

# Junior Jags Newsletter

Pembroke Pines  
Charter Schools  
Academic Village  
Middle School

## Administrative Team

### Principal

Peter Bayer

### Assistant Principal

Helen Yanez

### Guidance Counselor

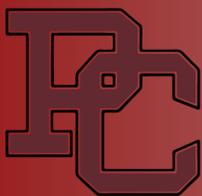
Jennilee Abolafia

## **Our MISSION**

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

## **Our VISION**

At Pembroke Pines Charter Schools, we are "Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow."



A Cambridge Certified Center

Winter 2025

**Empowering students for the possibilities of tomorrow!**

**College      Citizenship      Community**

# Scholastic Book Fair



**The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming Back to  
Academic Village December 1st-5th.**

The Book Fair starts immediately after the Fall Break and will be held in the Cafeteria during both breakfast and lunch.

Parents and students can do some holiday shopping for friends, family, or a great cause.

See YOU at the Book Fair!

### **School Counseling Update**

If your child is receiving intensive interventions in reading or math, please follow the directions on this link.

### **[How to Set Up Broward's FOCUS Account](#)**

Throughout the year, progress monitoring information regarding your child's progress on interventions will be shared via Broward's FOCUS.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs. Abolafia



## Important Announcements

### Parent Advisory Meetings

Parent Advisory Meetings are scheduled and listed on our website.

Uniforms Students are required to wear uniforms at all times. This includes the school-logo polo, navy blue bottoms, closed shoes with backing, and solid (school color) sweater. Students that do not comply will be given consequences based on the

Student Code of Conduct.

### On-Campus Supervision

On-campus adult supervision is provided from 8:15AM-3:45PM. 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 2:45 PM.

### Parent Volunteer Hours

It is the parent's responsibility to keep track of their hours. Please note the following due date for your records. The commitment of 30 parent hours must be completed by **May 30, 2026**.

### Student Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct (AVM Parent & Student Survival Guide) is available on our school website. Please note our school complies with BCPS, in conjunction with our Proactive Discipline Plan.

### Drop-Off Policy

When dropping off items at school, you are responsible for contacting your child and ensuring that they know to pick up all items during their lunch or between classes. We will NOT contact your child as this disrupts the learning environment.

## Athletics Department



Flag Football & Cheerleading - Winter  
Track & Field - Spring

### **Athletics Dept.**

*Anthony Kelly*

Athletic Director

akelly@pinescharter.net



# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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### 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, 2026.



### Charter School Liaison

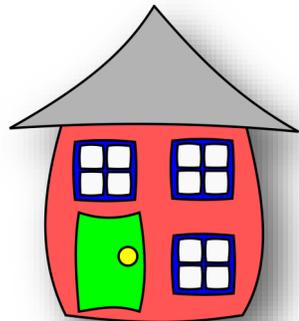
Our Charter School Liaison for Academic Village is Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant City Manager. You may reach Mr. Bonilla at [jbonilla@pinescharter.net](mailto:jbonilla@pinescharter.net) or 954.450.1040.



### 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.

- Parents speak with teacher. If not resolved...
- Parents speak with administrator. If not resolved...
- Parents speak with principal. If not resolved...
- Parents speak with Charles Dodge, City Manager



### Address Change

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 the emergency contact card does not complete the process.** This form and utility bill along with a copy of parent's driver's license should be submitted to Lisa Muela at [lmuela@pinescharter.net](mailto:lmuela@pinescharter.net).

**"Education is not the filling of a pail, but rather the lighting of a fire"**

-William Butler Yeats

Thank you to all stakeholders for your never-ending support and passion.

Educating our youth takes a village.



# Important Dates

*For the latest updates on all events, please check Focus.*

All dates below are subject to change.

## December

1st-5th—Scholastic Book Fair  
8th-12th—Diagnostic Assessments  
16th-17th—Midterm Exams  
18th—Midyear Class Trips  
19th—ERD (12:45 PM)

## January

5th—Teacher Planning Day  
8th—FAST PM2 ELA  
12th—FAST PM2 Math  
13th-14th—Science Fair  
14th—6th Gr Key Biscayne Trip  
19th—School Closed  
29th—AVM Honor Roll Q2

## February

6th—Interim Reports  
11th-14th—8th Gr DC Trip  
13th—Early Release Day (12:45 PM)  
16th—Schools Closed  
26th—Charter Study Day (12 PM)  
28th—Science Olympiad @ FAU

## March

2nd-6th—Hallway Wars  
9th-13th—Spirit Week  
12th—Fun-A-Thon  
13th-20th—Spring Break  
23rd-27th—Writing Review  
31st—BEST Writing Assessment



## **Faculty Members Broaden Their Areas of Expertise**

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their skills and developing increased levels of content expertise. We would like to recognize those teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter High School 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: Kelsley Wilkinson for Physical Education serving as an interim sub pending certification, and Lisette Ponce is certified for K-6 elementary pending ESOL certification.

## **City of Pembroke Pines- Academic Village Middle School**

### Home of the Jags!

**17195 Sheridan Street  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33331**



### **School Website:**

[academicvillage.pinescharter.net](http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net)  
**Main Phone Line: 954.538.3700**

### Governing Board Members

Angelo Castillo, Mayor  
Michael Hernandez, Vice-Mayor  
Thomas Good, Commissioner  
Maria Rodriguez, Commissioner  
Jay D. Schwartz, Commissioner  
Jonathan Bonilla, Pines Charter School Liaison  
Charles Dodge, City Manager & Superintendent of Schools

