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From the Principal

Greetings Boca Ciega Pirates,

We are more than halfway through the school year and there is a lot happening on the Pirate Ship. Believe it or not, we are already looking towards the 2023-2024 school year. Assistant principals and counselors have been meeting with student groups to discuss grade level specific topics and class selection for next year. We are adding a few new courses, so please check out the BCHS website for updated course selection sheets. We strongly recommend for students taking Advance Placement courses to also take an AVID elective. The AVID elective is designed to assist students with rigorous course work using college and cross age tutors, the Tutorial process, the AVID Binder, collaborative structures and more. In addition, AVID juniors and seniors are guided through the college going process and receive assistance with the FAFSA. AVID students consistently place in the top 10 of their class and last year's AVID seniors earned more than \$2.5 million in scholarships. Please contact your child's counselor now to ensure AVID is on their schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

Spring is synonymous with testing. Prepping for district, statewide and/or national tests are critical. Student achievement scores have an impact on a student's course schedule, scholarships, and college placement. Pinellas County Schools provides students with an array of platforms for test prep that include Albert iO, Appleroth, Khan Academy, Lexia, IXL and more. Students may access these programs by logging into their Clever accounts. Additionally, we encourage all to attend our after-school tutoring program every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school in the media center from 2-3 p.m. Certified teachers from the four core content areas plus Spanish are there to assist.

And lastly, I would like to encourage students from all grade levels to connect with our College & Career Center. Mrs. Milavickas and Mrs. Anderson-Rhodes are ready to guide students through exploring their post-secondary goals, creating a plan to achieve those goals, and helping them with next steps to make it happen. No other school in Pinellas County has such effective and efficient college & career counselors.

We strive for connectedness. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Also, if you haven't checked out our school's website, please do so. It is kept current with relative information for both parents and students.

Thank you for your time, be kind and pass along that Pirate Pride.

Jennifer Gil

Principal
Jennifer Gil

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Boca Ciega High School Academic Team Waves the Proud Jolly Roger

Submitted by Ms. Erazmus

Ahoy Mateys!

Our Perspicacious Pirates Academic Team has finished their regular season in 7th place in the district out of 16 teams with 11 wins and 10 losses. This is quite an accomplishment for our astute Pirates! The hardworking crew consisted of Anthony Lee (captain), Dania Campbell, Lillian Duong, Angelica Genetiano, Danielle Gilana, Jayla Goddard, Christopher Meza, Nhu Nguyen, Filip Ovcarov, Sophia Santiago, and Andy Thach. Our Pirates battled sometimes overwhelming odds to defeat their opponents and managed to hold their heads high when some of the top-ranked teams made them walk the plank.

All told, the BCHS Pirates had a wonderful season. Please give them a hearty wave of the Jolly Roger when you see them!

...And stay tuned for more information about the Superintendent's Challenge on February 9th

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Boca JROTC: Renewed Commitment to Excellence

Submitted by: Cadet Baileigh Carrier,
Battalion Public Affairs Officer

The Boca Ciega Pirate Battalion is undergoing a renewed commitment to excellence along with a resurgence of enthusiasm throughout the program. The Pirate Battalion was a brigade size element not too long ago, numbering in excess of 400 cadets as recently as the 2019 academic year. However, the COVID crisis along with a period of staffing turbulence caused the brigade numbers to reduce to a battalion size unit with about 170 Cadets.

The staffing shortage forced the battalion to temporarily suspend all team practices after school. Now, with new dedicated staff in place, the JROTC program looks forward to brighter days. Command Sergeant Major (retired) Jack Phinney, formerly Cape Coral High School, and Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Jason Hearn, from Sumner High School in Hillsborough County are on board and determined to assist the Cadets in bringing the Pirate Battalion back to the top of the JROTC programs in both Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

Practice for Raiders has resumed on Mondays and Tuesdays after school, while Drill is Wednesdays and Thursdays, also after school. The Marksmanship team is concurrently practicing and preparing for upcoming competitions.

Wind is filling the sails and the oars are in the water; the Pirate Battalion is underway!



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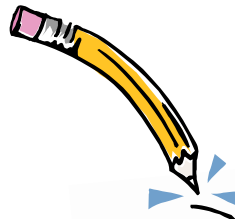
Scholastic Arts & Writing Winners!!!

Submitted by Dr. Obrien

We want to congratulate three of our students who won prestigious awards in the Scholastic Art & Writing contest. This is a national competition entered by thousands of students from all across the country. They took time to craft exceptional pieces of writing earned the following awards:

- **R. Jaxsen Fuller** - Won a Silver Key in Poetry.
- **Isabel Mendez** - Won 1 Silver Key in Personal Essay, 1 Honorable Mention and 1 Silver Key for Short Story, and 1 Honorable Mention for Poetry.
- **Savannah Summerlin** - Won an Honorable Mention for Short Story.

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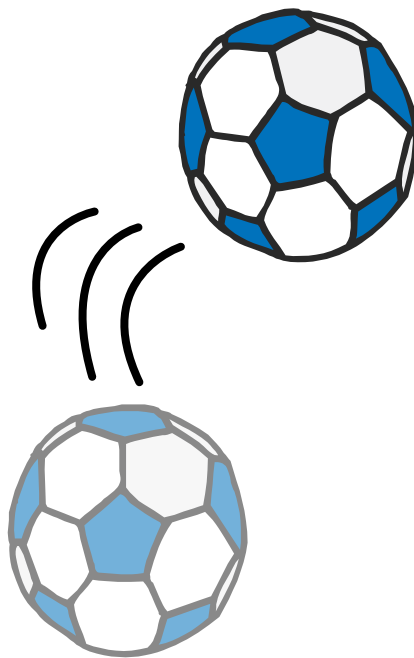
2022/2023 Girls & Boys Soccer

Submitted by:
Ms. Krusemark

On Friday, February 3rd, the boys' and girls' soccer teams gathered at the St. Pete Beach Community Center for their end of season banquet. Players were joined with parents, family, and friends to celebrate their seasons and to give special thanks to their coaches and team members.

Awardees included:

- **Ameriah Miller** - Offensive Player of the Year
- **Mariana Giblin** - Defensive Player of the Year
- **Kyra Lupiani** - Most Improved Player
- **K. K. Ryila** - Team Spirit Award
- **Ivy Mosley** - Rookie of the Year
- **Ameriah Miller** - Coach's Award
- **Ally Henrikson** - Most Valuable Player
- **Jibade King** - Offensive Player of the Year
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BCCHS Work Experience Program

The BCCHS Work Experience Program has several students in need of part-time employment. If you are familiar with a business that may be hiring, please email Tom Arneson (BCCHS Work Program Coordinator) at arneson@pcsb.org. Thank you for your assistance.

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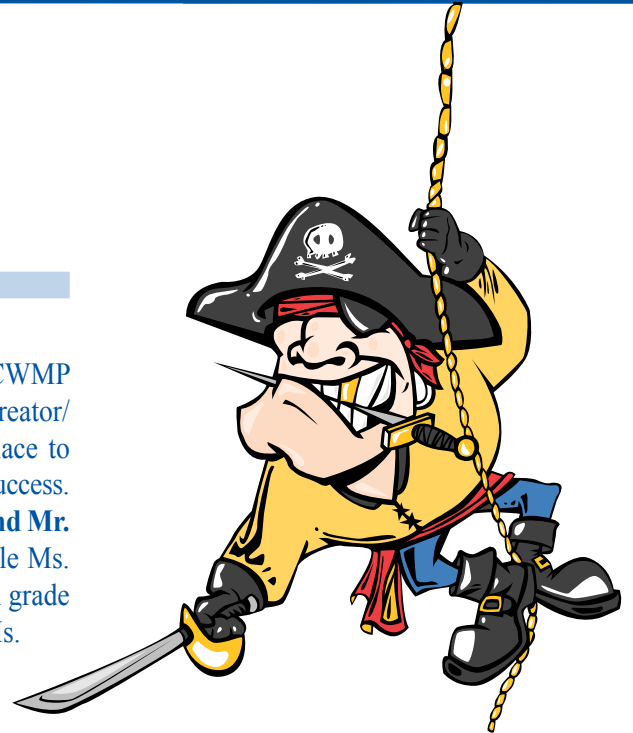
Traditional Student Program

Submitted By: Mr. Sager

Students attending The Boca Ciega High School who are not in the CWMP or Fundamental programs, are a part of the BCHS Traditional Program or Creator/Scholar/Leader (CSL). The Traditional Program has multiple things in place to encourage academic support and engagement so that students can experience success.

The Traditional Program is supported by 2 administrators, **Ms. Lewis and Mr. Sager**. Mr. Sager supports traditional students in 11th and 12th grade, while Ms. Lewis supports traditional students in 9th and 10th grade. Our 9th and 10th grade students work with Ms. Slater, while the 11th and 12th graders work with Ms. Reiss as their guidance counselor.

We are moving towards helping our students excel and show pride in being part of the CSL program. Students are asked to wear their CSL shirts on Thursdays. If a student has not received their shirt please report to the CSL office in building 4126.



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