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From the Principal

Dear Pirate Community,

Our journey is coming to an end very soon. The 2022-2023 school year proved to be a treacherous path indeed. BCHS students experienced the loss of two young Pirates by suicide, changes in administration, staff, and changes to state assessments. However, BCHS Pirates are resilient, and we have not only stayed afloat but we have excelled. Highlights from the 2022-2023 school year include:

Mrs. Ingebretsen was named a Top 10 finalist for Pinellas Teacher of the Year. Fundamental Clerk Mr. Biron was named as the Pinellas County Support Staff Finalist. Girlfriend's Club Sponsor Mrs. Koontz was named as the Group Mentor Teacher of the Year. We have two Coaches of the year, Rachel Jolley (soccer) and Tobey Alvarez (wrestling). Robert Medici was awarded the Grade & Grit recognition by Pinellas County Schools. Senior Anthony Lee was accepted to Yale on a full-ride scholarship. AVID seniors earned over \$4.3 million dollars in scholarships this year. Over \$100,000 were awarded to students at the Senior Awards Ceremony. BCHS Pirates took home all or almost all the awards and scholarships at the Dr. Martin Luther King Leadership Awards ceremony and the Vyrle Davis Academic Achievement Awards. CWMP seniors hold a 100% pass rate on the CNA certification exams and over a 90% pass rate on the EKG certification test. Senior Isabel Mendez won two silver keys for the Scholastic Writing Awards. Our Academic team placed 3rd in the Superintendent's Academic Challenge district competition. Beating out all other schools except Largo and St. Pete High.

In the area of athletics, there were 2 runners-up district and regional titles in girls track and girls' soccer, 2 District Champion titles in swim and girls wrestling and 2 PCAC Championships in girls wrestling and girls' lacrosse. Senior Jackson Payne competed at States for Golfing, sophomore Kinea Moore placed 1st in the state for Girl's wrestling. Sophomore Malayna Mallory broke shot-put school record and was invited to compete at the state level on May 19th.

There is so much more that I can say that won't fit on the front page of this newsletter. We are so proud of our Pirates and all that they continue to accomplish. THE Boca Ciega High School is the most elite school in Pinellas County. It is a chest full of treasures!

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

Jennifer Gil

Principal
Jennifer Gil

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY

As we wrap up this school year, we wanted to send a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers and mentors who dedicate their time every week to support our students.

If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming more involved next year, we have a lot of opportunities, from mentoring a student to volunteering with our sports teams, clubs, special events, and even supporting our College & Career Center. Searching for someone that speaks Vietnamese We celebrated a fun Teacher Appreciation Week, thanks in large part to our very generous donors:



SENIORS - *Class of 2023*

We wish all of you the greatest success as you launch into this new chapter of your life! It is your time to soar and show world what you have to offer.

- Bright Futures (BF) criteria must be met by June 30 (GPA, Volunteer/Work Hours, SAT/ACT score).
- There is still time to get a qualifying SAT or ACT score for BF: SAT-June 3 / ACT-June 10.
- BF combines your highest Math and highest English section scores, even if from different exam dates.

Class of '23 Checklist

- ✓ Complete FAFSA and review Student Aid Report (SAR)
- ✓ Verify financial aid awards on your college portal
- ✓ Review scholarships and understand criteria for receiving
- ✓ Register for Orientation
- ✓ Apply for housing (if living on campus)
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Starting June 12 (email Andersonrhodesh@pcsb.org for info)

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Starting July 24 - 27 (email GoodeA@pcsb.org for info)

Summer Checklist:

- ✓ Build career and college lists on CollegeBoard.org
- ✓ Tour colleges
- ✓ Create Resume & Portfolio on Naviance (access via Clever)
- ✓ Volunteer / Intern
- ✓ Study For SAT/ACT exams
- ✓ Draft a personal statement/essay
- ✓ Create scholarship search account (see our website for a list)

All Grades: Check out our College and Career Center site for valuable resources: <https://bit.ly/BCHS-CCC>



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Another Successful Year for CWMP Seniors!

By Michael Gauthier



In their Senior year, CWMP students must take at least one industry certification: Certified Nursing Assistant or Certified Electrocardiographic Technician. Testing for both certifications took place from April 19 through April 27.

The following student passed the Florida Nurse Aide Examination and can now use CNA after their names:

Ja'Shayla	Bell, CNA	Alicia	Mitchell, CNA
Abigail	Bellevue, CNA	Breasia	Mitchell, CNA
Crystal	Bonilla, CNA	Erjona	Ninaj, CNA
Laci	Brown, CNA, CET	Alex	Payne, CNA, CET
Ny'jai	Bruce, CNA	Alexa Rose	Perocillo, CNA
Gregdjlyne	Celestin, CNA	Kayana	Plummer, CNA
Asia	Davis, CNA	Tisciana	Poole, CNA
Ayanni	Davis, CNA	Asil	Qandil, CNA
Aiya	Edwards, CNA	Dierra	Randle, CNA
Kiana	Favors, CNA	Adriana	Stapleton, CNA, CET
Mazaria	Flowers, CNA, CET	Shamaria	Taylor, CNA
Jeanhi	Grattier, CNA	Tiffany	Thompson, CNA, CET
Amari	Grayson, CNA	Miya	Turner, CNA
Naomi	Hodge, CNA, CET	Ashley	Voorhis, CNA, CET
Collena	Jones, CNA	Nicole	Voorhis, CNA, CET
Brittney	Keith, CNA	Demetrius	Woods, CNA, CET
Kirah	Mays, CNA	Kerstin	Woods, CNA
Shiann	McTier, CNA		

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Amina	Aoune, CET	D'jia	Lumpkin, CET
Vincent	Asuzu, CET	Ameriah	Miller, CET
Hallie	Bordeaux, CET	Elijah	Mosley, CET
Brianna	Brown, CET	Ta'niyha	Newsome, CET
Laci	Brown, CET, CNA	Jennifer	Nguyen, CET
Melania	Brown, CET	Alex	Payne, CET
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Faith	Coley, CET	Ajahya	Ronco, CET
Cmya	Danford, CET	Nia	Rowe, CET
Raneen	Daoud, CET	Kien	Ruiz, CET
McKinley	Davis, CET	Pichaporn	Rujiravanichthep, CET
Mykenzi	Davis-Cowart, CET	Daja	Simmons, CET
Da'karri	Evans, CET	Nekayla	Simmons, CET, CNA
Le'neria	Fillyau, CET	Adriana	Stapleton, CET
Chazlyn	Flowers, CET	Elijah	Sumner, CET
Mazaria	Flowers, CET, CNA	Angel	Tanagon, CET
Jake	Gallant, CET	Dania	Taylor, CET
Jalen	Garett, CET	Andy	Thach, CET
Jaden	Goddard, CET	Tiffany	Thompson, CET, CNA
Riley	Grzegorzewski, CET	Thomas	Tran, CET
Alan	Heron, CET	Ashley	Voorhis, CET, CNA
Maurice	Herring, CET	Nicole	Voorhis, CET, CNA
Naomi	Hodge, CET, CNA	Jer'mya	Walker, CET
Layni	Hopper, CET	Jah'nasia	Whitehead, CET
Nina	Jakubik, CET	Demetrius	Woods, CET, CNA
Yarnasha	Jenkins, CET		

They now have their first health care credentials. We are very proud of their great accomplishment. Their hard work paid off! We wish them all the best of luck as they pursue their careers in health care.

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BCHS 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.

The BCCHS School Store

The BCCHS School Store is open for business. Our store offers clothing items, school spirit items, helium balloons, backpacks and school supplies.

The BCCHS clothing would make a great gift! We offer the following:

BCCHS Zip Up Hooded Sweatshirt Navy	\$25
BCCHS Hooded Sweatshirt (Blue, Pink, Gold, Grey)	\$20
BCCHS Short Sleeve T-Shirts (Blue, GREY)	\$10
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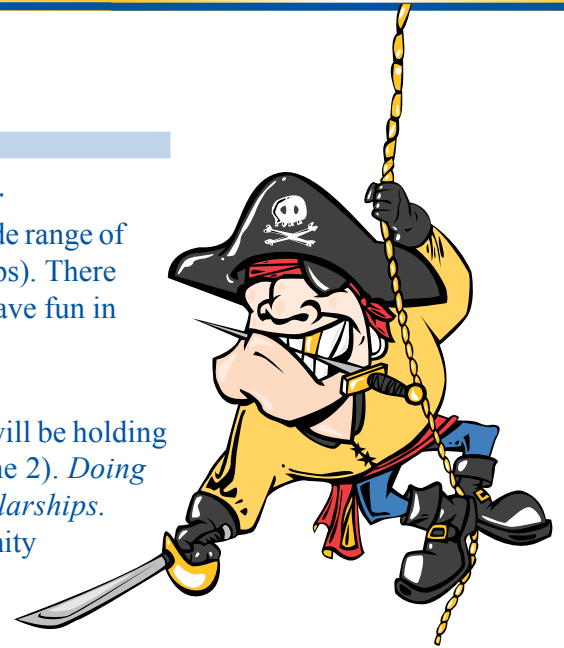
Submitted by: Heidi Anderson-Rhodes, NCAN Certified Advisor

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and takes advantage of the wide range of summer camps and internships available (<https://www.pcsb.org/summercamps>). There are many other programs available online and through local organizations. Have fun in your search and find something that interests you!

Upcoming Events:

SAT Test Prep Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors: Ms. Krusemark will be holding free SAT Prep sessions leading up to the June 3rd SAT exam (May 15 – June 2). *Doing well on the SAT or ACT exam is important for college admissions and scholarships.*

This semester we launched the Career Corner, giving students the opportunity to hear from professionals across a range of careers. Our speakers ranged from Veterinarians with their own show on National Geographic Channel, a Marketing/Brand expert, president of the Sunscreen Film Festival/Producer, and two alumnae: the President of St. Petersburg College and a local Orthodontist who owns her own practice.



Track & Field

Submitted by Cheryl Greene

A year of setting records and breaking records

The sport of Track & Field at Boca Ciega High School has always been a sport where athletes are accomplished in their event(s) and where athletes establish meaningful goals that include either setting or breaking records. These accomplishments are especially meaningful when they PR, meaning they have recorded a personal best. The 2023 Track season has been a year of just that! Junior Lawrence Budo broke the boys 1600-meter run set by D. McCue in 2019 in a time of 4:48.63. The old record was 4:49.00. Freshmen Amara Cabassa set the new school record in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:12.31. The most exciting of broken record is that of Sophomore Malayna Mallory who broke the girls' shot put record set in 2010 by D. Williams. Malayna threw a distance of 38'5.5" shattering the old record of 36'11.5". On top of this victory, Malayna was awarded a \$5,000 Scholarship on behalf the Barry Wax foundation. Mr. Wax currently holds the men record in the shot put from 1963 with a throw of 54'10". In his memory, the Wax family donated a \$5000 scholarship to the male and female athlete that breaks the shot-put record. With the season now coming to an end, our athletes performed extremely well throughout the season. Seniors Malachai McCloud, Dierra Randle, Jerius Flowers, Sophie Bruno, Jack Helms and Keondryck Merriex who have been apart of the track team anywhere from 2 - 4 years, will now go onto to do bigger and better things after high school. We appreciate all of our athletes for their hard work and dedication! Looking forward to an even better 24 Season!

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