



# PATRIOT PRIDE



For the Parents, Staff, Students & Community of Pinellas Park High School

## PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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### PRINCIPAL

**Brett Patterson**, Ext. 2020

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Patriot Families,

As most of you know I will be transitioning from Pinellas Park High School on March 1, 2024 to assume the position of principal of Mangrove Bay Middle School. It is an exciting opportunity to open a brand-new school that hosts a Health and Wellness Leadership Academy in partnership with the Speer YMCA. Leaving PPHS after 18 years was a difficult decision, however, I am excited about the future and proud of what we have accomplished together. The process is underway to name the new principal of Pinellas Park High School and we will be working together to ensure a smooth transition. I am humbled to have served as your principal for the past 9 years and I look forward to seeing the continued growth of the Patriot community.



Thank you for your support.  
Brett Patterson,  
Principal



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## PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL 2023-2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Brett Patterson, Bill Burroughs (accepting for Nicholas Bravos); Jeremi Sisco, Jimmy Shannon, Ron Cline (accepting for Nicholas Bravos); Cesar Grajales, James Adams, Coach Pete Collins (previously inducted member).



## THEATRE

Theatre students traveled to St. Petersburg College Clearwater Campus and Gibbs High School/PCCA to participate in the annual district four theatre competition November 30-December 2. Congratulations to Fletcher Bittleman, Ashlie Bragg, Val Cadena-Bautista, Eva Pagan, and Tyler Edstrom who all received excellents in solo musical, duet musical, and duet acting categories. Aubree Jamieson also was chosen for the festival's All-Star Cast Award for her portrayal of the teacher, Ms. Robin, in Pinellas Park's one-act play entry, *STAGE PARENTS*. Drama President Mackenzie Smith also represented PPHS on the District Crew for the event.

Theatre Tuesdays resumed December 5. Any student at PPHS interested in theatre is invited to come to A4 each Tuesday, except for exams week, if they would like to participate in acting or behind-the-scenes tech work. The first meeting of semester two will take place January 9 at 2:15 p.m. and will continue weekly. See Mr. Meinecke in A4 for further information.

## ACADEMIC TEAM

The PPHS Academic Team has been on a winning streak moving from 4th place to 2nd place in two competitions! The Academic Team competes against other schools in Pinellas County on topics such as math, physics, foreign language, art, history, and government. The season match-ups will culminate in a All-County Semi-Finals and Finals competition at the District Office in March.



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## VIVE LE FRANCAIS!

French students celebrated National French Week in early November. *La Semaine du Français* is an opportunity to showcase the many contributions of francophone people all over the world, and it reminds us that French is spoken and studied on every continent! There are over 321 million French-speakers around the world! Students decorated the school's mall area as the streets of Paris, complete with street signs, French flags and metro stations. They also showcased the flags and brief facts about 30 of those French-speaking countries. In class, students participated in a mini music competition where they read about Francophone singers, listened to their songs and played games to practice the lyrics and learn some new vocabulary. Outside, students played a friendly game of *Pétanque*, a common bowling-type game, and we wrapped up French Week with *une Fête Française* where students sampled various French cheeses, breads and pastries- *délicieux*!



## SABOR LATINO CLUB

The Sabor Latino Club represented Hispanic Heritage Month with a performance at the Homecoming Game.



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## ALL COUNTY HONOR CHORUS

Congratulations to the Patriot Singers that made All County Honor Chorus this year! We had 4 students selected for this honor.

# Congratulations!



## PINELLAS PARK ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Patriot Singers performed at the Pinellas Park Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. They did a great job!

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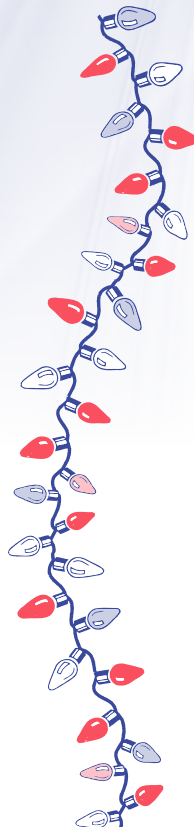
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## WINTER SPECTACULAR CONCERT

The Patriot Singers just had their Winter Spectacular Concert last Thursday and it was a huge success! If you missed it, their Spring Showcase will be mid-April. You won't want to miss this incredibly talented group so watch for dates and plan to attend this wonderful event.



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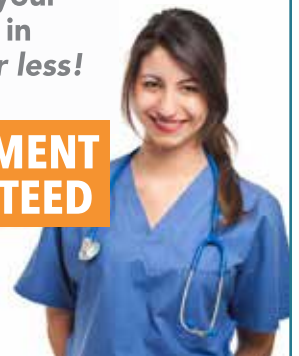
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## PINELLAS PARK CHRISTMAS PARADE

Pinellas Park High School Football, Cheer, Latin Dance Club, Band & First Responders participated in the Pinellas Park Christmas Parade. The Grinch on the First Responders float (portrayed by Mykenzie Rusinko) was a huge hit with spectators and the kids loved it! Next year we plan on doing a Whoville scene on part of the float as everyone laughed when we went by.



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## LAW HONOR SOCIETY

The Law Honor Society (LHS) collaborates with the Pinellas Park Police Department to provide goodie bags to officers working during the Thanksgiving holiday. In order to protect and serve the citizens of Pinellas Park, these officers are unable to be with their families, working the evening/night shift. A little show of our appreciation for all they do was warmly welcomed!



The Law Honor Society (LHS) has participated for the last two years in the ARC of Tampa Bay's Festival of Trees where we decorate a Christmas tree to be auctioned, bid on, and hopefully sold! This year, the Tree of Justice, decorated by LHS members was sold at the Festival for \$350! While we don't know who purchased our tree, the money raised will go to fund all the amazing programs the ARC of Tampa Bay offers to the community!





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Scholarship Award: 2 Scholarships ~  
\$1,500 each

This scholarship is in memory of the honorable services of the men and women who served in the Korean War of 1950 to 1953. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior seeking post-secondary education.

#### Criteria:

- Applicants must be a graduating student of any Pinellas County Public High School.
- Applicants must be a high school senior.
- Demonstrated school and community service (25+ hours).
- Minimum of GPA of 3.0

#### Additional Requirement:

- Applicants must complete an additional 500-1,000 word essay (double-spaced) on the Korean War.

### Public Service Education Foundation of Pinellas Park Scholarship

Sponsor: Public Service Education  
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Scholarship Award: 3 Scholarships ~  
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This scholarship financially assists a senior graduating that is a resident of the City of Pinellas Park or attending a high school within the City of Pinellas Park and interested in obtaining post-secondary education in public service.

#### Criteria:

- Applicants must be a graduating resident of the City of Pinellas Park or attend a high school within the City of Pinellas Park and must be pursuing a career in public service at the post high school level.
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Please note that Flu shots are only available to students enrolled in PPHS.

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