



# 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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*Traditional A – G*

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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. Pinellas Park High School is committed to supporting your student and removing all obstacles to provide the opportunity for their success. We emphasize the importance of embracing Patriot PRIDE, (Preparation, Respect, Involvement, Determination, and Excellence) into the student's way of work and practicing Patriot PRIDE is the best place to start each day to maintain an academic focus.

The third and fourth quarters have a significant impact on the following year for 9th through 11th grade students and seniors are working to maintain or improve their GPA and overall academic standing to position themselves for life after high school. Let's finish the year strong and be ready for our future!

Thank you for your continued trust and support.



Brett Patterson



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## STUDENT CALENDAR

Date	School Info	
Feb. 20, 2023:	No school for students.	(a) Hurricane make-up days • <b>Make-up 3 days</b> - October 17, 2022, December 23, 2022 and March 20, 2023 • <b>Make-up 4 days</b> - October 17, 2022, November 21, 2022, November 22, 2022 and December 23, 2022
Mar. 10, 2023:	End of third quarter	
Mar. 11, 2023 -	Spring holidays – No school for students.	
Mar. 19, 2023:		
Mar. 20, 2023:	Hurricane makeup day. Students are to report	
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.	



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## TECH TIPS FROM Ms. B

- Student laptops should be charged each evening and remain at least 30% charged at all times.
- Once a week, students should restart their computers while at PPHS to allow updates to load.
- Students are permitted to add removable stickers to personalize their devices.
- Charging cords may also be marked with their names.
- Students should not loan their laptops to anyone else or leave them in a classroom for storage. Teachers are not responsible for student laptops.
- Students should NEVER share their login information with other students.

Students in need of a new computer, a password change or help reconnecting to the Internet should visit Ms. Brengle in the front of the Library Media Center. If the LMC is closed for testing, return after lunches or see Mr. Reynal in the rear of the LMC.

Students in need of technical assistance should see Mr. Reynal in the rear of the Library Media Center. If LMC is closed for testing, walk down K-wing and turn left into hallway after K-1.



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## COAST GUARD JROTC AT PPH

The Coast Guard JROTC at PPHS had a productive month this January. The unit held their first Company Inspection & Pass in Review. This event was exceptional, with most planning and preparation by senior cadets. 2 military officers, representing the Coast Guard and Navy respectively, acted as the inspecting officers and loved meeting each cadet in the unit. The next major event held was the unit's first own in-house Raider Competition held at Camp Shannon. The event consisted of a two-day trip, which was a camp out one day and competition the next. The camp out allowed cadets to practice a day before and develop team building skills while also getting to have fun all day. The competition was won by Cadet Lieutenant Commander Wagoner's team, but all teams did great and competed to the best of their abilities. The unit plans to carry out more events in the future to finish up the 2023 school year. We are all thankful for cadets and the instructors who lead and shape the program JROTC program here at PPHS.



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## FIRST RESPONDERS

Mrs. Rector and Ms. Petrie, along with several FR students, attended the Pinellas County School Board meeting on January 24th. First Responders were recognized at the meeting for their importance in the community.

Ms. Petrie's sophomore classes work as Public Information Officers during the media unit. They were all assigned an emergency incident and allowed exactly 27 words to describe it. The bloopers and laughs always make this a fun time.



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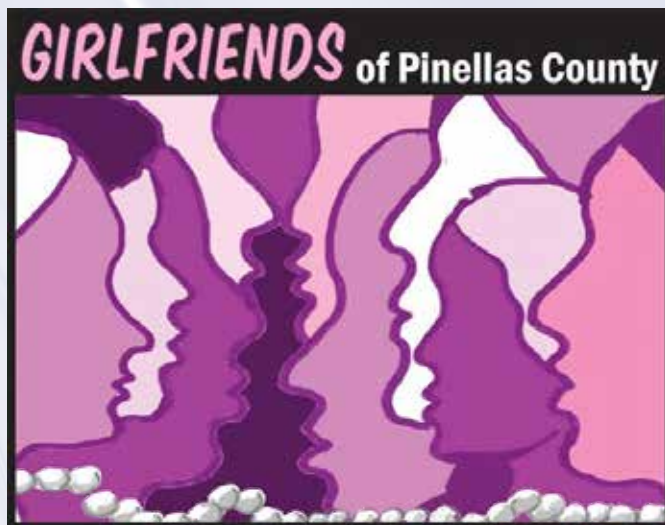
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## GIRLFRIENDS OF PINELLAS COUNTY

"Girlfriends of Pinellas County is a program designed to empower young ladies through academic support & mentorship. Students are provided with the resources, tools & guidance necessary to encourage self-discipline, positive behavior and to cultivate high self-esteem & self-reliance." -PSCB.org

On January 23rd, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Napier & Ms. Cruz inducted 26 young ladies into the Girlfriends of Pinellas Park High School. Girlfriend members meet biweekly with their advisors to discuss topics such as goal setting, confidence building and leadership skills.



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Cassandra Grassl, Eva Ariadna Pagan, and Fletcher Bittleman with their medals.

## DISTRICT 4 THESPIAN FESTIVAL RESULTS

PPHS Drama Troupe 2011 attended the District 4 Thespian Festival held at St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus, and Gibbs High School PCCA on December 1, 2, and 3, 2022. Actors Cassandra Grassl, Eva Ariadna Pagan, and Fletcher Bittleman earned Superiors in the Ensemble Acting category and were chosen "Best of the Room" which allowed them to perform in the Saturday evening showcase of the "Best of" performances. This was the first time the group had competed at Districts.

Bittleman and Pagan also earned an Excellent with Honorable Mention in the Duet Acting Category.

Drama President Lucy Lewis also served on the District 4 Crew and represented Pinellas Park High School at the closing awards ceremony on Dec. 3.



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## NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

February 2nd was National Signing Day for high school football. The Patriots football team had 4 seniors signing.

Thank You for your support and Go Patriots!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- |                     |                         |                           |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Kamrin Canterbury | Long Island University  | D1FCS                     |
| • Jerek Fields      | Ferris State University | D2 (2022 National Champs) |
| • Eric Triplett     | Lake Erie College       | D2                        |
| • Jamarion Williams | St. Thomas University   | NAIA                      |



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