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PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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100% Student Success

SCHOOL MISSION

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



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Patriots,

The School Vision of 100% Student Success and our Mission of Educating and Preparing each student for college, career, and life continues to drive our way of work every day. We are on track to have the highest graduation rate and highest number of students with post-secondary credit and experience in school history, reflecting our dedication to our Vision and Mission. Pinellas Park High School is committed to supporting every student and removing all obstacles to provide the opportunity for each student's success.



This time of year is critical. The third and fourth quarter have a profound impact on the subsequent year and I want to make sure that every student is in the best position possible for their success.

We emphasize to students the importance of embracing Patriot PRIDE, (Preparation, Respect, Involvement, Determination, and Excellence) into their way of work. Practicing Patriot PRIDE is the best place to start each day to maintain an academic focus and being on time to every class ready to learn demonstrates that commitment. This time of year has Seniors working to maintain and improve their GPA and overall academic standing to position themselves for life after high school and students in 9th through 11th grades requesting their courses for next year and preparing for their end of course exams. Let's finish the year strong and be ready for our future!

Parents and Guardians,

Please make sure your contact information is accurate in Focus and you are monitoring attendance and grades on a regular basis.

Thank you for your continued support.
Brett Patterson

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mar 2: Freshman Registration
 Mar 4: Junior Night Parent Meeting
 Mar 5: CJA Registration Night
 Mar 12 – 13: Spring Musical
 Mar. 13: End of third quarter
 Mar. 13: CJA Law Day
 Mar. 14 - Mar. 22: Spring holidays – No school for students
 Mar. 23: No school for students
 Mar. 27: Prom
 Apr. 3: Grad Bash
 Apr. 6: Third quarter report cards distributed
 Apr. 10: No school for students
 Apr 15: First Responder Disaster Day
 Apr. 16: Band/Orchestra Concert
 Apr. 18: AP Chemistry Practice Test
 Apr. 23: Chorus Concert
 Apr. 27: Awards Ceremony
 Apr 28: Chorus Banquet
 Apr. 30: Graduation Rehearsal
 May 4: CJA Move Up Assembly
 May 20: CJA Senior Banquet
 May 22: Graduation at Tropicana Field
 May 25: Memorial Day Holiday – No school for students
 May 29: Last day for all students
 June 5: Final grades available on FOCUS

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



Visit Pinellas Park High School's Website at www.pcsb.org/pp-hs



24 TOTAL CREDITS

English Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics (must include Algebra I and Geometry)	4 credits
Science (must include Biology I)	3 credits
Social Science (American Government, World History, U.S. History, Economics)	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
H.O.P.E.	1 credit
Other Electives	8 credits
Total	24 TOTAL credits

*** one course must be taken online

Minimum 2.0 grade point average

Students **must** earn at least a 2.0 GPA to receive their diploma. Students with a GPA lower than a 2.0 may be eligible for a certificate of completion. A 2.0 grade point average is also required for participation in sports, clubs, and other extracurricular activities.

State Testing Requirements

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- **Grade 10 ELA FSA (or ACT/SAT concordant score)**
- **Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or earn a concordant score on the ACT/SAT.**

Students must participate in EOC assessments in the following subjects: Algebra I, Biology, Geometry, and U.S. History. Results constitute 30 percent of the final course grade.

Additional information on state of Florida graduation requirements can be found at: <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/graduation-requirements>

FOCUS TUTORIAL

We are pleased to share the link to the newly released FOCUS Student Information System (SIS) **Video Tutorial for Families** pcsb.org/FocusInfo This video will help families know how to gain access and then navigate through the FOCUS SIS.

BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Begins	Ends	Minutes
1	7:25	8:13	48
2	8:19	9:05	46
3	9:11	9:57	46
4	10:03	10:49	46
5	10:55	11:41	46
6	11:47	1:03	46
7	1:09	1:55	46
Lunch is based on 6th period schedule			
1st Lunch	11:41 – 12:11	2nd Lunch	12:33 – 1:03
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2020 SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION STARTS ONLINE IN FEBRUARY

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Pinellas County Schools will offer driver education camp at nine locations this summer. There will be two sessions at each site that will be open to both public and private school students at a cost of \$156.00 per student. The sessions are scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The camp is open to residents of Pinellas County. High school graduates will **not** be accepted.

Students will register online starting **Feb. 17- 23, 2020**. The online application can be accessed on the Pinellas County Schools website. Students will be selected for the Summer Driver's Education Program through a lottery process. Every student who registers online between 12 a.m., Feb. 17 and 11:59 p.m., Feb. 23rd will have the same chances of being selected. Applications **will not** be accepted at the school sites. Students will be notified of their placement via email starting March 9th. **Students must accept their spot by paying their lab fee for the course by using the link on the confirmation email by the deadline of 11:59 p.m., March 31st.** The lab fee of \$156.00 is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

Students can register online for one session at their school of choice.

(10) Day Sessions: 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Session #1- June 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11,12, 15, 16
- Session #2- June 17, 18, 19, 22, 23 ,24, 25, 26, 29 ,30

Requirements

- Students must be at least 15 years old and **must have a learner's permit or operator's license** when the session begins.
- **Two absences result in an automatic withdrawal from the course.**

- There is a 40-student maximum per site for each session.

Summer School Drivers Education School Site

Boca Ciega High School (1st session only)	Clearwater High School	Countryside High School
Dunedin High School	East Lake High School	Lakewood High School
Northeast High School	Osceola High School	Pinellas Park High School

Important dates reminder

- **Feb. 17-23, 2020**- Summer Driver's Education Program application available online at www.pcsb.org/driversed. The link to the application will not be available until **Feb. 17th, 2020**.
- **March 9, 2020**- Students notified via email of selection.
- **March 31, 2020**- Students must accept their spot by paying the \$156.00 fee via link.
- **June 3, 2020**- First day of Drivers Ed Summer Session #1
- **June 17, 2020**- First day of Drivers E Summer Session #2

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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 was held at Pinellas Park High School on August 20, 2019. Information was presented about the school's Title I program, curriculum and plans for highest student achievement. Families learned about how Title I funds are used to enhance the educational program for their children. If you missed this meeting you can view the PowerPoint on the school's website www.pp-hs.pinellas.k12.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 Pinellas Park School, Parent, Student Compact was distributed to students during first semester.

Questions about Title I at Pinellas Park High should be directed to Brett Patterson, Principal; pattersonb@pcsb.org or 727-538-7410 ext. 2005.

WHERE TO ACCESS 2019/2020 SCHOOL AND DISTRICT TITLE I PLANS AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICIES

Families and community members are invited to read individual Title I School Improvement Plans, and 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 1 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 1 News – parents right to know
 - Parent Survey
 - Graduation Requirements
 - Important Dates
 - Scholarship Opportunities

MUSIC NEWS TO NOTE

- Godspell the Musical March 12,13 tickets are 7\$ student, 10\$ adult – curtain @ 7:00pm
- Spring Choral Concert Thursday April 23 @7:00pm. Tickets 3\$

We have also been selected to perform at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC on April 24, 2020! If you would like to sponsor our trip, please contact Mrs. Twinam, Director of Choral Studies, here at The Park. Her email is Twinamh@pcsb.org.





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2019-2020 ACT & SAT TEST DATES

Pinellas Park High School Code: 100-927

ACT Testing Register at www.actstudent.org

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION* additional fee applies
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29 – March 13
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9 – 22
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 20 – 26

SAT Testing Register at www.collegeboard.org

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE ONLINE REGISTRATION* additional fee applies
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27

VISION NEWS

Students in the program for visual impairments participated in the West Florida Regional Braille challenge on 1/24/20. Kedesha James won third place and Natalina Kiyaseh won third place. Tyna Kim and Jacquelyn Schirmer also participated.



2019-2020 PPHS ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME



Athletics Hall of Fame inductions

Principal Brett Patterson; Coach Chestnut; Devin Perkins- soccer 2008; Dan Carpenter-swimming 1986, Kris Isackson Krall - swimming 1981, not pictured- Sara Nevins - softball 2010



TRANSPORTATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – BUS BULLETIN

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ROBOTICS TEAM

During our first tournament in November, we won three out of five qualifying matches. Last weekend we competed in the league championship for Gulf Coast Robotics League Championship. We finished in the top 20. On 1/25/20, the robotics team presented their robot to a panel of judges who asked them various questions about the team. The judges were impressed, and we were featured on Jabil Circuit's LinkedIn page above and on their Facebook page.

Our next tournament will be March 7, 2020 at Nielsen Media's Robofest. For more information on the PPHS STEM club, use the QR code to the right:



FIRST RESPONDERS

This month our First Responder Sophomores have been working on understanding the important role that infrastructure plays in our community. In order to really get a feel for how things work, they were instructed to build a dam that could hold water as well as allow a controlled flow of water across the structure. They also had to build bridges that were stable and could withstand weight

being placed on top. Next, they are constructing cities and labeling 12 of the critical sectors of infrastructure in their assigned locations from around the world. There have been some fantastic projects!



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Thanks to the Pinellas Park Fire Department students in the Criminal Justice Academy Principles of Public Service Class received their 2-year CPR Certification! We are so grateful to have such incredible community partnerships!

More CJA News

Donovan Delio is a Senior in the Criminal Justice Academy. He played Defensive and Offensive End for our Football team and is an outstanding Senior. Students were tasked with completing an original essay about the effect of a Landmark legal case on the Criminal Justice Community. Out of 70 students, Donovan's essay was the standout! In addition, the Criminal Justice Academy is proud to mention Donovan was accepted into the CARE program at FSU, which will pay for all his college AND he will earn 100% Bright Futures. An amazing accomplishment for a great student who exemplifies our Patriot PRIDE daily!

The Impact of Maryland v King (2013) on the Criminal Justice System Written by: Donovan Delio – CJA Senior

In the case of *Maryland v. King* (2013), Mr. King argues that it is against his 4th amendment rights to be swabbed for his DNA without a warrant. This is in light of being arrested and his DNA being linked through the State's database to an unsolved rape case a decade prior. Undeniably, the opinion weighed upon in this case holds sweeping power over future procedure nationwide where mandatory DNA swabs are administered in criminal booking, as well as setting a precedent for the constitutional boundaries of the government over one's body. It also asserts what is and isn't property in the eyes of the federal government; meaning, what can be protected. The implication of this decision is vast and assisting to the entire criminal justice community in a variety of ways.

It's first impact is on the courts, where the allowance of DNA collection without warrant from arrest serves to greater alleviate the justice system's overburdened amount of cases and the overturn rate of



taking cases to trial. Through this, it greatly helps in solving cold cases which previously never had a link to reasonably go to trial. This assists the state in better making decisions and bringing the correct suspects to trial. This only serves to assist the populous, keeping the innocent out and the perpetrators in. With this allowance of DNA collection, only better judgement and odds of due justice given are obtained.

For the law enforcement field, the ruling on this case greatly increases the effectiveness of their procedures. By collecting DNA swabs from the moment criminals enter the jailhouse, jail security is further ensured and a fail-safe to identification is produced. The law enforcement community as well will further increase the number of cases it can pursue and solve, vastly eliminating instances of crimes with no leads. This also serves to better track offenders in their systems to better protect and serve their communities. In the instance of rape cases, and the fact that criminals tend to reoffend, the likelihood of finding perpetrators exponentially increases—as occurred in this instance.

In the aspect of effects on the criminal justice community, the victims of crimes and their families are greatly assisted. The number of instances where a case is never solved will drastically decrease and this only goes to further protect those wrongly affected by crime. Victims ought to rest assured that their perpetrators have received due justice, so that they may no longer need to live in fear of another occurrence or retribution. Families of victims as well should have closure in what had occurred, that the right individual received punishment for their actions.

In closing, the ruling of *Maryland v. King* (2013) is an absolute advantage for every part of the criminal justice community and only serves to do good for society. Through measures permitted by this ruling, the scales of justice only further refine their measurements, ensuring a more just and secure nation at large.



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AVID

Our AVID Juniors just returned from a successful visit to Florida Gulf Coast University.

The AVID program at PPHS is currently accepting applications for the 2020-21 year. Students may use this QR code to access the online application or stop by the library and speak with Ms. Brengle.



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