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## From the Principal's Desk

To the Bear Community, we have come to the end of the 2018-2019 school year. It has been a great year for the staff, students, families and the community of 'The Ridge'.

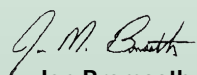
The Administration and staff of PRHS congratulate the students and families of the class of 2019. This group of students have left their mark on The Ridge. Many of the students have contributed to the school and community through volunteer hours, club activities, athletic contributions, academic achievement, and leadership roles. The class amassed scholarships and awards to reward their individual accomplishments and achievements. As a school, we will forever be grateful for the class of 2019. Commencement will be Friday, May 24, 2019 at Hertz Arena in Estero. The ceremony will begin promptly at 4:00 pm.

With the end of the school year, comes the end of careers at The Ridge. PRHS says goodbye and best wishes to Mr. Kyle Manders (Literacy Coach), Mrs. Michelle Joyce (Science), Mr. Brent Keller (Business) Ms. Christina Lezotte (Science) and Ms. Becca DePrisco (Assistant) as they make changes to begin the next phase in their life. Palmetto Ridge appreciates your time and energy given to the staff, students, and community. You have all left your mark on our school and will be missed. We wish you best of luck and say 'thank you'. Once a Bear, always a Bear.

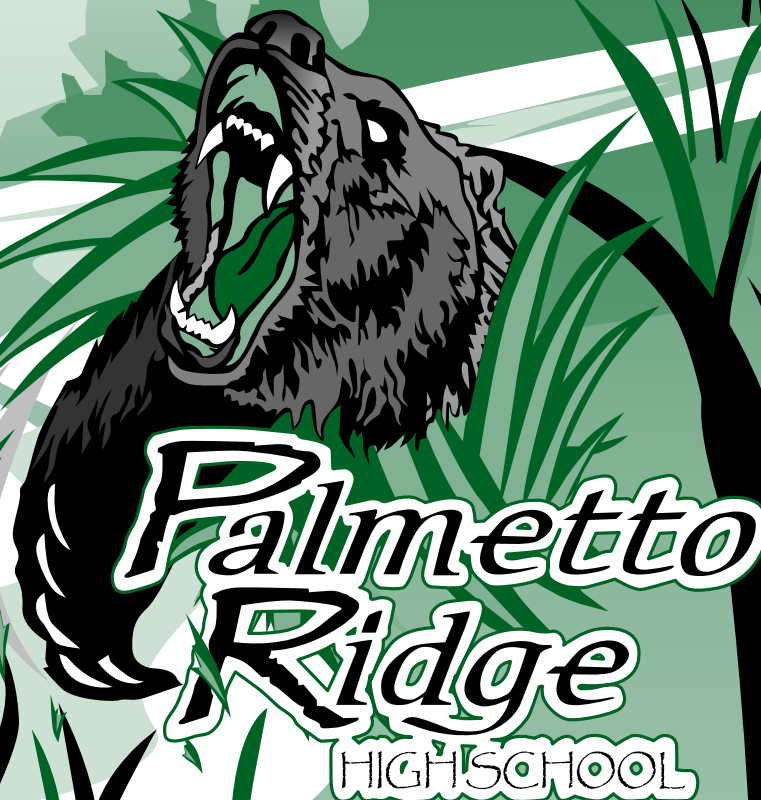
I wish all of our staff, students and families a safe summer break. Please take time to relax and enjoy time with family, friends, and loved ones. If you travel, please be safe and enjoy the opportunity. Follow PRHS on twitter at @PalmettoRidgeHS, access the website at [www.collierschools.com/prh](http://www.collierschools.com/prh) and download the Palmetto Ridge school app on iTunes or GooglePlay to get updates on summer events and information regarding next school year. Another year of 'The Ridge' will begin soon.

One School, One Family !!!

Yours in education,



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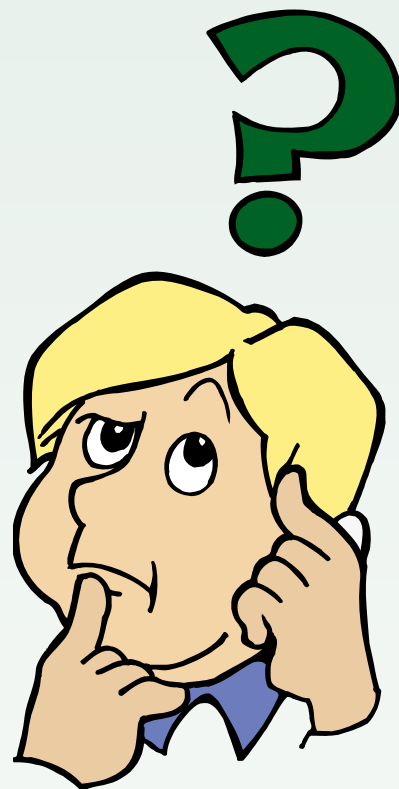


## Curriculum & Instruction

We are in the final stretch of the school year. This is the time for your student to be thinking seriously about what courses they selected for the coming school year and asking questions about all the new offerings that Palmetto Ridge has to offer. If there are any questions or concerns, I strongly suggest that you contact the office of curriculum and instruction or your student's counselor. Guidance counselors are looking diligently at student course requests. Keep in mind that final course selections are driven by standardized testing and student GPA's.

If your student is requesting an Advanced Studies course, they must turn in their course override sheet in order to be considered for the class. A few dual enrollment college courses through FSW will be offered on the PRHS campus next year. Students will earn college credit upon successful completion of these courses. Enrollment requirements include a college ready ACT, SAT or PERT score and a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0. Please see your counselor for additional information. Exams are here!

Sincerely,  
Daniel Chouinard



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## Guidance Department

### Summer is coming and there are things to do:

#### Graduating Seniors – Class of 2019

Seniors who plan to attend college next year will be given a chance to request that their final Palmetto Ridge High School transcript be sent to their college. This will be done through Naviance this year. Seniors will get direction during finals and/or graduation practice. Any student who has taken dual enrollment courses must also make arrangements for their FSW or FGCU transcript to be sent as well, by their college. This can be done at the FSW or FGCU registrar's office. **THE STUDENTS ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THAT THEIR COLLEGE HAS ALL OF THEIR FINAL INFORMATION.** Please check with your child to make sure that they have completed all of the appropriate paperwork.

#### Financial Aid Night

We will be having one in early September, keep an eye out for the date. We hope to have a FGCU financial aid person here at PRHS to answer all of your questions about financial aid and scholarships. This evening is open to all interested parents! There will also be help here that evening for filling out your actual FAFSA if you have your pin already (Palmetto Ridge HS website, under guidance, under Graduation & course offerings, click on senior class presentation power point).

#### Summer Hours

The Guidance Department will be open on Wednesdays during the summer months. If you need assistance please call 377-2416 or stop in between the hours of 7:30 – 3:00.

#### Rising Seniors – Class of 2020

The Florida State Universities open their applications in August. It pays to be the early bird especially with schools who have rolling admissions! Rising seniors who wish to apply to a Florida school should be working on the following over the summer;

- List of colleges
- Resume – list of all sports, clubs, activities, awards etc.
- Ask for letters of recommendation
- College Essay
- Study for SAT/ACT if you wish to retest in the fall.
- Register for September ACT or October SAT if needed.

The **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available beginning October 1st for the class of 2020. Students will need to use their parent's tax return information. Please go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for more information, or our school web site, guidance tab and then financial aid.

#### Community Service

Community service sites must be **PRE-APPROVED** by the guidance department. Forms are available on our school website. **IT IS DISTRICT POLICY THAT WE CANNOT GIVE CREDIT UNLESS THE SITE HAS BEEN PRE-APPROVED.**

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## Office of Athletics and Activities

Greetings from the Activities Office!

Wow, can you believe that the year is coming to a close. It's been a good year and we are looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year. To our Seniors, good luck as you go out into this world. Work hard, Study Hard, and make a difference in this world!!!

### A Couple of Housekeeping Elements

**One,** Please make sure that your student/athlete(s) have returned all of their Palmetto Ridge issued items. For example, books, calculators, uniforms, sports equipment, etc. This will aid them when it's time for graduation and they don't have to call you to borrow a couple of hundred dollars to pay off their debts. LOL!

**Two,** for those of you who have a Senior, please be reminded that they are required to attend Graduation Practice on May 22 and 23rd at 8:00 am in the PRHS Auditorium. This is not an option, it's a graduation requirement. On the 23rd, if they have no outstanding debt, they will be given their caps and gowns. Graduation will commence on Friday, May 24th at Hertz Arena in Estero. The ceremony will begin at 4:00 pm. Doors will open at 3:00 pm. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact us. Immediately following the commencement the graduates and family will have to exit the arena so that the next school coming in can get set up. It's a fast turnaround! Please be reminded that flowers, balloons, and noisemakers are not permitted into the arena. Hope to see you there, to help us celebrate the Class of 2019!

**Three,** we are looking for Business Partners for next year. If you send me an email, I will gladly send you all information regarding the opportunities that are available. Be reminded we are the largest billboard in the Estates! (wink and a smile)

**Four,** I had a meeting a couple of weeks ago with all of our current/future athletes and reminded them about commitment and dedication. I understand that at there are many positive examples of these two aspects but regrettably, this isn't the norm. Accepting



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mediocracy defeats the mind, body, and soul. So, I've asked all of our athletes to work on their conditioning over the summer and to practice their skills so that they can get stronger and more competitive. A coaching friend of mine told me that he tells all of his potential athletes, that during season he expects them at practice 6 days a week for 3-3.5 hours a day. Now, there are some exceptions but, when absences become the norm it is very difficult to achieve victory. Please, be there to support your student athlete or club member. They work very hard and a lot of the time, it is to bring honor to their family. So we encourage you to be in attendance and to support those efforts. We also ask that when in season, please avoid scheduling appointments and trips. Again, it distracts from the entirety of the team concept thus disallowing the team to achieve the level of success they want to achieve. I thank you for your time and patience with this request. Finally, we need your help! We need volunteers. All of our clubs and teams need your physical support. Applying to become a "volunteer" can easily be done on the [collierschools.com](http://collierschools.com) website.

**Five,** several construction projects will take place over the summer. The track is being re-done, the Auxiliary gym is being re-done, and the main gym is being resurfaced. Very exciting because it will once again return our competitive arenas back to a competitive level.

**Six,** Just a reminder that the Activities Office will be once again offering the \$25.00 ALL SPORT PASS this coming Fall to all PRHS Students. This pass allows the holder into all of the PRHS home games for all sports. It's a great bargain!

**Seven,** The Activities Office is still seeking "Brick" sponsorships for the Bear statue in the Football Stadium. Please go to the PRHS Website: [www.collierschools.com/PRH](http://www.collierschools.com/PRH) and scroll down to the "order form" and make your purchase. Leave your legacy at the Ridge!

**Eight,** we are currently seeking a variety of coaching positions. Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Golf, Boys Tennis are our greatest need. If interested contact me at [brickzbr@collierschools.com](mailto:brickzbr@collierschools.com).

As the year winds down, we in the Activities Office, celebrate the many achievements accomplished by our athletes, club members, band, and the variety of departments around this campus. Striving to maintain an "A+" status has driven all of our activity this school year and we are strong in support of that initiative. We are very thankful to the many Club Advisors and Coaches for all of their many hours dedicated and committed to their students. You will never be paid what you are worth but we are very thankful that you have brought your talents, knowledge, passion, and commitment to the Palmetto Ridge campus. Finally, I would like to thank Kathy Diaz, Activities Assistant, Tammy Vogt, PRHS Bookkeeper, and Kim Fletcher, the Assistant Activities Coordinator for their time and commitment throughout the whole year. We couldn't do it without you.

I hope everyone has a great summer and be reminded, first day for Fall Sports begins July 29th, 2019.

Let's Go Bears!!!!

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## Proper Decorum During the Graduation Ceremony

Graduation Ceremony is a very proud time for all seniors, parent, guests, and the PRHS faculty. Many years of hard work and effort by our seniors and family members are honored. Improper behavior (screaming, commentary, air horns, etc.) can put a damper on such a wonderful event. Out of consideration for all who will attend the graduation activities, please adhere to the following rules:

1. Everyone would like to hear their graduate's name called as they walk across the stage and receive their diploma. Therefore, ceremony guests are asked to restrict themselves from loud noises or screams when their graduate crosses the stage.
2. Items NOT permitted in the stadium during the ceremony are: noise makers (air horns, cow bells, drums, shakers, etc.); coolers, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, silly string, water balloons, beach balls, and any other items that may cause a distraction from the ceremony.
3. Law enforcement officers will be present throughout the stadium to ensure the safety of our students and their guests. Please be courteous and use the proper decorum.

### Graduation Dress Code

The required dress code for all seniors participating in the graduation ceremony is listed below. Only medals, pins, honors sash, and National Honor Society collars given to seniors by Palmetto Ridge High School are acceptable accessories to be worn with the gown. The Ceremonial Dress Code will be strictly enforced:

#### Gentlemen

- Dark dress pants
- WHITE, collared dress shirt
- Dress shoes. (No sneakers, flip-flops or slippers will be permitted!)

#### Ladies

- Dress or a skirt with a blouse
- Dress shoes. *Ladies, Keep in mind high-heels shoes are not always safe and students may fall.* (No sneakers, flip-flops or slippers will be permitted!)
- Your dress or skirt should not be longer than the gown.
- Dressy pants are permitted



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