

PATRIOT PRIDE

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

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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Brett Patterson, Ext. 2104

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James Adams, Ext. 2107
Traditional A – M (grades 9-11)

Cassandra Bogatz, Ext. 2115
Criminal Justice & Traditional T – Z (grades 9-11)

Kim Leitold, Ext. 2112
4th Year Students & Pinellas Innovates

Paul Peppers, Ext. 2122
First Responders & Traditional N – S (grades 9-11)

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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

Hello Patriots!!

The year has gone quickly and it is once again time to say farewell to our seniors. I would like to thank the senior class for the leadership of their peers, the dedication to their school and the continual pursuit of growth they demonstrated for themselves. The past four years has been an incredible journey and we wish them the success they have worked for and deserve. Congratulations Class of 2019!!



Future and returning Patriots. Being part of the Patriot family is an honor that I share with you every day. If you are not already involved with your school community, in addition to your dedication to the classroom, please consider one of the many options to get connected as a Patriot! Students that are involved make more connections for support, guidance and leadership that equates to more academic success. A great way to get involved before the start of school is being part of Summer Bridge. You can boost your GPA, meet new friends, make sure you are on track for graduation and possibly give you more flexibility with your schedule in the fall. Be sure to review the options available with your School Counselor.

Whether you are part of Summer Bridge or taking a break from your studies, I wish you a safe and restful summer and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Thank you again for a great year and enjoy your summer.

Brett Patterson
Principal

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STUDENT CALENDAR

May 8 & 10	Performing Arts Spring Musical
May 9	Thespian Inductions
May 16	Band Concert
May 16	First Responders Hurricane Showcase
May 22 - 29	Second semester final exams
May 24	Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday – No school for students
May 29	Last day for all students
June 7	Final report cards available for viewing on FOCUS

SAVE THE DATE

5/24/19 GRADUATION 10:15 AM TROPICANA FIELD

BELL SCHEDULE



Period	Begins	Ends	Minutes
1	7:20	8:08	48
2	8:14	9:00	46
3	9:06	9:52	46
4	9:58	10:44	46
5	10:50	11:36	46
6	11:42	12:58	46
7	1:04	1:50	46

Lunch is based on 6th period schedule

1st Lunch: 11:36 – 12:06	2nd Lunch: 12:28 – 12:58
Wings A, J, K, L, M, N, CJA	Wings B, C, D, E, F, G, H, Gym

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2018-19 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
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4 - 17

SAT Testing

Register at www.collegeboard.org

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION* additional fee applies
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4 - 22

PPHS TEAMS

Administrative Team

Brett Patterson	Principal	Admin A	pattersonb@pcsb.org
James Adams	Asst. Principal	Admin B	adamsjam@pcsb.org
Gr 9 – 11 Last names A-M			
Cassandra Bogatz	Asst. Principal	CJA bldg	bogatzc@pcsb.org
Gr 9 – 11 Last names T – Z and all Criminal Justice			
Kim Leitold	Asst. Principal	Guidance	leitoldk@pcsb.org
All 4th year and Patriot Innovates			
Paul Peppers	Asst. Principal	L 7 A	peppersp@pcsb.org
Gr 9 – 11 Last names N – S and all First Responders			

Guidance Team

Kathryn Gilbert	CJA bldg	gilbertkat@pcsb.org
Gr 9 & 10 Last names T – Z and all Criminal Justice		
Antonia Tijerina	Guidance	tijerina@pcsb.org
Gr 9 & 10 Last names A – S		
Jamie Wassermann	L 7 A	wassermannj@pcsb.org
Gr 11 & 12 Last names R – Z and all First Responders		
Elise Whitley	Guidance	whitleye@pcsb.org
Gr 11 & 12 Last names A – Q, all AVID and all Patriot Innovates		



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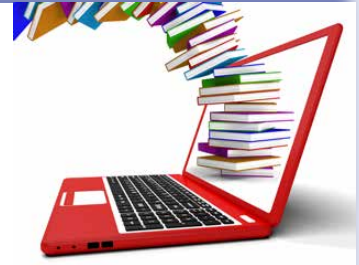
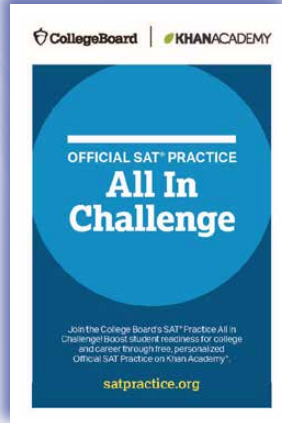
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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 10 ELA (or ACT/SAT concordant score) Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) or earn a comparative score on the (P.E.R.T.). Results from the Algebra I EOC constitute thirty percent of the final course grade when enrolled.
Students must participate in the EOC assessments in the following subjects: Biology, Geometry, U.S. History, and Algebra II (if enrolled). 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>.

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DISASTER DAY 2019



On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Pinellas Park High School's First Responder and Criminal Justice Academy seniors participated in a combined Disaster Day event. Seniors in both programs took hands-on skills they've learned within their respective programs and applied them to a hospital bombing scenario. First Responder underclassmen were victims, complete with moulage (makeup) to make injuries as real as possible. With the assistance of SunStar, BayFlite, the US Army, and the Pinellas Park Fire Department, students were able to extricate victims from the auditorium, triage them, and have them transported to local hospitals. They also demonstrated how to work with HAZMAT at a mass-casualty scene. This is the culmination of 4 years of Emergency Planning & Response training for First Responder students. Senior Noah Kidd, having just earned his Firefighter 1 certification, was assisted by the Pinellas Park Fire Department in extinguishing a fire to kick off Disaster Day and demonstrate his hard work in FF class.



students and teachers about the advances in drone technology and how drones are being used as another investigative tool in the first responder or criminal justice tool box.

The following week, the Criminal Justice Academy Mock Trial team put on a mock trial of the Disaster Day suspect to provide some closure to the event. The mock trial was open to all teachers, students, and staff to attend and gave the team an opportunity to showcase what they do. Also, First Responder students participated in the VA Bay Pines Hospital Disaster Drill on April 16th. They were victims of a chemical explosion for several local fire departments and for the VA Emergency Room staff. This entire event would not be possible without the gracious support we receive from the community and the teachers who help coordinate the event!

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER BRIDGE IS UNDERWAY

Does your student need help getting back on track? Summer Bridge high school programs offer students opportunities to earn required credits, build math skills and make up core courses.

- Register at www.pcsb.org/summerbridge



Senior First Responder Noah Kidd and Largo Firefighters extinguish the set blaze at this year's Disaster Day event.



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SWIMMING NEWS

The New Season will begin July 29th at Skyview pool in Pinellas Park. I will be holding a brief after school meeting for those interested in joining and returning swimmers on May 1st @ 1:55pm. From now until then, you are encouraged to work out and swim as often as possible. There are various clubs and summer programs available and many last year swimmers will be working out at Skyview over the summer. For more information about these, contact captains Aaron Kane or Kayle Corcoran and Coach Russell Rm# M-9

TENNIS TEAM 2019



Congratulations to the
Tennis Team Seniors!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY NEWS



Law Honor Society and Bogatz Board brought back Law Day and it was a huge success! Students in the Criminal Justice Academy really enjoyed a chance to have a day to interact with and learning from members of the local law community.

Congratulations to our Criminal Justice Academy Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams for their outstanding performances this year and fantastic representation of our school and our Judicial Circuit.

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PERMISSION TO LEAVE

If you know in advance that your child will need to leave during the school day, please provide a note with the following information:

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Session A 6/11 to 6/20

Session B 6/24 to 7/3

Session C 7/8-7/18

Sessions are 8:30 to 12:30 Monday through Thursday.

Contact Ms. Anderson at 538-7410 ext. 2114 to confirm your session reservation. *Seats are filling up fast!*

NEWS FROM ART DEPARTMENT

By Mary B. McElroy, Art Teacher

Congratulations to the following 2D and 3D art students for having their works accepted into the following districtwide art exhibitions this year:

Salvador Dali Student Surreal Show: Ani Williams

Scholastic Art: Savannah Actis and Sofiya Dudenkov

New Perspectives Art Exhibition: Sofiya Dudenkov, Cherrish Cannon, Mackenzie McDaniels and Richell Romero

3D+ Dimensions Art Exhibition: Nejla Latifovic

2019-2020 PCS Administration Bldg. Art Exhibition: Cherrish Cannon, Alicia Devalle, Tia Pham, Ani Williams, Nejla Latifovic, Marcelina Mical, Richell Romero, Sergio Romero and Ruth Sandoval

National Art Honor Society had a great year doing workshops, setting up art shows and taking a field trip to the Dali Art Museum in St. Petersburg, FL. Special thanks to **NAHS** President **Ani Williams**, Vice President **Jaqueline Doan**, Secretary **Marcelina Mical**, and Treasurer **Thao Vo**, for their dedication, creative planning and assistance throughout the school year.

And a BIG THANKS goes to Pinellas voters who support The Referendum and Pinellas County Schools Visual Arts classes!

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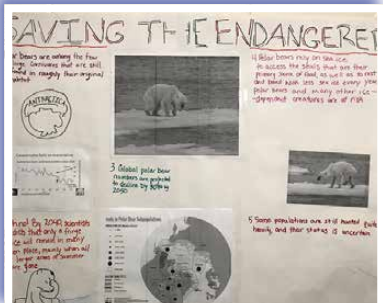
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THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

A creative student poster project highlights important issues.



Mr. Weber-Steffenson, Mrs. Narubin, Mrs. Elworth, Mrs. Fraddosio, Mrs. Bradley, Ms. Makelele, and Mr. Simmons.
Not pictured: Mr. Bauer, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Spencer.



FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA

The Future Educators of America are looking for students who have expressed an interest in pursuing education certification in post-secondary schooling. We are a junior Chapter with each college/University having senior Chapters that students can join. We support our teachers through welcoming New Teachers, offering help with organizing/cleaning throughout the year, providing teacher recognition gifts, and supporting the PTSA with appreciation week. Our best event takes place in January with a weekend trip to Orlando for connecting with state Jr/Sr chapters and training. For further information contact President – Dalena Phan or VP – Chau Nguyen or Mr. Russell Rm# M-9



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CORRECT SPELLING NEEDED FOR DIPLOMAS

Seniors, please be sure that your name is spelled correctly in Portal as diplomas are ordered using the names listed in Portal.

HEAD OF THE CLASS!

Pinellas Park High School is proud to announce Thao Vo as our 2019 Valedictorian and Roy Harrison as our 2019 Salutatorian.

ACADEMIC TEAM

The Academic team (A-team) finished this year with a Pizza party last month and chose Brian Do Tran as next year's team captain. We had a wonderful year and I look forward to having a great year in 2019/20 school year. Our team will meet once after the first week of school and then begin practices and recruitment in September 2019. We are looking for students who may have participated in middle school competitions or those that excel in individual subjects. Please see Mr. Russell in Room# M-9 in August after the first week of school.

FINISHING STRONG

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Right now, the focus of your student should be on a strong finish **and you can help**. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. **Please take the following steps to support your student during this critical time.**

1. **Reinforce positive and successful school habits.** Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
2. **Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules** on *Parent Portal*.
3. **Help your student to create a plan** to improve current weaknesses and prepare for final exams.
4. **Be aware of tutoring and study assistance** classes available at the school and encourage your student to participate.
5. **Re-establish your student's home-study routine.**
6. **Help your student to stay focused.** 'Coasting' is a natural, but deadly tendency.

Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message. Your child will thank you for it - someday.

