

Jaguar Journal

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Charter Schools at
Academic Village
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Administrative Team

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Assistant Principals

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Alma Llanos

Cindhia Velez

Behavior Specialists

Steve Bruns

Dan Capiro

Welcome to the 2024 - 2025 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:

Jeffrey Lambert

Edwin Hernandez-Mojica

Jessica Sanford

Sabahat Shareef

Alexandra Stahlschmidt



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

10-Year Achievement

Sherri Chaiken, Adam Sacher

15-Year Achievement

Doina Lutchi, Dana Ostendorf,
Lori Azcarate

20-Year Achievement

Robin Battle, Carrie Hyacinth, Alma Llanos,
Kelly Schwab, Helen Yanez

25-Year Achievement

Peter Bayer, Miriam Hernandez-Davis,
Tyler Kapela, Sarah Phelps

Charter School Liaison

Our Charter School Liaison for Academic Village is **Jonathan Bonilla**, Assistant City Manager.

Below is his contact information:

E-mail: jbonilla@ppines.com

Telephone Number: (954) 450-1040

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.

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 30, 2025** 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 2025-2026 school year.

Drop-Off Policy

Calls to the class for drop offs will only be made at the end of the class. Calling the student out of class is not always guaranteed, so please ensure children know to pick up all items during their lunch time or between classes.

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-2024-2025](#)

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

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

Senior Corner Class of 2025

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.

More Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Senior Jerseys**, order by September 10th
- ◆ **Fall Festival!**: September 27th

Check the Class of 2025 Canvas page for up-to-date Senior events & deadlines

SAVE

GRAD BASH

APRIL 5, 2025



PROM

MAY 17, 2025

THE

DATE

GRADUATION

MAY 30, 2025

2025 Class Co-Sponsors

Nancy Altimore
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Ryan Anglani
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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.

- 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.
- Check out our revamped School Counseling page on our website! The most relevant information will be posted here for easy access for parents.
- FAST/ELA and Algebra/Geometry/Biology EOC Retakes will be held in the month of September for any students who have not met their graduation requirements. Students should check their emails often for notification of testing date/location.
- The PSAT/NMSQT exam will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd for ALL 10th graders and pre-registered 11th graders. The exam is now computer based. Pre-registration will be on mypayments plus. Registration dates are still TBA 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 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:05-2:30PM. Please call the main school counseling office to schedule an appointment or parent/teacher conference. Picktime, our student appointment scheduler is best reserved for student appointments.

School Counseling Department

Gianna Scott
Grade 9

Lisette Plaskett
Grade 10

Krystle Maycock
Grade 11

Marie Harris
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 2024 School
Accountability Report can be
found by visiting

<http://www.fldoe.org/>

[accountability/](#)

[accountability-](#)

[reporting/school-](#)

[grades/](#)

Spring 2025 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 2025** term, must read and complete the steps below by **Friday, October 25, 2024**.

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>.

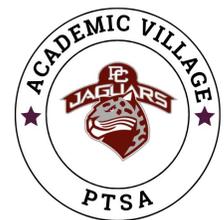
Broward College Re-enrollment Policy:

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.

Join the PTSA!

The PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) would like to welcome all of our new and returning families to the 2024-2025 school year! Our membership drive has been **extended** to September 27th! 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 27th!



Go on the PTSA Website, complete steps 1-3 and earn 2 parent volunteer hours! (up to 8 hrs per family)



What does the PTSA do and how do membership fees help?

- Support student, club and teacher initiatives.
- Sponsor awards assemblies & recognition programs like AVM's Honor Roll Breakfast and our Senior Scholarship Program.
- Host events for staff including holiday luncheons & teacher appreciation week.
- Support the production of the annual middle school yearbook.
- Plan, promote and execute fundraisers like spirit shirts and AVM's Fun-A-Thon.

...and much more!

Please visit the link below to access the ptsa website and sign by 9/27 to qualify.

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

College Presentation Schedule

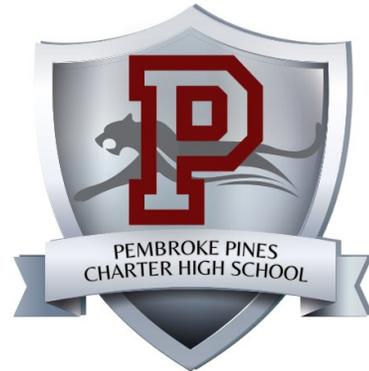
Juniors and Seniors are eligible to sign up and attend one of the college presentations (unless otherwise indicated). Visit our website dedicated to College and Career readiness at:

<http://academicvillage.pinescharter.net/207/College-Career-Readiness>

Pines Charter College Visits September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 FSU	5 FAU	6	7
8	9	10 NSU	11	12 EMORY	13	14
15	16 Princeton	17 UF	18 FIU	19	20	21
22	23	24 PHOENIX	25	26	27 Vanderbilt	28
29	30					

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Pines Charter College Visits October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lynn University	2	3	4	5
6	7 Rollins College	8 USF	9	10 W&M William & Mary University	11 Columbia	12
13	14	15 UCF	16	17	18 Syracuse	19
20	21	22	23	24 OBERLIN COLLEGE & CONSERVATORY	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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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!

High School Athletics Department



Tickets for Pines Charter home 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

- 9/18/24, 7:00PM Swimming vs. Dillard, West Broward
- 9/19/24, 5:45 PM Football vs. Cooper City
- 9/24/24, 4:30PM Volleyball, Girls vs. Everglades
- 9/26/24, 4:30PM Volleyball, Girls vs. Pompano Beach
- 9/26/24, 5:45PM Football (11 man) vs. Miramar
- 10/01/24, 7:00PM Swimming vs. Nova, Stranahan
- 10/04/24, 5:45PM Football vs. Nova
- 10/08/24, 7:00PM Swimming vs. Coral Springs Charter, Douglas, Cypress Bay



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

Athletics Dept.

Steve Bruns

Athletic Director

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Football Highlights



Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Football Team for defeating Northeast 41-14 in a mercy rule win, scoring 41 points in the first half of the game with the clock running and with no starters playing in the second half. The first game was recognized as the Blackout Game with the team and staff wearing their black uniforms. The band sounded amazing and the stadium was packed with fans.



Key Players from the game included:

-  Keidran Willis, Jr. accounting for 3 Touchdowns, over 100 all purpose yards and 7 Tackles with 2 for a loss.
-  Jayden Gonzalez threw for 4 Touchdowns and over 220 yards in the first half.
-  Trent Beesing threw for 156 yards.
-  Michael Akinbenje caught 4 passes for 85 yards and 1 Touchdown reception.
-  Joshua Sylvain caught 3 receptions for 79 yards and 1 Touchdown.
-  Omari Colbourne caught 1 interception.
-  Dalai Garland had 7 Tackles with 3 for a loss and 1 sack.

BCAA Player of the Week: Keidran Willis, Jr.



Keidran Willis, Jr. was selected by the Director of Athletics BCAA as the playmaker of the week for the Week of September 18. He is recognized for being the top student athlete in the county for his performance on the field and in the classroom. Keidran currently has a 5.2 GPA. He is the first football player from PPCHS to be recognized! Go JAGS!

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, 2025**.

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



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

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.

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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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



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.



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



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.



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



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.

#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM





High School Calendar

Important Dates

September

- 02- School Closed
- 16 - Interim Reports Issued
- 19 - Parent Advisory, 6:00 PM
- 26 - Charter Study Day (10:30AM Dismissal)

October

- 03 - School Closed
- 07 - Parent Advisory, 6:00 PM
- 14 - Employee Planning: No School

November

- 05 - Employee Planning: No School
- 05 - Report Cards Issued
- 11 - Veteran's Day-No School
- 18 - Parent Advisory, 6:00 PM (Nov/December meetings combined)
- 22 - Interim Reports Issued
- 25-29 - Holiday/School Closed

December

- 12 - Charter Study Day (10:30AM Dismissal)
- December 23-January 6 - Holiday/School Closed

School resumes January 7, 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 2024-2025 school year: Alyssa Benitez (certified Social Science 6-12) Out-of-field for English and ESOL, 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 in Social Science 6-12) Out-of-field for English and ESOL, Rebecca Lewis (certified English 6-12 & ESOL/Reading/Gifted Endorsements) Out-of-field for Computer Science, Lisette Ponce (certified Elementary Education K-6) Out-of-field for ESOL, Sabahat Shareef (certified Business Education 6-12) Out-of-field for Biology, and Merry Zhuravlev (certified Business Education 6-12) Out-of-field for Mathematics.

Pembroke Pines Charter Schools at Academic Village Campus

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