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From the Principal

Greetings Pirates,

The 2023-2024 is off to a great start, BCHS has been recognized by the Florida Department of Education as an MTSS School for the multi-tiered systems of supports increasing the achievements of all students. The BCHS MTSS team meets weekly to review student data, identify students in need of additional supports, and implements action plans accordingly. This work is aligned with our school's vision which is 100% student success. We make every effort to meet students where they are and to support their growth academically and social emotionally. We do this by offering a variety of services to our students and families that include, but are not limited to academic tutoring, mentoring, restorative practices, a clothing closet, a bi-weekly food pantry, an array of school clubs and athletic teams, and multiple family and engagement opportunities. We recognize students who demonstrate our Pirates ARRR (accountable, respectful, responsible, resilient), which is the code we live by on the Pirate Ship. Posters of the Pirates ARRR! can be found all over campus. Students who demonstrate our Pirates ARRR! receive Bogie Bucks that they can use for trade in our Bogie Bucks carts.

In addition, teachers and staff members continue to lead with our core values every day:

- Commitment to Children, Families and the Community
- Respectful and Caring Relationships
- Cultural Competence
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Connectedness

Leading with our core values and living by our Pirate Code has had a positive impact on the start of the 23-24 school year, and we anticipate many good things to come! Please stay connected to us through our Facebook page, Instagram, and website. Weekly communication is sent every Sunday through text and email. If you are not receiving those, please call the office at 893-2780.

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

Jennifer Gil

Principal
Jennifer Gil

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The Vision of the Boca Ciega High School is 100% Student Success.

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The BCHS School Store

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

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The BCBS 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 Mark Gabriel (BCBS Work Program Coordinator) at gabrielm@pcsb.org. Thank you for your assistance.



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THE Boca Ciega Perspicacious Pirates Academic Team 2023-24

Moderator/Coach: Ms. Lisa Erasmus

Pinellas County Academic Team Schedule 2023-2024				
Match	Date	Time	Host Team	Participating Teams
1	Thursday, October 5th	3:30	Pinellas Park	Countryside, Dixie Hollins, Boca Ciega
2	Thursday, October 19th	3:30	Lakewood	Boca Ciega, St. Petersburg, Dixie Hollins
3	Thursday, November 2nd	3:30	Boca Ciega	Lakewood, Clearwater, Largo
4	Thursday, November 16th	3:30	Osceola	Boca Ciega, East Lake, Gibbs
5	Thursday, December 7th	3:30	Seminole	Boca Ciega, Palm Harbor, Northeast
6	Thursday, January 18th	3:30	Pinellas Park	Boca Ciega, Tarpon Springs, Dunedin
7	Thursday, February 1st	3:30	Lakewood	Boca Ciega, Seminole, Clearwater
Semi Finals	Friday, March 1st	3:30	Conference Hall	1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16
		3:30	B203	2, 5, 8, 11, 14
		3:30	B213	3, 6, 9, 12, 15
Finals	Friday, March 1st	6:30	Conference Hall	TBD

Listen to morning news and look out for future editions of the Pirate Parrot to find out the team roster and updates about our Pirate Academic Team standings.

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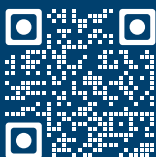
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2023-2024 Student Calendar

Date	School Info
Oct. 13, 2023:	End of first quarter
Oct. 16, 2023:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Nov. 20, 2023 - Nov. 24, 2023:	Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) * November 20- 21, 2023 Possible hurricane make-up days)
Dec. 21, 2023:	End of second quarter
Dec. 22, 2023 - Jan. 5, 2024:	Winter holidays – No school for students
Jan. 8, 2024:	All PreK-12 and postsecondary schools' classes resume. Second semester begins
Jan. 15, 2024:	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school for students
Feb. 16, 2024:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Feb. 19, 2024:	No school for students.
Mar. 8, 2024:	End of third quarter
Mar. 11, 2024 - Mar. 15, 2024:	Spring holidays – No school for students.
Mar. 29, 2024:	No school for students.
Apr. 26, 2024:	No school for students.
May 27, 2024:	Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.
May 29, 2024:	End of fourth quarter. Last day for all students. Students will be released two hours early.

(a) Hurricane make-up days

If 4 days needed, those days will be: 10/16, 11/20, 11/21 and 2/16



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Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Make school attendance a priority.

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

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Help your teen stay engaged.

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.

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- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school.

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your child to school.

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