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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.

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 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:

Freddy Aguirre	Veronica Nieto
Peter Basil	Glorivette Ortiz-Sanabria
Alyssa Benitez	Pamula Pereda
Niti Chhabra	Ximena Perello
Christian Gomez	Lauren Rodriguez
Luz Gil	Emelisa Romero-Negron
Ciara Hannon	Uma Sama
Melinda Holding	Gayathri Thamilarasan
Patricia Lateef-Jackson	Dr. Joshua Viau
Patrick Moriarty	

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

10-Year Achievement

Julian Harris, Maurice Holland, Carine Marius, Krystle Maycock, Holly Negron, Clarel Salazar

15-Year Achievement

Marquis Maye, Shannon Torres

20-Year Achievement

Karena Kelley, Karina Raimont, Kelly Schwab

Charter School Liaison

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) 450-1040



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 via email to: hsattendance@pinescharter.net. 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 case of extended absences please email the Attendance Clerk for the Extended Absences Request Form at hsattendance@pinescharter.net.
- **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.
 - If the student is a driver and needs to be excused for early sign-out during the school day, please email the Attendance Clerk at hsattendance@pinescharter.net and the Attendance Clerk will verify the email with a phone call. Students will not be released until the email is verified. This information can also be found on our school website on the [Attendance & Tardy Information page](#). Please remember students are not permitted to be signed out after 1:30pm on regular school days.
- 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. Parent volunteer hours are given for attending the parent advisory meetings. [See page 9](#) 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.

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 24, 2024** for grades 9-12. 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 2024-2025 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.

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.

For additional information about PPCHS policies and procedures, please review our Parent and Student Handbook:

[PPCHS-Parent-Student-Handbook-2023-2024](#)

The Broward County Code Book for Student Conduct & Discipline Matrix is available on:

<https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>



High School Athletics Department

Tickets for Pines Charter home football and volleyball games will be sold on-line only. There will be no cash sales at the gate. All sales are final. There will be no refunds. See upcoming events and purchase tickets at:

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/13/23, 6:00PM	Varsity Football vs. Taravella
9/14/23, 7:00 PM	Swimming vs. Coral Springs Charter, Douglas
9/20/23, 4:30PM	Volleyball, Girls vs. Cooper City
9/20/23, 7:00PM	Swimming vs. Nova, Stranahan
9/21/23, 6:00PM	Volleyball, Girls vs. Taravella
9/26/23, 6:00PM	Volleyball, Girls vs. Cypress Bay
9/27/23, 7:00PM	Swimming vs. Dillard, Everglades, West Broward
9/28/23, 6:00PM	Volleyball, Girls vs. McArthur



<https://gofan.co/app/school/FL67357>

Athletics Dept.

Steve Bruns

Athletic Director

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School Counseling Corner

Welcome to a new school year! Please encourage your child to reach out to their counselor if they should need assistance.

- We have added a new team member to the school counseling department. Welcome Ms. Lauren Rodriguez, 504 Liaison
- Check out our CANVAS page! All students and parents have access to the PPCHS School Counseling 9-12 Canvas Course. Please visit often for all school counseling related information.
- FAST (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking) will be given to all 9th and 10th grade students during their regular scheduled English class on Sept. 12 & 13
- FAST/ELA and Algebra/Geometry/Biology EOC Retakes will be held Sept. 12th-29th for any students who have not met their graduation requirements.
- The PSAT/NMSQT exam will be held on Wednesday, October 11th for ALL 10th graders and pre-registered 11th graders. Pre-registration is on my payment plus from September 5th-15th. Grade 10 students are automatically registered, Grade 11 students must pre-register.
- SAT registration and information available at www.collegeboard.com
- ACT registration and information available at www.actstudent.org.
- Parent Conferences are held Mon, Wed, Fri from 2:05-2:30. Please call the main guidance office to schedule an appointment. In person and virtual meetings are available.

School Counseling Department

Lisette Plaskett
Grade 9

Krystle Maycock
Grade 10

Katherine Chaca
Grade 11

Gianna Scott
Grade 12

Idania Perez
BRACE Advisor

Dana Ostendorf
ESE Specialist

Pearl Moses
School Counseling Director



The PPCHS CHAT is a place for everyone: teachers, administrators, students, and even parents. Teaming with the voices of our student body, the school newspaper covers everything from lively school events to significant national developments that affect students here at Charter. The CHAT is full of budding student journalists, who write for their community in a relatable, reliable way.

Follow us on Tik Tok and Instagram @ppchsnewspaper for more content and information.

Access the newspaper at ppchsnews.com, and enjoy a story you believe in.

SPAR

The 2023 School Accountability Report can be found by visiting

<http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>

College Presentation Schedule

Juniors and Seniors are eligible to sign up and attend one of the college presentations (unless otherwise indicated). Stay tuned to FOCUS for registration information or click any of the links below!

2023-2024

Upcoming College Presentations



FOR MORE
INFORMATION

CLICK ON THE SCHOOL(S) OF INTEREST AT THE TOP TO ACCESS THE SIGN-UP SHEETS.

**Please note that this schedule is subject to change, as schools may be added throughout the month of September and October. Changes will be sent via FOCUS and reflected on Canvas.

Scholarship Search Engines

Scholarship Search App:	https://myscholly.com/
Fast Web:	http://www.fastweb.com/
General Scholarship Search Niche:	https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/
Scholarship Guide for Black Students:	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/
Scholarship Guide for Asian-American Students:	www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/guide-for-asian-students/

Visit <http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/280/Scholarships> for scholarship updates and opportunities!

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.) and a copy of the registering parent's driver's license. The utility bill **MUST** have the name of the parent/guardian and complete address. Updating this information in FOCUS and/or the emergency contact card does not complete the process. This form and utility bill can be sent via email to lmuela@pinescharter.net or 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, 2024**.

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

Dance Marathon

Dance Marathon is a student-led, philanthropic club, uniting students to raise critical funds for Children's Miracle Network. Students will learn valuable skills such as leadership, communication and project management through volunteer opportunities. Please see Ms. McCormick in S218 if you have any questions. Looking forward to an exciting year

Key Club

We are a service-based club, our members take part in projects that give back to our community and result in service hours. If you are interested in receiving more information about the club please check out our presentation by clicking [here](#). This also includes our sign-up sheet!



Mu Alpha Theta-Math Honor Society

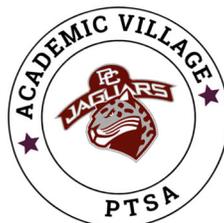
Mu Alpha Theta offers Math Peer Tutoring in U205 on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2:15PM-3:15PM. Students must sign up the day before through their Canvas Peer Tutoring Course. In addition, Mu Alpha Theta offers Peer SAT/ACT tutoring on Fridays from 2:15PM - 3:15 PM. Again, students must sign up the day before through the same Canvas course.

Join the PTSA!

The PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) would like to welcome all of our new and returning families to the 2023-2024 school year! Our membership drive is officially underway. For just \$12, you can become a PTSA member, and help support the programs and events that enhance students' experiences here at Academic Village. We even have some exciting incentives to encourage your participation from now until September 18th!

High School: The grade level with the most PTSA memberships will receive a donation straight to your class account!

Earn 2 volunteer hours for becoming a PTSA member...it's just \$12!



#1 Check out the PTSA website: avptsa.wixsite.com/avptsa and watch the PTSA video.

#2 Sign up for membership by completing the google form. Parents/guardians, family members, teachers and students are all eligible!

#3 Follow our Instagram and Facebook pages to stay up to date with all of the PTSA & Academic Village information.

You will earn 2 volunteer hours for becoming a PTSA member...it's just \$12!

Please visit the link below to access the ptsa website and sign by 9/18 to qualify.

<https://avptsa.wixsite.com/avptsa/services-5>

Senior Corner - Class of 2024

Hi, Senior Parents! We are so excited to begin the final chapter of high school and we have so many events lined up to ensure that we have an incredible conclusion to the year. We are constantly looking for parents who can contribute to fundraisers and events.



2024 Class

Sponsor

Jessica Brandt

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Senior Shirt Design Contest**, (Stay tuned to Canvas for image uploads and voting information)
- ◆ **Senior Jerseys**, Coming Soon (Stay tuned to Canvas)
- ◆ **Fall Festival**: October 13th
- ◆ **Boo Grams**: Sold at A/B Lunch from 10/16-10/27 and delivered on 10/31

Don't forget that our **SnapRaise** goal is to raise \$5,000 for our PROM. Please share the page with friend, families, neighbors, etc.

To access the SnapRaise, please click the following link:

http://raise.snap.app/join_code/97334749
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Save the Date:

Grad Bash: April 13, 2024 **Prom**: May 18, 2024 (Stay tuned for Prom reveal info) **Graduation**: May 31, 2024
Check the Class of 2024 Canvas page for up-to-date Senior events & deadlines

Spring 2024 Dual Enrollment



Dual Enrollment Program at Broward College (BC) is an accelerated program that allows eligible secondary students to take postsecondary coursework and simultaneously earn both high school and college credits, saving both time and money! Dual Enrollment students are exempt from the payment of application fees, tuition and laboratory fees. College courses are offered at BC campuses and centers, including the Broward College Online campus.

Students interested in taking Dual Enrollment courses at Broward College for the **Spring 2024** term, must read and complete the steps below by **Thursday, October 5th, 2023**.

For information on how to apply, please visit

<https://www.broward.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/students.html>

OR

<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/208/Dual-Enrollment>.

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. Perez at lperez@pinescharter.net or visit www.broward.edu/academics/cpl/dual/Pages/Dual-Enrollment---Student.aspx.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

- Students are trained to:
 - Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
 - Do business as usual
- Adults and staff are trained to:
 - Close and lock the door
 - Account for students and adults
 - Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

- Students are trained to:
 - Return to inside of building
 - Do business as usual
- Adults and staff are trained to:
 - Bring everyone indoors
 - Lock the outside doors
 - Increase situational awareness
 - Account for students and adults
 - Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

- Students are trained to:
 - Move away from sight
 - Maintain silence
 - Do not open the door
- Adults and staff are trained to:
 - Recover students from hallway if possible
 - Lock the classroom door
 - Turn out the lights
 - Move away from sight
 - Maintain silence
 - Do not open the door
 - Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

- Students are trained to:
 - Leave stuff behind if required to
 - If possible, bring their phone
 - Follow instructions
- Adults and staff are trained to:
 - Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
 - Lead students to Evacuation location
 - Account for students and adults
 - Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

- Hazards might include:
 - Tornado
 - Hazmat
 - Earthquake
 - Tsunami
- Safety Strategies might include:
 - Evacuate to shelter area
 - Seal the room
 - Drop, cover and hold
 - Get to high ground
- Students are trained in:
 - Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Adults and staff are trained in:
 - Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
 - Accounting for students and adults
 - Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

HOLD
In your room or area. Clear the halls.

SECURE
Get inside. Lock outside doors.

LOCKDOWN
Locks, lights, out of sight.

EVACUATE
To the announced location.

SHELTER
Using the announced hazard and strategy.

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FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

Anonymous or Non-Anonymous
You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

Convenient
Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

Include Photos and Video
You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Your School Officials
The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

Local Law Enforcement
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

State-Level Officials
State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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FORTIFYFL

APLICACIÓN DE INFORMES DE ACTIVIDAD SOSPECHOSA

Enviar reportes sobre seguridad de forma rápida y sencilla

Al acceder a FortifyFL, los estudiantes pueden brindar una descripción de la amenaza, compartir fotos y videos, y (de forma opcional) enviar su información de contacto.

Anónimo o no
Tú decides si deseas incluir tu nombre y tu información de contacto.

Conveniente
Enviar un reporte es fácil y rápido usando nuestra aplicación móvil o nuestro sitio web.

Incluye fotos y videos
También puedes incluir fotos o videos junto a tu reporte.

Se envía rápidamente a las autoridades

FortifyFL envía tu reporte de forma automática a las agencias de cumplimiento de la ley y a los oficiales escolares apropiados.



Tus oficiales escolares
El reporte se envía a los oficiales escolares locales.

Cumplimiento de la ley local
El departamento policial o la oficina del sheriff local recibirá copias de tu reporte automáticamente.

Oficiales a nivel estatal
Los oficiales a nivel estatal también tienen acceso a tus reportes para asegurar que se tomen las medidas apropiadas.

FortifyFL es una herramienta para reportar actividades sospechosas que te permite enviar información a las agencias del cumplimiento de la ley apropiadas y a oficiales escolares. FortifyFL fue creado y fundado por la 2018 Florida Legislature como parte de la ley Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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Broward County Library Events: ACT/SAT Prep Sessions

There are 5 online sessions on Sundays 3pm-5pm and Mondays 4-5:30pm starting September 17 through October 1. Students MUST register for both Sunday and Monday session through the following links and plan on attending all 5 sessions:

To register for Sunday sessions please use the following link: https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Uac72omoQmKlBmUoJp3lfg

To register for Monday sessions use the following link: https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_D8AW6p8mSpaFsgnsB86Kvw

Workshop information: <https://broward.libnet.info/event/9176188>

- ◇ Prepare for the October 7th SAT with this comprehensive online program. **Open to high schoolers in grades 10- 12.** Broward Public Library Foundation proudly sponsors workshops.

Join intensive online sessions to prepare for the SAT and ACT tests! Discover how prior student participants - who once considered themselves bad test-takers - easily increased their scores to earn Bright Futures scholarships and even enter prestigious colleges and universities, such as MIT, Harvard, and Stanford. Class sessions include math, grammar, & reading practice test sections and intensive test-taking strategies. The main focal components include fundamentals, technique, recognition/reaction, and timing manipulation. This 10-hour intensive program is comparable to that of an expensive ACT or SAT test-prep course.

- **Session 1:** Sunday, Sep 17, 2023, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- **Session 2:** Monday, Sep 18, 2023, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **Session 3:** Sunday, Sep 24, 2023, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Session 4:** Monday, Sep 25, 2023, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- **Session 5:** Sunday, Oct 01, 2023 3:00 pm - 5:00pm

All sessions will be held **online on Sundays and Mondays from September 17th - October 1, 2023.**

Please note: There are (2) different registration links for sessions that occur on Sundays and Mondays.

⇒ **To register for Sunday sessions please use the following link:** https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Uac72omoQmKlBmUoJp3lfg

⇒ **To register for Monday sessions use the following link:** https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_D8AW6p8mSpaFsgnsB86Kvw

For program effectiveness, **student participants should attend every session and complete assigned homework.**

Interested in more BCL Ready for College offerings?

- SAT Prep
- ACT Prep
- College Readiness Workshops (Financial Literacy, How to Apply for Scholarships, Essay writing for Resumes' & Scholarships & MORE!)

Questions about this program can be directed to Libraries Community Engagement at 954-357-7470 or 954-357-8256 or by email to communityengagement@broward.org.



High School Calendar

Important Dates

September

- 04 - School Closed
- 11 - Parent Advisory, 6:00 PM
- 25 - School Closed

October

- 03 - Interim Reports Issued
- 05 - Charter Study Day (10:30AM Dismissal)
- 09 - Parental Advisory, 6:00PM
- 20 - End of 1st Quarter
- 23 - Early Release (11:45 AM Dismissal)
- 24 - Employee Planning: No School
- 25 - Start of the 2nd Quarter

November

- 07 - Employee Planning: No School
- 10 - Veteran's Day (Observed)-No School
- 13 - Parent Advisory, 6:00 PM
- 14 - Report Cards issued for 1st Quarter
- 20-24 - Holiday/School Closed
- 28 - Interim Reports Issued

December

- 07 - Charter Study Day (10:30AM Dismissal)
- 25-January5 - Holiday/School Closed
- School resumes January 8, 2024



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 the 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 first semester of the 2023-2024 school year: Carmen Blanco (certified Mathematics 5-9) Out-of-field for Mathematics 6-12, Bianca Carbone (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for ESOL, Luz Gil (certified Social Science 5-9) Out-of-field for Dance, Lauren Hindmarsh (Certified Elementary Educations K-6) Out-of-field for Mathematics 5-9, Patricia Jackson (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for ESOL, Rebecca Lewis (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for Computer Science.

Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at Academic Village Campus

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