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College Citizenship Community

PPCHS Testing Schedule

Testing is underway at PPCHS! We are very proud of our teachers and students. Parents, thank you for your continued support. Please ensure that students are well-rested, eat a good breakfast and are ready to do their very best. See below for our schedule. You can also access the calendar on our school website [here](#).

May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
AICE Eng Language AP Gov FAST - 9th grade AICE Marine Science (A) AP Chemistry SUPER TEST DAY	AICE Media Studies Algebra EOC (HS) FAST Retake AICE Math AP Statistics MODIFIED SCHEDULE	AP Literature AICE Geography US History EOC Geometry EOC (HS) AICE Thinking Skills SUPER TEST DAY	AP Env. Science AICE Psych (AS) AICE Biology (Practical) FAST - 10th grade AP Psychology SUPER TEST DAY	AP US History Biology EOC (HS) AICE Business AICE History (Int'l & US) SUPER TEST DAY
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
AICE Literature (AS) AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Pre-Calculus	AICE Biology AP English Language FAST Reading - AVM	AP World History AP Computer Science Principles	AICE Psych (A) AP Spanish Lang Algebra EOC (AVM) Geometry EOC (AVM) FAST Math- AVM AP Biology	AICE Geography AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24
	AICE Psych (A) AICE Literature (A) Biology EOC (AVM) Civics EOC (AVM) Science (AVM) Senior Finals	AP Chemistry (Late) AP Psych (Late) AP US History (Late) Senior Finals AP Env. Sci (Late)	AICE Literature (A) Senior Finals	AP Calculus (Late) AICE Marine Science (A) AP Gov (Late) AP World History (Late) EARLY RELEASE

June 5-7, 2024
Underclassmen
Final Exams

June 10, 2024
Underclassmen
Final Exam
Make-Ups

June 11, 2024
AICE Biology
Exam

Administrative Team

Principal

Peter Bayer

Assistant Principals

Robin Battle

Alma Llanos

Cindhia Velez

Behavior Specialists

Steve Bruns

Dan Capiro

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.

**This schedule is subject to change.
Check the linked schedule for updates.

Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!

Important High School Announcements

Absences

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.
- When emailing hsattendance@pinescharter.net please allow up to 72 hours from the date of your email (excluding weekends and holidays) for the information to be updated in FOCUS. You will receive a phone call from the automated system when your child is marked absent. Please login to FOCUS for the most updated attendance information.
- **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 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 day.
- 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 10** 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.

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 of students in ALL grades. 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. Click [here](#) for more information on the school website.

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. If you have any questions regarding the tardy policies including consequences, please refer to the Code of Student Conduct posted at <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/2236/PPCHS-Parent-Student-Handbook-2022-2023>

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

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

Student Volunteer Hours Info

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

- **Seniors:** the Deadline for submit Student Hours for Graduation and Bright Futures is April 26th. An extension was given to students until May 10th. Check the AV Volunteer/Media Canvas page for more information.
- **Attention 9-11th graders:** 4th Quarter Student Volunteer Hours will be processed via Canvas from now until May 24th. Make sure to submit ALL hours done this year, failure to do so may result in students not getting the hours they earned due to changes in personnel at organizations for which they have worked. Any hours earned after the May 24th deadline and throughout the summer will be processed next school year, 2024-2025, during the 1st Quarter.
- 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** or at AVPinesMediaCenter@pinescharter.net.

High School Counseling Department

School Counseling Department

*Gianna Scott,
Grade 12*

*Marie Harris,
Grade 11*

*Krystal Maycock,
Grade 10*

*Lisette Plaskett,
Grade 9*

*Idania Perez,
BRACE Advisor*

*Dana Ostendorf,
ESE Specialist*

*Pearl Moses,
School Counseling Director*

- **Congratulations to the Class of 2024 from your school counseling department!** We are extremely proud of your accomplishments throughout high school and wish you all the best as you embark on the next chapter of your academic journey!

- **Diploma Distribution:** Graduates can visit the main office and see Lisa Benitez at the Guidance Desk on **06/05 or 06/12** to pick up diplomas. Please bring a driver's license or State ID to show at the welcoming window. Diplomas that are not picked up on the scheduled days will be locked up over the summer and will not be available for pickup until the beginning of the next school year.

- **Final transcript and Senior Questionnaire:** Please monitor your emails for an email that will contain instructions and links to ordering final transcripts and completing a senior questionnaire.

- **NCAA:** If you are a student athlete that previously applied to NCAA, you will need to request your final transcript to be sent to NCAA via Parchment.com. If you never sent your initial transcript to NCAA, you will need to apply via www.elgibilitycenter.org and request transcripts to be sent to NCAA through Parchment.com.



Powered by a group of talented student writers, the CHAT newspaper is back for another new year! Editors, staff writers, and contributors from all across the Charter campus have chimed in and spoken up to make these new updates possible. The CHAT Newspaper was also recently recognized with the Sunshine Standout award as the No. 1 Online Publication in the state of Florida. Visit now on ppchsnews.com to catch bi-weekly updates on school and community news, with even more on the way. Stay safe, Jags!

-CHAT Staff

SPAR

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

Parent Volunteer Hour Opportunities

Read and Learn Program

The administration and staff of Pembroke Pines Charter High School have developed a series of opportunities for parents to acquire knowledge and skills to help their children achieve academically. We have carefully selected books and topics focused on helping your child succeed. Parents may participate in this Read and Learn Program by reading the selected book or books on the approved topics and completing a homework activity prepared by the school. You will earn **10 hours** for the book you read and completing the homework.

Only "one" Read & Learn book may be submitted per family. Deadline for earning Volunteer hours through our Read and Learn Program will be **May 24th, 2024 for parents of students in ALL grade levels.** If you need any further information about this program please email Ms. Destiny Tejada at DTejada@pinescharter.net. Many of these books will be available in the library. Please e-mail the Media Center at AVMediaCenter@pinescharter.net for help locating an approved title or get your Broward County Library e-card [here](#) for access to e- books.

High School Club & Campus News

PPCHS Robotics Wins Again!

In a remarkable achievement, the Department of Microwave Repair, Pembroke Pines Charter High School's Robotics Team, has brought home the prestigious Judges Award from the World Championships in Dallas, Texas. Representing South Florida on the global stage, their dedication and skill throughout the season earned them this coveted international recognition—a first for PPCHS. Seniors Aidan Cobb, Matthew Estevez, Jonathan Kim, Nathan Pothuganti, Eduardo Steinmann Petrasso, Nikhil Sangamkar, and Aakash Suresh led the charge, paving the way for this historic triumph. The team's legacy will be carried forward by Mia Fu, Reuben Sherri, Umer Qureshi, and Max Wyborny who were also competing at the World Championship. This victory solidifies the robotics program's place on the international stage and solidified its position as a breeding ground for future STEM leaders. We wish our seniors the best as they pursue their Engineering degrees in MIT< UF, UCF, Florida Polytechnic, UC Berkeley, and Georgia Tech. Go Jags!



HOSA @ PPCHS

HOSA Students that met the requirement of Clinical Hours and Club Hours were inducted on May 7, 2023. We are excited to showcase the wonderful work students have done this year. In April, 26 of the PPCHS HOSA students who placed at Regionals attended the State Leadership Conference with 4,000 other 1st-3rd students from across the state 10 students placed for the International Competition in June held in Texas! Follow [@ppchshosa](#) on Instagram for exciting updates.

PPCHS Broward County Literary Fair Winners!

Congratulations to the PPCHS students who placed at this year's Broward County Literary Fair and were honored with a trophy at the Broward Center on Tuesday, April 30th:

Kiley Irizarry: 1st place in the Sonnet category and 2nd place in the Ode category

Angelina Berger: 3rd place in the Personal Narrative category and 3rd place in the Sestina category

Camila Vaca: 2nd place in the Literary Comic Strip category

Sade Alo: 3rd place in the Villanelle category

Go Jags!!

Scholarship Search Engines

Scholarship Search App:	https://myscholly.com/
Fast Web:	http://www.fastweb.com/
General Scholarship Search Niche:	https://colleges.niche.com/scholarships/
Big Future:	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarship-search
Cappex:	http://www.cappex.com
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!

The Office of Innovative Learning Corner

Parent Climate Survey: Earn 3 Parent Volunteer Hours

Parents, we need your feedback! In an effort to improve system practices, Pembroke Pines Charter Schools is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take the time to complete our survey. Parents earn 3 volunteer hours for each survey they complete and form submitted to schools by May 24th.



[Charter High School Summer Req...
Summer Work -PPCHS](#)

Summer Enrichment

Summer is almost here and it is time to start thinking about vacation, time with family, and Summer Enrichment! To support student learning and engagement, students can find all Summer Enrichment activities at:

<https://pinescharter.instructure.com/courses/1733>

Have a great Summer!



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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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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Senior Corner-Class of 2024

Congratulations, Seniors!

PPCHS has worked hard to find ways to commemorate this amazing achievement. In addition to the events detailed on this page, please note the following:

- **Cap & Gown :**

Graduation and Senior Year is a once in a lifetime milestone that should be celebrated and shared with family and friends! ALL seniors must purchase their Cap & Gown through Jostens. If you have not already done so, please visit www.Jostens.com and order today. Students will receive their Cap, Gown, Tassel, Custom Graduation Medallion and Diploma Plaque the week of graduation. You will retain everything!

Please email Sharesa.Arguez@Jostens.com with any questions pertaining to Cap & Gown or Gradpak orders.



CLASS OF 2024

Graduation Updates



Date	Event	Time & Location
Tuesday, May 14th	Senior Assembly	7:10AM in ROG
Saturday, May 18th	Prom	Time: 6:00PM Ft. Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach
Tuesday, May 28th Wednesday, May 29th	Cap & Gown Distribution	During School Hours
Thursday, May 30th	Graduation Rehearsal (The graduate does not need a ticket. Ticket packets will be given to the graduate upon completion of the rehearsal on May 30th at City Center.)	Time: 1PM Charles F. Dodge City Center 601 SW City Center Way Pembroke Pines, FL 33025
Friday, May 31st	Graduation Ceremony	Student Arrival Time: 2:45PM Ceremony Begins: 5:30PM Charles F. Dodge City Center

Sports Highlights at PPCHS

Lady Jags Go to Regional Finals!

Girls Flag Football Wins their 4th straight District Title and has become the first ever Regional Final Champions in school history for Girls Flag Football. Ava Rivera is a top passing leader in the state of Florida and the Nation. Jocelyn Garcia and Madison Ojeda leads in Florida and Nationally in Receiving Yards and Receiving Touchdowns. Madison Ojeda is a top Interception Leader in Florida and Nationally. Kiara Gomez has signed her letter of intent to attend Daytona State College for Flag Football. Coach Willis has received another nomination as Coach Of The Year, if awarded this will be the 5th time receiving the award.



Spotlight Player: Keidran Willis, Jr.

As we approach Spring Football Season for Boys Tackle Football, the PPCHS Football Program would like to highlight our great student athletes who are doing amazing things. This quarter, Keidran Willis, Jr., Captain of our Varsity Football, is our spotlight player.

Keidran Willis Jr is a 17 year old student athlete on the Boys Varsity Football Team. He currently is ranked in the top 10 percent of his class at the A+ school Pembroke Pines Charter. Keidran has a 5.1 GPA he is the captain of the varsity football team at the school. He manages dual enrollment at our Broward College. He is taking several AICE and Cambridge classes along with other honors classes. On



top of all of this, Keidran is managing two jobs one at Markham Park and one at Publix. He is a member of multiple clubs at the school such as the prestigious National Honors Society, SWAT Club, SPUD Club, is also engaged with many out of school activities, such as being apart of a mentor group of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc called the Lamplighters where they do community service biweekly and have guest speakers from leaders in the community. Keidran Jr. is an active member in his church, where he also does community service and is a part of the youth leadership.





High School Calendar

Important Dates

April

08- Parent Advisory Meeting, 6pm
10- No School
16 - Report Cards Issued

May

07 - Interim Report Issued
13 - Parent Advisory, 6:00 PM
24 - Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45 AM)
27 - Memorial Day (No School)

June

03 - Parent Advisory, 6:00 PM
10 - Early Release (Dismissal at 11:45 AM)
11- Teacher Planning (No School)
28 - Report Cards Issued

August

12 - First Day of School

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 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 and second semester of the 2023-2024 school year: Alysya 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.

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Main Phone Line: 954.538.3700
Main Fax Line: 954.538.3715



Governing Board Members

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Jay D. Schwartz, Commissioner



Aner Gonzalez, Pines Charter School Liaison
Charles Dodge, City Manager & Superintendent of Schools