

#### PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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#### PRINCIPAL

Brett Patterson, Ext. 2020

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SCHOOL VISION

**SCHOOL MISSION** To educate and prepare each student for college, career, and life.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are excited to have you on campus for the first time, or as a returning member of our PPHS family! I look forward to working with students, families and faculty to maintain our focus on instruction and learning. We know that getting students involved in school has a direct impact on their academic success and one of our goals is to ensure every student is connected to a class, program, club, sport, performing art, or other group that helps support a well-rounded experience in high school and increases daily attendance. Additionally, maintaining a challenging schedule increases engagement and opens doors and opportunities in the future. Pinellas Park High School offers, content elective classes, 30



college level courses and more than 40 clubs. Remember, the more involved you are in school, the more success you will find on your path to tackling high school and preparing for college, career and life.

Patriot PRIDE (Preparation, Respect, Involvement, Determination, and Excellence) encompasses the guiding elements that are key for success. Being Prepared for learning, Respecting oneself and others, getting Involved in school, Determined to be on-time, and dedicated to Excellence, are the benchmarks to a successful student. Incorporating Patriot PRIDE in our daily expectations for every student will continue individual and collective growth. Thank you for trusting us with your educational needs and expectations.

Sincerely, Brett Patterson Principal



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### Yearbook News

Students may come see Ms. Nguyen in L1 with questions. The online link for purchasing a yearbook: https://www.balfour.com/florida/largo/pinellas-parkhigh-school.

### ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student laptops and other electronic devices may still be returned to the library or front office. Students who wish to continue using their devices are encouraged to bring them into the library for program updates. See Ms. Brengle with any questions.

### SENIOR PORTRAITS

Seniors: get ready for your senior portraits. Leonard's Photography is our official photography company and they will set up a variety of photo shoot opportunities including the yearbook formal in the auditorium.

Seniors: August 18-19 on campus (schedule with Leonard's)

September 29-30 on campus (schedule with Leonard's)

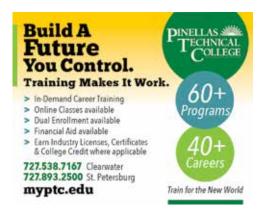
November 3 on campus (schedule with me - yearbook portrait only)

DEADLINE for senior photos to appear in the yearbook - November 5.

If you have any questions email Ms. Nguyen at nguyenhea@pcsb.org.

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### STUDENT CALENDAR

Date	School Info
Aug. 10, 2022:	All schools open. All Pre-k and postsecondary schools' classes begin
Sept. 5, 2022:	Labor Day holiday – No school for students
Oct. 14, 2022:	End of first quarter
Oct. 17, 2022:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Nov. 21, 2022 -	Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) * November 21-22, 2022 Possible
Nov. 25, 2022:	hurricane make-up days)
Dec. 22, 2022:	End of second quarter
Dec. 23, 2022:	No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)
Dec. 24, 2022 -	Winter holidays - No school for students
Jan. 8, 2023:	
Jan. 9, 2023:	All PreK-12 and postsecondary schools' classes resume. Second semester begins
Jan. 16, 2023:	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school for students
Feb. 20, 2023:	No school for students.
Mar. 10, 2023:	End of third quarter
Mar. 11, 2023 -	Spring holidays – No school for students.
Mar. 19, 2023:	
Mar. 20, 2023:	No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day)
Apr. 7, 2023:	No school for students.
May 25, 2023	End of fourth quarter. Last day for all students. Students will be released two hours early.

(a) Hurricane make-up days

- Make-up 1 day October 17, 2022\*
- Make-up 2 days October 8, 2022 and December 23, 2022
- Make-up 3 days October 17, 2022, December 23, 2022 and March 20, 2023
- Make-up 4 days October 17, 2022, November 21, 2022, November 22, 2022 and December 23, 2022
- \*If a hurricane occurs after October 17, 2022, then the one-day make-up day will be December 23, 2022.

### SUPERVISION TIMES

This is a reminder that the Code of Conduct states parents "will not leave their child at school more than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the school day or pick their child up more than thirty (30) minutes after the school day. Supervision will not be provided beyond that time. This also includes school activities outside the regular school day such as clubs, dances, carnivals, practices, and games."

It is important that parents plan to pick up their student in a timely manner. After school hours students must be with a coach, teacher or club sponsor to remain on campus. Parents must make arrangements to pick up students within 30 minutes of an after-school game or other event.

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

It's that time again when we need mentors and volunteers to help our students, teachers and coaches with mentoring, field trips, club activities, practices and games. You may volunteer for a one-time activity or for the entire year, it's up to you. For those that will be signing up for the first time, you must fill out the volunteer registration form found on the PCSB website https://focus.pcsb.org.volunteer and return it to Carolyn Demartino, our Family and Community Liaison. If you are a returning volunteer, the district will be placing you on an in-active status the end of July so remember to update your information and re-activate your profile on the district Volunteer System. For any additional information or questions, please contact Carolyn Demartino at demartinoc@pcsb.org or (727)538-7410 ext. 2132.



### TITLE 1 AT PINELLAS PARK HIGH

Title I is a federally funded program available to select schools, based on the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch. Title I funds are supplemental to district funds given to schools and are to be used to increase student achievement.

According to Federal Guidelines, all schools must hold an Annual Meeting. Our Title I Annual meeting will be held at Pinellas Park High School on August 3, 2022, at 5:30pm. Information will be presented about the school's Title I program, curriculum, and plans for highest student achievement. Families will learn about how Title I funds are used to enhance the educational program for their children. If you are unable to attend this meeting, we will hold an additional Title I meeting on August 30, 2022, at 5:30pm, or you can view the PowerPoint on the school's website www.pphs.pinellas.kt2.fl.us.

Children do better in school when their parents/guardians are involved. Building home, school, and community partnerships is an essential part of the Title I Program. One way to encourage this partnership is through the compact. A compact is a voluntary pledge that asks students, teachers, and parents/guardians to agree to work together so that children are successful in school. Signing the compact symbolizes that all agree to work together to ensure student success. The School, Parent, and Student Compact will be distributed to students the first 2 weeks of 2022/2023 school year. Questions about Title I at Pinellas Park High should be directed to Brett Patterson, Principal; pattersonb@pcsb.org or 727-538-7410 ext. 2020.

#### Where to Access 2022/2023 School & District Title I Plans & Parent Involvement Policies

Families and community members are invited to read individual Title I School Improvement Plans, School Parent Involvement Plans, the District Title I Parent Involvement Plan, as well as Pinellas County's 5 Year Plan for Title 1. These plans and policies are available in the school's front office. A translation can be provided upon request. The district and school parent involvement plans are also available on the Pinellas County Schools district website www.pinellas.k12.fl.us.

#### **Title I on the PPHS Website**

The following information can be found on the Pinellas Park High School website www.pp-hs.pinellas.k12.fl.us.

- Annual Meeting presentation
- Title I News Parents Right to Know
- Parent Survey
- Graduation Requirements
- Important Dates
- Scholarship Opportunities
- School, Parent, Student Compact

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### SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The transportation department will notify each student by postcard, prior to the start of school, of the bus route, location and time of pickup each morning. If you would like to keep up to date on the daily schedule of your students' bus, you can sign up for the bus bulletin by going to https://app.busbulletin.com/register.php.

Students transported by school bus are expected to follow the directions and behavior guidelines set forth by the bus driver. Bus rules are posted in the bus and are necessary in order to provide safe transportation for all students. Failure to follow the behavior expectations may result in a bus discipline referral being sent to the program administrator. Consequences for student misconduct on the school bus will range from a warning to suspension from bus riding privileges and possible suspension from school, depending on the seriousness and frequency of the misconduct.

Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation home from afterschool activities or if detained for disciplinary reasons.

Parent/General Public Transportation Call Center (727) 587-2020

### **PPHS BELL SCHEDULE**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 7:25-8:13 2 8:19-9:05	2 7:25-9:02	1 7:25-9:02	2 7:25-9:02	1 7:25-9:02
3 9:11-9:57	4 9:12-10:49	3 9:12-10:49	4 9:12-10:49	3 9:12-10:49
4 10:03-10:49 5 First lunch 10:49-11:19 class 11:25-12:11 Second lunch 11:41-12:11 class 10:55-11:41	5 First lunch 10:49-11:19 class 11:24-12:13 Second lunch 11:43-12:13 class 10:54- 11:43	5 First lunch 10:49-11:19 class 11:24-12:13 Second lunch 11:43-12:13 class 10:54- 11:43	5 First lunch 10:49-11:19 class 11:24-12:13 Second lunch 11:43-12:13 class 10:54-11:43	5 First lunch 10:49-11:19 class 11:24-12:13 Second lunch 11:43-12:13 class 10:54-11:43
6 12:17-1:03 7 1:09-1:55	6 12:18 -1:55	7 12:18-1:55	6 12:18-1:55	7 12:18-1:55

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### COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

- College exploration & matching
- Career pathways & choosing majors
- College application support
- Financial aid & scholarship planning
- Volunteering & job searching
- Located in Room K-100

#### ACT DATES Registration Test Date 9/10/22 8/5/22 10/22/22 9/16/22 12/10/22 11/4/22 2/11/23 1/6/23 4/15/23 3/10/23 6/10/23 5/5/23 7/15/23 6/16/23

### SAT DATES

Test Date	<b>Registration</b>
8/27/22	7/29/22
10/1/22	9/2/22
11/5/22	10/7/22
12/3/22	11/3/22
3/11/23	2/10/23
5/6/23	4/7/23
6/3/23	5/4/23





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> Monica Falter • falterm@pcsb.org Pinellas Park High School

### PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL **RESOURCE GUIDE**

If you know the person's extension you can dial it any time. If you leave a message please include your name, the student's name and the best phone number we should use to return your call. We encourage parents to contact their child's teachers and all teachers have email through Focus. We encourage you to enroll for Focus by contacting Ms. Anderson at ext. 2008.

#### General:

Information Needed:	Person:	Ext:
Absence reporting	Office Clerks	
Activities	Ms. Bogatz	2016
Athletic Coordinator	Mr. DeMartino	2349
Athletic Director	Mr. Adams	2015
AVID Coordinator	Ms. Brengle	2030
Buses	TBA	2004
Clinic	Ms. Hardman	2026
Exceptional education	Ms. Byrne	2327
Facility usage	Ms. Simpson	2005
Field trips	Ms. Bogatz	2016
Lockers	Mr. Peppers	2017
Lunch program	Ms. Domino	2050
Permits to leave	Office Clerks	
Student registration	Ms. Anderson	2008
Schedule questions	Counselor	
Student insurance	Mr. DeMartino	2349
Student records	Mrs. Anderson	2008
Teacher conferences	Counselor	
Transcripts	Ms. Larson	2007
Tutors	Counselor	
Volunteers	Ms. DeMartino	2036

#### Ad

Position:	Person:	Ext:
Principal's Secretary	Mrs. Simpson	2005
Principal	Mr. Patterson	2005

#### **Traditional Students last name A-G**

Position:	Person:	Ext:
Office Clerk	Mrs. Velazquez	2001
Behavioral Specialist	Ms. Campson	2057
Counselor	Ms. Whitley	2064
Assistant Principal	Mr. Adams	2015

#### **Traditional Student last name H-Q**

Position:	Person:	Ext:
Office Clerk	Ms. Robinson	2003
Success Coach	Ms. Newman	2350
Counselor	Ms. George	2060
Assistant Principal	Ms. Leitold	2014

#### First Responders & Traditional Students last name R-T

Position:	Person:	Ext:
Office Clerk	Ms. Venuti	2004
Success Coach	Mrs. Bingler	2329
Counselor	Ms. Wassermann	2062
Assistant Principal	Ms. Peppers	2017

#### Criminal Justice Academy & Traditional **Students**

#### last name U-Z

Position:	Person:	Ext:
Office Clerk	Ms. Cruz	2334
Success Coach	Ms. Wiggers	2348
Counselor	Ms. Gilbert	2061
Assistant Principal	Ms. Bogatz	2016

#### Additional Student Support Services:

Position:	Person:	Ext:
College & Careers	Ms. Sims	1418
Psychologist	Ms. Marshall	2027
Social Worker	Ms. Kuchle	2070
Teen Parenting	Ms. Pandolfo	2071
Acceleration Coach	Ms. Newman	1383
Library Media Tech	Ms. Brengle	2030

#### **Exceptional Student Education (ESE):**

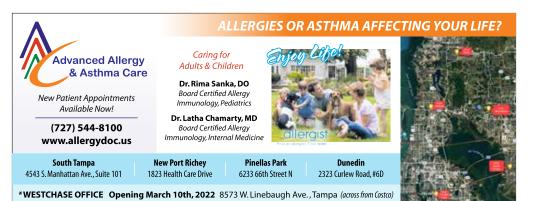
Position:	Person:	Ext:
VE Specialist	Ms. Byrne	2327
Behavior Specialist	Ms. Campson	2057

#### **Financial Services:**

Position:	Person:	Ext:
Assistant Bookkeeper	Ms. Perry	2012
Bookkeeper	Ms. Fiegel	2006

### Learning Success Lab and Tutoring in G2:

Our school offers free academic assistance in all core subject areas during lunch Monday through Friday and after school from 2:00pm until 3:00pm, Monday through Thursday.



dministrative Services:			
osition:	Person:	Ext:	
incipal's Secretary	Mrs. Simpson	2005	
incipal	Mr. Patterson	2005	

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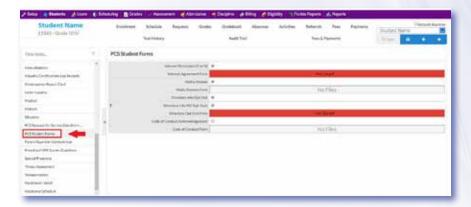
## ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

### OPTION

Did you know that parents have the option to electronically sign the following forms instead of submitting paper copies to the school?

- Media Release
- Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement
- Directory Information OPT-OUT Letter
- The Code of Student Conduct (Parent and Student Acknowledgement)
- Technology Equipment Acceptance and Responsibility
- Residency Questionnaire
- School-Based Healthcare Services
- Student Clinic Card

You can access these within the individual student's record in Focus. See screenshot



#### PCS Forms

These forms are for school year 2018-2018.

- To review and electronically sign each form:
  - 1. Click on the form name (before) to expand it.
  - 2. Click on the link at the top of the expended area which will open the form.
  - 3. Carefully read the form and discuss with your student.
  - 4. After reading the form, return to this tab on your browse
  - 5. Some toma simply require an electronic signature.
  - Some breas may have additional information for you to fill in here on the breaser. If so, read carefully and enter the received information, 6. To sign the term electorically, read the signetize test rear the bottom of the expanded area and check the checkbox if you
  - agree with the test. 7. After clicking the signature sheckbox, click the SaverPrint button to open the signed form.
  - B. Save and / or print the form for your records.

Electronically signed forms do not need to be returned to the school.

These forms are presented as Adobe PDF files. You must have a recent version of Adobe Reader (version 8 or higher) installed to view and print these forms. If you do not, or are having issues with the PDF, slick here to download a free version of Adobe Reader.

Network / Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

#### 🖸 Media Release

The Code of Student Conduct

Directory Information Opt-Out Letter

### ATTENDANCE

There are times when circumstances prevent a student from attending school. In case of illness or other family emergency, absence from school is expected and appropriate. However, in high school, attendance is directly related to academic success.

### PASS TO LEAVE (PTL)

If a student needs to leave school during the day, the student should email their student's office clerk before the first class period. The email should include the reason for leaving, the time the student will be picked up, the name of the person coming for the student and a phone number of a parent to verify the note. If a student leaves during the day or arrives late to school due to a doctor's appointment they must bring a doctor's note to the office clerk or in the Administrator's bins in Admin A upon return to school in order for the absence to be excused. Emails for office clerks are as follows:

- Traditional Students A-G: Mrs. Velazquez velazquezme@ pcsb.org
- Traditional Students H-Q: Ms. Robinson robinsonde@pcsb.org
- First Responder and Traditional Students R-T: TBA
- Criminal Justice Academy and Traditional Students U-Z: Ms. Cruz- cruz-riverac@pcsb.org

### GRADES

Ninth grade is typically the beginning of grades being calculated and used for satisfying state graduation requirements, college admission, scholarships, etc. One of the primary reasons for less than satisfactory grades in ninth grade is missed assignments. A zero grade is recorded for a missed assignment. Even one missed assignment can have a serious negative effect on the final grade. Students should utilize a system of keeping track of daily assignments, homework and make-up work, as well as scheduling time to review those assignments each night.

The best way to monitor student attendance and/or grades is by logging on to the PCS Portal/Focus system. This is also how you can contact your student's teachers should you have any specific questions regarding his/her grades or attendance. If you have any issue you're your Focus username and password, you can go in to any Pinellas County School to have it fixed.

Students will receive report cards every 9 weeks. Weekly progress reports will also be emailed by Mr. Patterson. In order to ensure you are receiving this update, please make sure your email address is up to date in Focus. You can contact your student's office clerk to update your email.

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### LANGUAGE Arts News

Alina Leszczynski's poem, "The Golden-Haired Bride," has been officially registered in The American Library 2022 Poetry Contest. Her poem will be published in Resilience and has now been entered into the division competition which will be decided in late September. Congratulations Alina on a job well done.



### ABSENCES

In order to excuse your child's absence, you must report the absence to the office clerk within **48 hours** of the absence occurrence. The easiest way to report an absence is by going to our website and using the menu item on the left that says, "Report a Student Absence". According to School Board policy a tardy, pass to leave, or absence will be **EXCUSED** for the following reasons:

- The student is ill or injured with a doctor's note.
- There is a major illness in the student's immediate family (this means parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, or others living in the home).
- There is a death in the immediate family.
- The student attends religious instruction or there is a religious holiday in the student's own faith.
  - The student is required by summons, subpoena or court order to appear in court. A copy of the subpoena or court order must be given to the principal.
- Special event. Examples of special events include important public functions, conferences, state/national competitions, as well as exceptional cases of family need. The student must get permission from the principal at least five days prior to the absence.
  The student has a scheduled medical or dental appointment with a note.
- Any absence that does not meet the above requirements will be considered unexcused.

Pinellas County School Board policy states that if a high school student misses more than four days of school during a semester (this includes both excused and unexcused), the student will not be eligible for exam exemption regardless of their final semester grades.

After an absence, the number of days allowed to make up the work shall be the same as the number of days the student was absent. It is the student's responsibility to see each classroom teacher to arrange for make-up work and turn the completed work in on time.

### **ABSENCES AND DRIVING PRIVILEGES**

Any student who accumulates 15 unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days will have their name sent to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may not issue a driver license or learner's driver license to and shall suspend any previously issued driver license or learner's driver license of, any such minor student.



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### **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

N u m b e r of Credits Needed		Special Notes
4	English	Must pass 10th grade FSA Reading assessment or earn a concordant score
4	Math	1 credit must be Algebra
		1 credit must be Geometry
		Must pass Algebra 1 EOC or earn a concordant score
3	Science	1 credit must be in Biology (state end of course exam)
3	Social Studies	1 credit must be in World History
		1 credit must be in US History (state end of course exam)
		½ credit must be in Economics
		½ credit must be in US Government
1	Fine Arts	PPHS Courses include: Digital Information Technology, Chorus, Band, Theater, Art Can be satisfied by participating in 2 years of Coast Guard ROTC
1	HOPE (Health Op-	Can be satisfied by participating in JV or Varsity sports for two full seasons
	portunities through	Can be satisfied by participating in 2 years of Coast Guard ROTC
	Physical Education)	
8	Electives	
1	Online Course	This can be done through US Govt/Econ on campus, HOPE online, any PVS
		course, earning the Microsoft Office industry certification

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