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The <u>MISSION</u> of PHUHS is to educate all students by using effective systems that promote lifelong learning.

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# HURRICANE ( WATCH

## Principal's Message

Dear Hurricane Students, Parents, and Friends,

The 2019 -2020 school year is well underway, and the end of the first semester is rapidly approaching. This school year has already been filled with many wonderful student accomplishments. Please mark your calendars for first semester exams; they will occur December 17th through December 20th, 2019. Please check the school website for the exam schedule. Second semester will start on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

I encourage all parents to register and take advantage of FOCUS/Student Information System to monitor your child's attendance, grades, and progress in their classes. It is also an excellent tool to communicate with your child's teachers. If you have not registered for FOCUS/Student Information System, please visit the Palm Harbor University High School website, www.PHUHS.org to register or contact your child's grade level secretary.

Palm Harbor University High School would like to thank its 1,371 volunteers. Your countless hours of time, talent and service help keep the school running smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Jayne Marino at marinojay@pcsb.org for volunteer opportunities.

Parents, students, and friends, Palm Harbor University High School would like to thank you for your continued support and dedication to the school and community. I am honored and thankful to be your principal, and I am looking forward to continued student successes throughout the school year.

Go Canes!

Sincerely, Christen T. Gonzalez, Ed.D. Principal

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# **P75**A everychild. onevoice.

Hello, I'm the new PHUHS President for this year's PTSA. I am honored and excited to hold this position and am inviting everyone to join us to help make a difference! Last year's Board did a wonderful job! A big thank you to: Stephanie Johnson, President; Tammy & Zoe Farabee, serving as Corresponding and Recording Secretaries; Robyn Johnson, Treasurer; Terre Jeffcoat, Membership; Lisa Lisman and Shannon Stafford, Hospitality. We also thank Mr. Larry Lopez, Assistant Principal; Dr. Christen Gonzalez, PHUHS Principal and all the PTSA members for their continued support.

We are off to a great start this year and have already accomplished much! We provided a "Welcome Back" with doughnuts and coffee purchased from Snowshack for our teachers and staff. We are selling Spirit Wear on the first and third Fridays of the month during lunch periods and very soon you will be able to make your purchase on line. We have implemented a "Member Hub" keeping up to date technology simplifying information and data bases for our board and members. We held our first PTSA general meeting and were fortunate to have two very knowledgeable and informative speakers, Dr. Christen Gonzalez, Principal, and Mr. Ward Kennedy, Pinellas County Area 1 Superintendent. If you were unable to attend, you missed the great topics: School Safe Plan, Hour of Power Summits and School Board Initiatives. We will be holding two more general meetings this school year, so please check the school website for details. The website will also have scholarship applications that our students have the opportunity through PTSA to apply for funding.

## **Support PHUHS PTSA- \$10 Membership**

- Get involved with your student's school life; volunteer opportunities available!
- Connect with other parents
- Hear and be part of upcoming events, activities and programs we plan to launch
- Be part of "the village" that helps to raise kids, strengthen schools and communities
- Let your voice be heard
- Meet our current PTSA Board Members: Beth Maged, President; Stephanie Johnson, Vice-President; Annette Austin, Recording Secretary; Connie Davis, Corresponding Secretary; Dawn Custer, Treasurer; Lynne Lacey, Membership; Shannon Stafford, Hospitality; Carey Zengel, Spirit Wear; and Mr. Larry Lopez, Assistant Principal and Advisor.

Our sincere thanks to our current board members for already making things happen! We are currently getting ready to provide food and refreshments for our volunteers for the "Great American Teach-In" on November 13.

We would love your support as we are the oldest and largest organization advocating for parents, teachers and students! Please contact me at phuptsapresident@gmail.com and/or our Membership Committee Chairman at phuptsamembership@gmail.com.

Best Regards,

Beth Maged, PHUHS PTSA President





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## **PHUHS Student Drop Off** & Pick Up Reminders

Palm Harbor University High School has two entrances and exits for pick up and drop off of students. Entrances are located at the North and South ends of the school facing Omaha Street. Each drop off area has two lanes. When dropping off your student, please remember to stop your vehicle before entering the crosswalk. During morning drop off, please be mindful of students exiting cars and crossing both lanes to enter the campus. During afternoon pick up, the inside lane is used for cars that need to wait a few minutes for the student to arrive. The outside lane is used for cars to move through the line towards the exits.

For the safety of the students, please do not drop off or pick up in the surrounding neighborhoods.

## Class of 2020 Updates

All Class of 2020 t-shirt orders are IN. Please see Ms. Weaver in 4-117 before or after school with a picture ID to pick up your shirt. Class of 2020 panoramic photo is Nov. 6th at 9 am in the gym. Balfour will also be giving out information about cap and gowns.

Ticket sales for Universal Studios Grad Bash will be starting soon. Sales will occur online and seats are NOT reserved until the parental permission forms are turned in to 4-117. Please see the Class of 2020 senior page at www.phuhus.org for more information.

Class of 2020 senior breakfast is May 1st at Innisbrook. Tickets will go on sale in January. Please see the senior page at www.phuhs. org for more information.

Want to get instant notification of when tickets go on sale? Sign up for the class of 2020 remind app.... open your web browser and go to rmd.at/9989eb OR text @9989eb to 81010

This information is also posted at phuhs.org under the class of 2020 tab.





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## @ our PHUHS Library Media Center Recent Points of Pride for our Library Media Program:

- In May our student-produced TV show "Storm Watch" won three awards at the Pinellas County Schools Student Media Festival, including the coveted "Best of Show" award for HS submissions!
- In a comparison run among all HS library media centers in the last 75 days, our PHUHS Library Media Center strongly lead the district as number 1 in books checked out by students. Way to read Canes!!

# We invite YOU to watch our Storm Watch TV show via our school website:

• From the opening page of our school website, go to the bottom right "Site Short Cuts" section. Choose the Storm Watch Morning Show link.

 This link opens our PHUHS Vimeo channel player window. Click the top right icon of the window to view our recent posts. Our newest show is always on top, and your student watches them in their 3rd period class every Tuesday and Thursday. Stay informed as a parent and tune in, too!

# Join in on our school-wide read this year: *The Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate!

- This story for all ages has an inspiring lesson for all ages. We have 40+ copies available for checkout, or it is available as a digital eBook, on our school library catalog. (destiny.pcsb.org)
- Please read along with your student and then encourage them to add their wish to our "wishtree" art installation in the library. Don't miss this school community read!





## Adult English Classes at PHUHS!

Did you know that Palm Harbor Community School offers evening English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes at Palm Harbor University High School?

- When: Monday-Thursday 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Cost: \$45 per term
- Enrollment: Open enrollment start ANYTIME! More information: Visit the Community School in PHUHS's Administration Building, call (727)669-1140, or check out www.pcsb.org/ph-cs.



## Pinellas County School Calendar

#### November 2019

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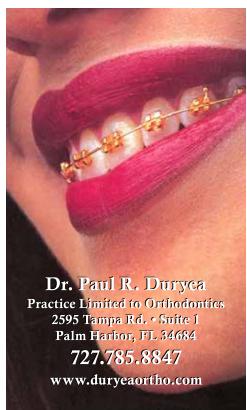


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## **PHUHS Family & Community Relations**

Exciting opportunities for Pinellas County students, parents and teachers are happening every day, thanks to the efforts of families and community members. Volunteers and community partners are making a difference to help students develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes that are the hallmark of a quality education. The contributions of volunteers and partners clearly demonstrate to students that their success is important enough for the community to take an active role in their education. The work of volunteers and partners is a strong part of the effort to meet that goal.

## **Volunteers**

When parents, families and the community are involved in schools, children benefit. Adult participation sends the message that school is important and worthy of adult attention. Many people may want to support our schools and students, but **don't know how** or feel they don't have time. Opportunities are present – in school and elsewhere.

To learn more about how you can get engaged in education, please contact: The PHUHS Family & Community Relations Liaison at: 727-669-1131, ext. 2045.

There is no obligation on your part, but you will find a world of opportunity.

## **Business/Community Partners**

Partnerships match community resources to identified needs of the individual schools. Schools, in turn, provide resources to meet identified needs of a particular partner such as a business or community group. Partners often contribute money, manpower and/or materials to the program. They donate time and expertise, send tutors and mentors to volunteer in the classroom, speak to classes about their business or organization and invite students on field trips. These partnerships have proven to be extremely beneficial to student success.

If you would like more information and/or are interested in becoming a PHUHS Business/Community Partner, please contact: The PHUHS Family & Community Relations Liaison at: 727-669-1131, ext. 2045.

## **Take Stock In Children**

Through the efforts of the Pinellas Education Foundation(TSIC) and the support of businesses, civic groups, a myriad of organizations and individuals who care enough to invest their resources in the future of our school children, the TSIC Scholarship Initiative, in partnership with Take Stock in Children, is giving low-income students the opportunity to work toward the attainable goal of a college education. While TSIC provides necessary college tuition funds, this comprehensive program offers so much more; including mentors who provide inspiration and guidance and school-based ambassadors who monitor student progress and enhance student learning through enrichment activities.

TSIC Scholarships are awarded to Pinellas County public school students in grades 6 through 9 with demonstrated financial need (students must be on the school's approved free/reduced lunch list). Students are expected to maintain good grades, behavior and attendance, and stay drug and crime free. Parents must agree to support the educational goals of the student and maintain good communication with the school, among other expectations.

## **Applications are open now.**

• Please visit the Pinellas Education Foundation website at: https://www.pinellaseducation.org/tsicapplication/
\*\*\*We still need volunteers to become mentors. Our mentors meet with their student(s) 2 - 4 x per month during the lunch period. A one-time training workshop is required to become a mentor! Rest assured, the rewards are GREAT!!!

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If you would like more information and/or are interested in becoming a PHUHS mentor, and/or a TSIC sponsor, please contact: The PHUHS Take Stock in Children School Ambassador at: 727-669-1131, ext. 2045.

Thank you to all our currently active PHUHS volunteers and partners! Even the smallest contribution makes a HUGE impact toward our students' success, and for that we are eternally grateful!!!





# A B A M

## **Business Technology Department Update**

The Center of Academics for Business Administration and Management

# Check out the cool things going on this year in CABAM!

## **Professional Attire Day**

Once each grading period, all business students participate in a Professional Dress Day to learn the finer points of making great first impressions and dressing for success. They "Suit Up!" again on November 12.

## **Job Shadow**

On November 15, in conjunction with American Enterprise Day, all CABAM students will be participating in Job Shadowing Day. This a career exploration project in which the students choose a career that they have interest in pursuing, and arrange to shadow someone who performs that job for the day, to get a real look at what people in that profession really do on a day-to-day basis. Students will be shadowing Professional Sportscasters, healthcare executives, tradespeople, engineers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, police officers, real estate agents, financial advisers, hospitality managers, and even the US Military.

# BFF – "Business Friends Forever" – Business Lecture Series

This popular event; in which local business people present practical business and life concepts and skills, which helps the students prepare for College and their Careers, will take place on December 3, with a Q & A panel presentation on the variety of Career Options available to students after high school. Our Lecture Series continues in the spring. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Schachter.

#### **Mock Interview Day**

On November 6, students will have the opportunity to develop and sharpen their interview skills as we bring in HR professionals to conduct Mock Interviews. Students will have a range of jobs to apply for based on their current skill levels. They will fill out applications, or bring resumes, be interviewed, then receive instant feedback on their performance to assist them in being comfortable and successful in their future interviews.

## **Business in New York**

From February 15-19, a group of PHUHS students will participate in a **Business Trip** 



**to New York City;** where they will see the sights, tour the Museum of American Finance and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, see the inner workings of Madison Square Garden, and take in a Broadway show; all while looking at the business side of each experience. This is the fifth year we are completing this trip. We are already in the planning stages for our 2021 business trip which will be to Seattle, Washington.

## **National Technical Honor Society**

PHUHS juniors and seniors enrolled in the Business program, the Medical program, Journalism, or Technical Theater courses have the potential to earn membership in the prestigious NTHS through participation in these programs and achieving a qualifying GPA. Students should speak to Mrs. Webb, or Mrs. Lord-Shelby, if interested.

## **Future Business Leaders of America**

Officer Training:

In August, our FBLA Chapter Officers participated in an officer training experience with over 100 other officers from FBLA chapters across Pinellas County at Empower Adventures. They had the opportunity to participate in a variety of Leadership, Teambuilding and Networking activities.

## FBLA Fall Rally

On Wednesday, October 30, almost 1,000 FBLA members from Pinellas County participated in the District Fall Rally. This annual conference is an interactive opportunity, which serves to enhance business opportunities and education for these students. In addition to officer and member inductions, students heard from motivational speaker Juan Bendana, and participated in a Shark Tank style Networking Activity.

#### State Fall Leadership Conference:

From November 8-10, PHUHS-FBLA members will have the opportunity to travel to Orlando with other members of the district, to participate in the Florida FBLA State Fall Leadership Conference. They will enjoy two great Keynote speakers, compete in the annual Battle of the Districts, and participate in a variety of workshops and teambuilding exercises.

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## **District Competition:**

The FBLA District Competition, Awards & Elections will take place this year on January 10, 2020, at USF St. Petersburg's College of Business. Students will have the opportunity to participate in district-wide competitive events in a variety of business-related areas. Those who perform well enough in their respective events will earn the opportunity to represent Pinellas County at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Orlando in March, and potentially at the National Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City in June. If you would like to participate as a judge, please contact Mr. Schachter.

The Mission of CABAM is "Empowering Success" and the CABAM Vision is to provide students with rigorous and relevant business concepts and skills, through education and experiences that are vital for success in life.

CABAM, is a career & college preparatory Certified C.A.P.E Academy which provides students with the opportunity to learn practical business skills, earn college credit, and valuable industry certifications.

CABAM is looking for parents of students enrolled in our business courses to get involved in our Community Advisory Board, primarily to begin a Booster Organization. For additional information, check out the CABAM page on the phuhs.org website.

