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## **Principal's Message**

#### Dear All.

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful winter break! Our staff continues to work diligently to prepare our students for the FSA and EOC examinations that will occur this semester, and we are anticipating great results.

We have had a great first semester, and have so much to be proud of! Listed below are just a few highlights:

- CHS attained a 96% Graduation rate for the 2018-19 school year!
- 86% of our senior class graduated with at least 1 college credit (highest in the district)
- Our students earned almost 1200 Industry Certifications in 2019! •
- CHS earned a "B" Designation from the State of Florida!
- Three times, The Washington Post ranked CHS the most challenging (rigorous) high school in Pinellas County for our offerings of rigorous course work!
- Three times, The International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE) named CHS a "Model School". Hundreds of schools apply, and approximately twenty of the nation's highest performing and rapidly improving schools are accepted as models.
- The National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) has named our Career Academy for International . Culture and Commerce (CAICC), a "Model Academy"!
- All four of our school wide academies, BLIS, FAME, SHARE, and STEAM have been named "Academies • of Distinction" by the Pinellas Education Foundation.
- CHS has been once again named a Five Star School for community involvement!
- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has given CHS "Centennial Status" for our participation in the program for over 100 years!

Our School Improvement Plan continues to focus on highest student achievement, school safety, and reducing the gap for our underachieving students. With your input and involvement, we can continue to look for new ways to deliver material, content, and school wide processes, which will help your child be successful.

Thank you for your continued support of our initiatives, and the "Herculean" efforts you give our school to make it the best it can be! We have made great strides in the areas of industry certifications, increased rigor (AP, AICE, and Dual Enrollment), and increasing the learning gains in our lowest 25%!

As we move into second semester, and we start preparing for next year, I encourage you to meet with your children's counselor to make sure they are registered for the proper classes for next year. Saturday extended learning opportunities are available for your child if they are behind in credits, have not passed a state assessment, need additional tutoring, or assistance in preparing for this year's state assessments.

Parents and guardians, there is no doubt that you can make a difference! We continue to encourage you to be involved with our school. If you have not already, please contact our volunteer coordinator and get involved! Our PTSA, continues to provide "Top Notch" programs such as our college and career fairs, our SAC does an outstanding job assisting us with key initiatives such as our school improvement plan, and our booster organizations do an incredible job taking care of programs!

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### **ADMINISTRATORS**

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## Principal's Message continues...

Once again, I am very proud of our accomplishments, and I know we will continue to increase rigor, relevance and relationships; thus providing the best educational experience possible for our students! Thank you for your commitment and dedication to Clearwater High School! Go Tornadoes!

Sincerely, K. Mastorides, Principal

#### **CAICC Update**

The Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce (CAICC) continues to thrive here at Clearwater High School. CAICC students are enjoying their specialized curriculum devoted to international business and cultural awareness.



Career Academy students are looking forward to many exciting

activities coming up in the second semester. During Valentine's week, they will sponsor the sale and delivery of *Valentine baskets.* (See announcement under Tornado Exchange). On Monday, February 10th, CAICC will be hosting its annual *Passport to Italy* spaghetti dinner/silent auction. This gala event will be held at East Bay Country Club and will raise money for the Career Academy students. See Mary Roble or any CAICC student or parent for tickets to the event or more information.

Our CAICC students are also preparing for several culturally educational field trips. Our sophomores will enjoy an informative visit to Nielsen Media. The juniors will go attend an admissions talk and campus tour of the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg, as well as listen to a speaker from their Entrepreneur



CAICC Juniors at Universal Studios, November 2019

and Business Department. Finally, in February, the CAICC Seniors will travel to New York City, and spend a few days exploring all the culture and commerce of this amazing metropolis. This trip is always one of the highlight of the CAICC student's experience at CHS.

CAICC families: please remember the CAICC Booster meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Contact Mary Roble at roblem@pcsb.org or 298-1620 ext. 2303 for more information or questions about the CAICC program.

CAICC Sophomores in Ybor City November 2019



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#### Cafeteria News Free Breakfast for EVERY student 6:50-7:20

#### Senior Class Important Dates

#### \*Grad Bash Information

- Ticket Sales: February 4th and 5th
- Ticket Cost: \$130.00
- Permission slip required
- Grad Bash Date: April 18th

#### Senior Sports Banguet Information

- Ticket Sales: April 20th-April 29th and May 1st Ticket Cost: Seniors are complimentary and
- tickets for guests cost \$20.00 Date of Banquet: May 11th

#### Senior Breakfast Information

- Ticket Sales: April 1st-April 14th
- Ticket Cost: \$20.00
- Permission slip required
- Date of Breakfast: April 23rd

#### Senior Academic Awards Night

- Date of Event: April 28th
- This is an invitation only event
- Graduation Meeting, Rehearsal and

#### **Continental Breakfast**

May 19th

#### Cap and Gown Distribution

May 19th

#### Graduation

#### May 29th

- Location: Spectrum Field
- Time: 7:30pm

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#### AICE Information

Clearwater High School's AICE program is having another successful year. Our students continue to be challenged by the rigorous AICE curriculum and are finding success with the international testing.

The new AICE parent **Booster group** is active and going strong! The next meeting will be Thursday, February 6th, @6:30 p.m. in the CHS media center. Please join us to find out how you can be more involved in your student's experience here in AICE at CHS. For questions, please contact Mary Roble, 298-1620 ext. 2303.

This year we will have 681 students testing in twenty AICE subjects. These international tests will allow students to earn college credit and gain in-depth understanding of these subjects.

2020 will mark our sixth year of AICE graduates. Many of these students will earn the prestigious AICE Diploma, in addition to their high school diploma, which means they have successfully passed tests in at least seven content areas.

If you have any questions about the AICE program, please contact Taylor Henderson, hendersont@pcsb.org or 298-1620 ext. 2015, or Mary Roble, roblem@pcsb.org or 298-1620 ext. 2303.

#### Tornado Exchange

The Tornado Exchange (Clearwater High's school store) and the Career Academy for International Culture and Commerce are



sponsoring a Valentine's Sale. Students, parents, and staff may stop by the store and place orders for baskets of candy, stuffed animals, and valentine goodies. These special orders will be delivered to the students in class on Friday, February 14th. The school store is open MWF, during both lunches (approximately 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.)

Stop by and celebrate the holiday CHS-style! If you have any questions, contact Mary Roble, roblem@pcsb.org.

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Teen Trendsetters are 9th-12th Graders who tutor and mentor Skycrest Elementary children. After our teens go through a 45-minute training and then a verification process for volunteering, we tutor 2:45-4:15 pm on Fridays at Skycrest Elementary.

Volunteers receive materials to use for leading the tutoring and a tee shirt from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

Through the training and volunteer time, our teenagers become a positive role model and leader. They learn to be reliable by making the commitment and communicating to the sponsor in advance of an absence, so a substitute can be arranged. Our teens are prepared, patient, and encouraging. We are still accepting teenagers to **be a Substitute Tutor/Mentor.** 

Please come by F-9 and schedule a training for after school on a Wednesday or Thursday with Ms. Dort.



January 10, 2020 Teen Trendsetters at Skycrest Elementary. Every child takes home a book and parent guide each week.

#### **CHS FAME Academy Students Visit the Morean Clay Center**

The Morean Clay Center is located at the Old train station in St. Pete. Great studio space, gallery, rustic and modern kilns, live artists working and an opportunity for our students to do a small ceramic project. Forty one students from the FAME academy attended the field trip.

Our projects will be fired and returned to us in a couple weeks.

Students were excited about this opportunity to visit a highly professional venue and to do a hands on project in that setting. We can't wait to see the results.

This activity was sponsored by PCS Visual Arts office through Referendum funding.





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Adel Abou El Senoun shown after his first solo flight





#### Still Aiming for the Stars

A former CASA/Gaetz Aerospace Institute student recently completed his first Solo flight in an airplane. Below is a short reflection, he shared with me, about his time spent at Clearwater High School.

Professor Winkowski,

I graduated in 2018, and here are my thoughts on the programs available at Clearwater: As someone who was interested in aviation since I was just a kid, I wanted to take every opportunity I could get to be involved in the industry. Attending Clearwater High and being a part of the Clearwater Aeronautical Space Academy (CASA) as well as being a dual-enrolled student with one of the biggest aviation schools in the world, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), I can't emphasize enough on the impact it has made to my future after high school.

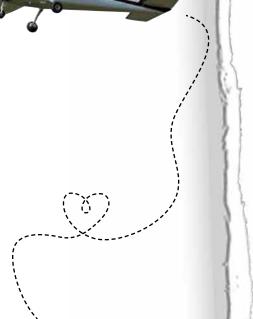
Taking those Embry Riddle courses in a high school environment not only allowed for an easier learning experience but also allowed for huge savings in tuition costs down the road. For example, I currently take courses online at Florida Institute of Technology for my bachelor's degree in Aviation Management. Just like Embry Riddle, it's a private school that is more costly than a public school. Each online course without any aid costs about \$1,500 and don't forget about the textbooks and access codes you may have to get as well. That's a simple cost comparison, \$0 or over \$1500? In total, I saved around \$4,000 alone with the three courses I took at Clearwater.

One of the greatest takeaways from being an ERAU dual-enrolled student was the ability to partake in the unique internship (which are very competitive to get once you're in university) at Tampa International Airport over the summer of 2016. Not only was I able to learn more in the summer course that was taught alongside the internship, but I was able to apply all those concepts immediately after the lecture concluded. I was able to begin networking and was definitely recognized by a lot of the professionals due to my age and having huge aspirations in aviation. After the internship concluded, I became a volunteer with their Guest Services department which allowed me to build up a lot of hours for many scholarships and college applications.

To this day, I am still in touch with those who I've worked with at the airport. I am invited to events as a VIP or asked to volunteer and represent them at others. Overall, I've gained a lot of insight through the professionals that I have worked with which greatly helped me become more prepared for my future in aviation. Today, at the age of 19 (almost 20) I am working at a new charter company that I'm helping grow, I have internship experience at two airports working under Operations and Management, pursuing a degree at my dream school, and finally in flight training to get all the necessary ratings to become a commercial pilot. I wouldn't have been this successful without the many things I've learned at Clearwater High. Regards, Adel Abou El Senoun







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#### Yearbook Updates

#### 2020 Yearbook Information:

 Yearbooks are on sale for \$65 now through May 1st. Order online at www.balfour.com or in person in room B1 (cash or check payable to CHS).

#### Class of 2020 Senior Information:

• Senior ad space for the 2020 yearbook is available now through February 15th.

Full page (8 blocks) \$325; Half page (4 blocks) \$225; Quarter page (2 blocks) \$125; Block \$75

#### Supporting the Yearbook Program:

- If you would like to support the yearbook program by advertising your business/club/ sport program with us, please contact Mrs. Aliberto via email: alibertok@pcsb.org
- Our publication is an award-winning yearbook that is distributed across the country through Balfour publishing as a sample of excellence. Your advertisement will be seen by many in our community and the surrounding areas. Consider supporting the school's journalism program while opening your business up to a larger audience.

\*Contact Mrs. Aliberto (B1) alibertok@pcsb.org if you are interested in obtaining previous issues of the CHS *Aqua Clara* Yearbook.

#### AICE and AP Testing Calendar

Date	Syllabus	Component	Syllabus Title	Duration	Session
Tue 28 Apr 20			WALK-Through for General Paper		3rd period
Tue 28 Apr 20	9693	11	Marine Science	1 hour 30 minutes	noon-1:30
Wed 29 Apr 20	8021	11	English General Paper	1 hour 15 minutes	8:30-9:45
Thu 30 Apr 20	9093	11	English Language	2 hours 15 minutes	8:00-10:15
Thu 30 Apr 20	9693	21	Marine Science	1 hour 15 minutes	noon-1:15
Fri 01 May 20			Walk-Through for ALL History		3rd period
Fri 01 May 20	9694	11	Thinking Skills	1 hour 30 minutes	noon-1:30
Mon 04 May 20	9093	21	English Language	2 hours 0 minutes	8:00-10:00
Mon 04 May 20	9389	21	History	1 hour 30 minutes	noon-1:30
Tue 05 May 20	9701	41	Chemistry (A Level)	2 hours 0 minutes	8:00-10:00
Tue 05 May 20	9990	11	Psychology	1 hour 30 minutes	8:30-10:00
Tue 05 May 20			AP Calculus AB		8 a.m.
Tue 05 May 20			AP Calculus BC		8 a.m.
Tue 05 May 20			AP Human Geography		12 p.m.
Wed 06 May 20	9696	11	Geography	1 hour 30 minutes	8:00-9:30
Wed 06 May 20			AP Literature and Composition		8 a.m.
Wed 06 May 20	9389	11	History	1 hour 0 minutes	12:30-1:30
Thu 07 May 20	9239	11	Global Perspectives & Research	1 hour 30 minutes	12:00-1:30
Thu 07 May 20			AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based		12 p.m.
Fri 08 May 20	8021	21	English General Paper	1 hour 45 minutes	8:00-9:45
Fri 08 May 20	8685	21	Spanish Language	1 hour 45 minutes	11:45-1:30
Mon 11 May 20	9701	21	Chemistry	1 hour 15 minutes	8:00-9:15
Mon 11 May 20	9701	51	Chemistry (A Level)	1 hour 15 minutes	8:00-9:15
Mon 11 May 20			AP Biology		8 a.m.
Mon 11 May 20	9699	11	Sociology	1 hour 30 minutes	noon-1:30
Tue 12 May 20	9708	21	Economics	1 hour 30 minutes	8:00-9:30
Tue 12 May 20			AP Seminar		8 a.m.
Tue 12 May 20			AP Spanish Language & Culture		8 a.m.
Tue 12 May 20	9694	21	Thinking Skills	1 hour 45 minutes	11:45-1:30
Tue 12 May 20			AP Psychology		12 p.m.

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Wed 13 May 20	9700	21	Biology	1 hour 15 minutes	8:00-9:15
Wed 13 May 20			AP Microeconomics		12 p.m.
Wed 13 May 20	1		AP Music Theory		12 p.m.
Thu 14 May 20	9696	21	Geography	1 hour 30 minutes	8:00-9:30
Thu 14 May 20			AP Macroeconomics		12 p.m.
Fri 15 May 20	9695	31	Literature in English	2 hours 0 minutes	7:45-9:45
Fri 15 May 20	9990	21	Psychology	1 hour 30 minutes	7:45-9:15
Fri 15 May 20	8685	31	Spanish Language	1 hour 30 minutes	noon-1:30
Fri 15 May 20	9694	31	Thinking Skills (A Level)	2 hours 0 minutes	11:30-1:30
Fri 15 May 20			AP Statistics		12 p.m.
Tue 19 May 20	9694	41	Thinking Skills (A Level)	1 hour 45 minutes	11:30-1:15
Wed 20 May 20			AP Microeconomics (MAKE UP)		noon
Thu 21 May 20			AP Physics (MAKE UP)		8 a.m.
Thu 21 May 20			AP Biology (MAKE UP)		8 a.m.
Thu 21 May 20	9695	41	Literature in English	2 hours 0 minutes	8:00-10:00
Thu 21 May 20	9699	21	Sociology	1 hour 30 minutes	noon-1:30
Fri 22 May 20			AP Calculus (MAKE UP)		8 a.m.
Fri 22 May 20			AP Literature (MAKE UP)		8 a.m.
Fri 22 May 20	9093	31	English Language (A Level)	2 hours 15 minutes	8:00-10:15
Fri 22 May 20	9607	21	Media Studies	2 hours 0 minutes	8:00-10:00
Fri 22 May 20			AP Spanish (MAKE UP)		12 p.m.
Tue 26 May 20	9395	11	Travel & Tourism	2 hours 30 minutes	8:00-10:30
Wed 27 May 20	8291	11	Environmental Management	1 hour 30 minutes	noon-1:30
Thu 28 May 20	9701	32	Chemistry (Practical)	2 hours 0 minutes	8:30-10:30
Mon 01 Jun 20	9695	51	Literature in English (A Level)	2 hours 0 minutes	8:30-10:30
Tue 02 June 20	9700	32	Biology (Practical)	2 hours 0 minutes	8:45-10:45
Thu 04 Jun 20	9695	71	Literature in English (A Level)	2 hours 0 minutes	8:30-10:30
Thu 04 Jun 20	8291	21	Environmental Management	1 hour 30 minutes	12:30-2:00
Fri 05 Jun 20	9093	41	English Language (A Level)	2 hours 15 minutes	8:30-10:45
Tue 09 Jun 20	9701	11	Chemistry (Multiple Choice)	1 hour 0 minutes	8:30-9:30
Wed 10 Jun 20	9708	11	Economics (Multiple Choice)	1 hour 0 minutes	8:30-9:30
Thu 11 Jun 20	9700	11	Biology (Multiple Choice)	1 hour 0 minutes	8:30-9:30

#### **Chorus News**

Congratulations to CHS Chorus students: Seniors, Montserrat Acosta, Chloé Morton, and Libby Richards; Juniors, Erick Braga, Brianna Sottosanti, and Amberlyn Wedge; and Sophomore, Renzo Castillo who are in the **Pinellas All-County Honor Choir!** They will perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Tuesday, January 28th.

The CHS Chorus performed in Disney's Candlelight Processional on December 30th. Our students put in 35+ hours of rehearsal to audition and prepare for this annual holiday spectacle at EPCOT Center and the work paid off! The performances were breath taking!

The CHS Chorus has been invited to perform in April at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City! Students will be performing the work "The Notebooks of Leonardo DaVinci" by Jocelyn Hagen. This is a once-ina-lifetime performance opportunity and we are so proud of Mrs. Collins and our dedicated music students.

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