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Pembroke Pines
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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.

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PPCHS News & Events

Midterm Exams

Midterms are almost upon us. Parents, please carefully review the information below.

- Exams will take place Tuesday 1/16/24 thru Thursday, 1/18/24. Students will be dismissed at 10:30AM on exam days.
- Students are still permitted to exempt exams according to BCPS guidelines.
- Students exempting exams **are not** required to be on campus during those exam periods and will not be marked absent. Students that stay on campus will be required to remain in their classroom. There will not be a holding location for these students. Students are required to remain in their exam room for the duration of the exam.

2nd Quarter ends 1/22/2024

Midterm Exam Schedule 2023-2024

Tuesday, 1/16/2024

Period 1 Exam 7:15 – 8:50
Period 2 Exam 9:00 – 10:30 (Buses will leave campus at 10:30am)

Wednesday, 1/17/2024

Period 3 Exam 7:15 – 8:50
Period 4 Exam 9:00 – 10:30 (Buses will leave campus at 10:30am)

Thursday, 1/18/2024

Period 5 Exam 7:15 – 8:50
Period 6 Exam 9:00 – 10:30 (Buses will leave campus at 10:30am)

Friday, 1/19/2024

Make-up Exams (Buses leave campus at 10:30AM)

Make-Up Exam day is on Friday 1/19/24 during class. If a student cannot make up the exam before grades are due, an "I" or incomplete is issued.

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Exam Exemption Forms: Students in grades 9-12 who earn a "B" or better in a particular course may be 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 FOCUS on Monday, January 8, 2024 and are due Thursday, January 11th by 2:30PM. *Per Policy 6000.1, students may not take midterms early.*



Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!

Important High School Announcements

Absences/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 absence(s), reason for absence(s) 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 the student MUST be on the Emergency Contact Card and have a picture ID.
 - If a student needs to be excused for early sign-out during the school day, please email the Attendance Clerk at hsattendance@pinescharter.net. 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 12** 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 parents 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 7:15AM-2:00PM. Students must be in their classrooms before 7:15AM. 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.

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

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

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

<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/DocumentCenter/View/2888/PPCHS-Parent-Student-Handbook-2023-2024>



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 local events in the area, and anything they believe the student body wants to hear. The CHAT is full of budding student journalists, who write for their community in a relatable, reliable way that interacts with the school’s community. The CHAT is the perfect way to be caught up with all school news. Access the newspaper at ppchsnews.com, and read all the stories available! Enjoy the winter holidays and stay safe!

High School Counseling Department

School Counseling Department

Lisette Plaskett-Grade 9
Krystle Maycock-Grade 10
Marie Harris-Grade 11
Gianna Scott-Grade 12
 BRACE Advisor: *Idania Perez*
Dana Ostendorf-ESE
Pearl Moses-
 School Counseling Director



- Results for the PSAT/NMSQT held in October were released on November 6th. Instructions on how to access score reports were sent to students via email. If you have any questions, contact your grade level school counselor.
- The FAST PM 2 session will be held on December 5 & 6. Students will test in their respective English/Language Arts class. There is a possibility that students who receive extended time will test in a different location. English teachers will advise
- 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 ways to academic success.
- We encourage all students to visit the School Counseling Canvas page for counseling and BRACE information.

**On behalf of the School Counseling Department,
 we wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.**

Student Volunteer Hours Info

Students can get updated information regarding Student Volunteer Hour Totals on Virtual Counselor.

- Check Volunteermatch.org and HandsOnBroward.org for a database of volunteer opportunities.
- Seniors who are working toward receiving the Silver Cord distinction, deadline for Volunteer Hours is March 15, 2024.
- The Graduation/Bright Futures Volunteer Hour Deadline for Seniors is April 26, 2024.
- If you should have questions or concerns regarding volunteer hours submitted prior to this school year, please contact your grade level counselor directly.

For more information regarding submitting and processing current volunteer hours, please submit questions via the **AV Pines Volunteer/Media Services** inbox on **Canvas**.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Ms. Negron in Room M102 has volunteer opportunities for students after school throughout the year on a first come, first served basis. Email her at hnegron@pinescharter.net or drop by M102 for more info.

SPAR

The 2022-2023 School Accountability Report can be found by visiting <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>

Scholarship Search Engines

Scholarship Search App:	https://myscholly.com/
Going Merry:	https://www.goingmerry.com/
Fast Web:	http://www.fastweb.com/
Chegg:	https://www.chegg.com/scholarships
College Board Big Future:	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search
Cappex:	https://www.cappex.com/scholarships
Scholarship Owl:	https://scholarshipowl.com/
General Scholarship Search Niche:	https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/
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Visit <http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/280/Scholarships> for scholarship updates and opportunities!

Senior Parents

All Seniors should complete their Bright Futures (FFAA) application! The Bright Futures scholarship is awarded based on GPA, service hours, course credits, and SAT/ACT scores. For requirements please see below:

Type	16 High School College-Preparatory Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Hours ²	Paid Work Hours ²
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing)	3.50	2023-24 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level)		2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340		
FMS	3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory)	3.00	2023-24 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours
	3 - Social Science		2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210		
	2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)				

¹ The required coursework aligns with the State University System admission requirements found in Florida Board of Governor's Regulation 6.002. Additional information regarding high school coursework can be found within the [Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook](#).

² Students must earn the required volunteer service hours, 100 paid work hours, or a combination that totals a minimum of 100 hours.

The deadline to submit all service hours to qualify for Bright Futures is April 26th. The sooner the student volunteer hours are submitted, the faster it is reflected on the student's award status! If your child is pending SAT/ACT scores to qualify, it is recommended for your child to register and retake the SAT/ACT exam. For more information on requirements, and to check award status, please visit <http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/373/Bright-Futures>.

Class of 2024 Senior Corner

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.



Thank you for your support!

- December 13th- Jostens 2024 Cap & Gown Order Assembly (7:15am at the ROG - No Senior Privilege)
- April 13th- Grad Bash
- May 18th - Prom
- May 30th - Graduation Rehearsal
- May 31st - 2024 Graduation

Class of 2024 Sponsor
Jessica Brandt
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Congratulations to the PPCHS Robotics Team!



Our Robotics team competed in Miami and brought home 2 more trophies to add to our growing collection. Team 50810X, Category 5, won the Design Award given to the robot with the best design and engineering notebook. Team 50810E, the Department of Microwave Repair, won the Excellence Award which is given to the team that is best all around, taking into account design, performance, programming and notebook. These two awards are considered the most prestigious awards in a tournament and they now qualified those teams for State Championships!

Great job!

Prowler Yearbook

We, the yearbook staff, thank you for your attentiveness and enthusiasm towards purchasing a yearbook! Your child will be greatly appreciated. The yearbook will cover the highlights of the school year with hundreds of photos, stories about accomplishments, school activities, sports, and countless other topics. Memories will be preserved in the yearbook forever. In fact, sharing these alluring and enjoyable memories with family and friends gathered together is treasurable. Your child will look back on it years from now with grateful thoughts and sentimental reactions. Since the beginning of school, the yearbook staff continues to work exceptionally to make this book, advertise this book, and to always capture the moment. That is our goal! We enjoy the eagerness of every student when it comes to their picture being taken or asked for an interview. Their smiles and support is what keeps us going. Because of this yearbook purchase, your child will pause from their screens and show positive reactions through every page.

Thank you again for your support!
 -Prowler Yearbook Staff

High School Athletics Department

Athletics Dept.

Steve Bruns

Athletic Director

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Our basketball and soccer teams have begun their quest for a state championship. Below are the upcoming home schedules:

Home Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Sport	Time	Location	Opponent/Title
12/07/2023	Thu	Basketball, Girls	6:00 PM	Home	South Broward
12/07/2023	Thu	Basketball, Boys	7:30 PM	Home	South Broward
12/12/2023	Tue	Basketball, Girls	6:00 PM	Home	Chaminade-Madonna
12/12/2023	Tue	Basketball, Boys	7:30 PM	Home	Chaminade-Madonna
12/19/2023	Tue	Basketball, Girls	6:00 PM	Home	Flanagan
01/09/2024	Tue	Basketball, Boys	7:30 PM	Home	Everglades
01/09/2024	Tue	Basketball, Girls	6:00 PM	Home	Everglades
01/17/2024	Wed	Basketball, Boys	7:30 PM	Home	Blanche Ely



Home Soccer Schedule

Date	Day	Sport	Time	Location	Opponent/Title
12/07/2023	Thu	Soccer, Girls	4:00 PM	Home	West Broward
12/07/2023	Thu	Soccer, Boys	6:00 PM	Home	West Broward
12/14/2023	Thu	Soccer, Girls	4:00 PM	Home	Coral Glades
12/14/2023	Thu	Soccer, Boys	6:00 PM	Home	Coral Glades
12/21/2023	Thu	Soccer, Girls	4:00 PM	Home	Monarch
12/21/2023	Thu	Soccer, Boys	6:00 PM	Home	Monarch
01/18/2024	Thu	Soccer, Girls	4:00 PM	Home	Hallandale
01/18/2024	Thu	Soccer, Boys	6:00 PM	Home	Hallandale



Visit: <https://gofan.co/app/school/FL67357> for ticket info or click the Go Fan image above.



Varsity Football Update:

Job Well done by the Mighty Jaguars Football program for another successful season. Led by Coach Willis and staff, the PCHS Varsity Football Team finished with a season record of 6-4, back to back winning seasons. Team Leaders included Keidran Willis Jr., who was awarded the Edward Waters football scholarship and played both sides of the ball leading the team in rushing yards and touchdowns while maintaining a 5.0 GPA. Sam Mitchell IV led team in sacks, receiving a ton of attention to play collegiate football. Chris Dorsett led the defense with game changing plays, Jeremiah Quiroz and Jeremiah Alexander were the brains and heartbeat of the defense. Special congratulations to Jayden Josue and Michael Harbeck for being selected to the BCAA All-Star Football Game. Special Thanks to Emi Toussaint and Trina Browne for their hard work and contributions to the football program. Special Thanks to Janelle Alongi for her professionalism and continued care for the football program.

Silver Knight Nominees Confirmed

We are excited to announce our Silver Knight nominees for the 2023-2024 school year. The Silver Knight award is sponsored by the Miami Herald and its purpose is to recognize students with an exemplary academic record and service to the school and community. Please join us in congratulating our nominees:



Casey Ameerally
Athletics



Anaya Andre
Vocational Technical



Amogh Baranwal
Social Science



Sienna Garro
Music & Dance



Valerie Glen
General Scholarship



Gavin Poore
Business



Valerie Questell
World Language



Shivraj Singh
Speech



Aakash Suresh
Mathematics



Hibba Waqar
Digital & Media

For more information regarding the award and qualifications, visit

<https://www.miamiherald.com/site-services/miami-herald-events/silver-knight/>

or contact Ms. Bianca Carbone at bcarbone@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, 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



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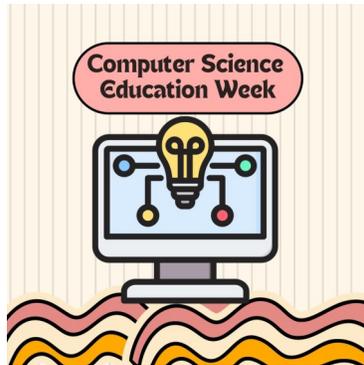
Computer Science Education Week

Dear Parents,

During Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 4-10) our students will be joining more than 100 million students worldwide in the Hour of Code. The activities will be designed to introduce foundational 21st century (computer programming) skills to our students.

To continue bringing programming activities to our children, we want to make our Hour of Code event is huge. We encourage you to share the news on social media and consider hosting additional Hour of Code events in the community.

This is our chance to change the future of education within our school.



Jags Making a Difference

Our very own Ms. Teresa Peña-Díaz and Ms. Angliani embodied the PCHS Mission of Citizenship and Community by teaming up and making a difference! Ms. TPD's trip to Cuba became a humanitarian mission when Ms. Angliani had medical supplies she wanted to donate. Together they were able to contribute a grand total of 50 lbs of donations, including medication, a CPAP machine, diabetic supplies, vitamins, pain relief pills, baby products, coloring books, crayons, bandages, soap, and basic hygiene product! We are proud of our teachers leading by example!



Students Working Against Tobacco

Coach Willis is the club sponsor of the SWAT Club here on campus. SWAT stands for Students Working Against Tobacco is Florida's statewide youth organization working to mobilize, educate and equip Florida youth to revolt against and de-glamorize Big Tobacco. SWAT is a united movement of empowered youth working towards a tobacco free future.

Some events that we have held include Not a Lab Rat Day, Red Ribbon Week, a canned food drive, and many other amazing events. Joining this club offers students the opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills as they organize campaigns, events, and educational initiatives aimed at preventing tobacco addiction among their peers. By becoming a part of Students Working Against Tobacco, students not only gain knowledge about the harmful effects of tobacco but also foster a sense of responsibility in advocating for a smoke-free environment in schools and beyond.



Band Members Make All-County

Congratulations to Aden Carnero, Giampaolo Ciaffoni, Amelia Coberly, Kent Feng, Lauren Fernandez, Nathan Pothuganti, Zachary Samuels, Rosy Valdez, and Ryan Zhou for being accepted to the All Broward County Band. This band is made up of the best high school musicians in Broward County. They will be performing at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts on January 25th so be sure to come out and support our musical Jaguars as they represent our school on stage.





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

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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.

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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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High School Calendar

Important Dates

December

- 07 - Charter Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30AM)
- 11 - Parent Advisory (6:00PM)
- 25 - 1st Day of Winter Break

January

- 08 - Winter Break Ends - 1st Day Back
- 08 - Parent Advisory (6:00PM)
- 15 - Holiday: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (No School)
- 19 - Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45 PM)
- 22 - Teacher Planning (No School)

February

- 01 - Report Cards Issued
- 12 - Parent Advisory (6:00 PM)
- 13- Interim Reports Issued
- 14 - Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45 PM)
- 19 - Holiday: President's Day (No School)

March

- 07 - Charter Study Day (Dismissal at 10:30AM)
- 11 - Parent Advisory (6:00PM)
- 21 - Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45 PM)
- 22 - Teacher Planning (No School)
- 25 - 1st Day of Spring Break

April

- 1 - Spring Break Ends - 1st Day Back

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. This list was reviewed on December 18, 2023.

The following teachers are out of field for the first and second semester of the 2023-2024 school year: Alyssa Benitez (certified Social Science 6-12) Out-of-field for English 6-12 and ESOL, 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, Patricia Jackson (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for ESOL, Heather James (Certified Social Science 6-12) Out-of-field for English 6-12 and ESOL, Rebecca Lewis (certified in English 6-12) Out-of-field for Computer Science, Lisette Ponce (Certified Elementary Ed. K-6) Out-of-field ESOL

Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at Academic Village Campus

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