12 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM, Cafeteria)
- 13 - SOS Dress Down Day
- 15 - Winter Fantasy (6:30 PM, ROG Auditorium)
- 17 - Saturday School (8:00 AM, School Cafeteria)
- 19 - Blood Drive
- 20 - Band Concert (6:30 PM, ROG Auditorium)
- 21-23 - Midterm Exams (Students Dismissed at 10:30 AM)
- 26 - 1st Day of Winter Break

### January

- 09 - Winter Break Ends - 1st Day Back
- 09 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM, SW Library)
- 10 - SOS Dress Down Day
- 12 - Early Release Day (Dismissal at 11:45 AM)
- 13 - No School (Teacher Planning Day)

- 16 - No School
- 19 - High School Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30 AM)
- 21 - SAT Administration (7:00 AM)
- 21 - Parent Workshop (8:00 AM)
- 28 - Saturday School (8:00 AM, School Cafeteria)
- 25 - SOS Walk-A-Thon
- 30 - Ring Ceremony (6:30PM ROG Auditorium)

### February

- 02 - 2nd Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 02 - High School Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30AM)
- 02 - Talent Show (6:30 PM, ROG Auditorium)
- 09 - Teacher of the Year Ceremony (6:30 PM, ROG)
- 16 - Interim Reports Issued
- 11 - Matriculation Workshop (7:00 AM, ROG)
- 11 - ACT Testing
- 13 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM, SW Library)
- 14 - SOS Dress Down Day
- 20 - No School
- 23 - Early Release Day (Dismissal at 10:30AM)
- 23 - Black History Showcase (6:30PM, ROG)
- 25 - Saturday School (8:00 AM, School Cafeteria)

## Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Parents and students, please make note of the following pursuant to Florida Statute 1003.44

Each "student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart." If you have any questions or concerns please contact the principal at the campus your child attends.

## Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at Academic Village Campus

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