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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 2023!!

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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LAW DAY

Our Law Honor Society and Criminal Justice Academy students hosted LAW DAY this past March before Spring Break. Law Day showcased student demonstrations from our CJA students in conjunction with Pinellas Park Police Department (such as Felony Traffic Stops and other skills) and our Law Honor Society members (such as forensic investigations). Over 23 different law enforcement agencies, including military representations, universities, and college representatives, and first responder agencies, came with all their bells and whistles! There were K9 demonstrations and critical response teams showing how they handle emergency operations within the law enforcement environment. Students were able to learn about agencies in our community and made connections with classroom knowledge and the real-world with the hopes they understood more about opportunities for careers, internships, and possibilities for their future.



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MANIE MUSICALE DE MARS EST DE RETOUR À PPHS!

It's time again for Manie Musicale in the French classes at Pinellas Park High School! *Vive la Manie 2023!*

"Manie Musicale" is an annual competition of songs modeled after the NCAA March Madness basketball tournament in the U.S. Students in French classes fill out brackets to try to predict which of sixteen songs will win the *le championnat*. Then, once the tournament starts, students vote for their favorite songs to see who wins. Songs include a variety of contemporary Francophone artists from around the world. This year's group of performers has origins from ten different African countries, Haiti, Martinique, France, Belgium and several Canadian provinces. Our students learn about the artists and their cultures and communicate with each other to describe the songs and share their opinions. Since 2021 when Manie Musicale really began to grow, many of the artists have appreciated the attention of so many French learners and have personally interacted with the teachers and students through social media, video messages, Zoom interviews, and a few have even performed at school concerts! Some fan favorites who have engaged with the students in recent years are Stéphane Legar, Mickaël Pouvin, Amay Laoni, Céphaz, Ichon, Nassi, Lunis, Corneille, Le vent du nord, Julien Granel, Le FLOFranco and Missy D.

In 2023 French students from over 4100 schools are participating in Manie Musicale, spanning 22 countries around the world. Voting took place throughout March and after the final vote on April 3rd - 4th, Le FLOFranco was the winning artist with his song "Danser avec toi." Le FLOFranco was born in France of Haitian parents and moved to Ontario, Canada at a young age where he continues to share his love of music and the French language with all. French is truly a global language! *Vive le français et vive la musique!*

2023 MM Playlist

(6) manierefrains23 - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPUpnYuoKZA>



2023 MM Chorus Mashup

(60) Manie Musicale 2023 - YouTube
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STUDENTS WILL NOT BE RELEASED AFTER 1:45PM.

LAST NAME/PROGRAM

A-G: Melissa Velazquez – velazquezme@pcsb.org
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 R-T/First Responders: Erin Maffucci - maffuccie@pcsb.org
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CGJROTC

Pphs CGJROTC presented the nataional colors for the Tampa Bay Rays at Tropicana Field on April 1. Tyler Wagoner, Tristan Zybala, Mady Corcoran, and Lillyana DaCunha.

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A BIG Congratulations to Miriam Villa-Batista. The Fairy Godfather's Foundation gifted Miriam with an entire prom experience! They will provide everything she needs to make her prom day magical from her dress, hair & makeup, as well as transportation and dinner for her and her friends. Miriam is a very deserving young lady! We are so happy for you Miriam!



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Because Seniors are graduating early this year, their computers should be returned by April 28th OR after they complete their AP digital exams. Laptops and chargers may be returned to the front office or the library. There will be a charge for lost devices. Senior obligations must be settled before May 12.

This year, students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will be able to automatically renew their laptop checkouts through an icon located on their device home screens if they wish to keep the device over the summer. All laptops must be renewed or returned by May 12, 2023. Parents and students may return devices and chargers to our front office or the school library.

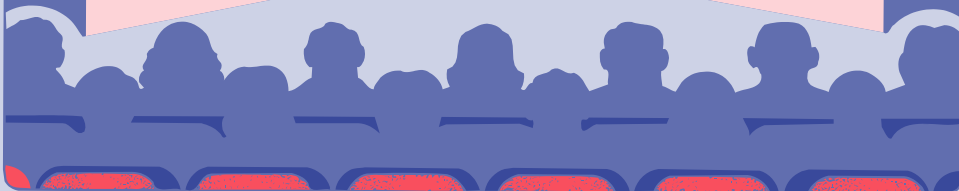
Ginger Brengle, MLS

Technology Coordinator

AVID Program Coordinator

THEATRE

Theatre and film students will be traveling to Francis Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater on May 5 to see the Disney musical *Beauty and the Beast*. "I wanted to expose students to community theatres in the area this semester. Many of them don't know about productions at the college and local levels beyond high school," said PPHS theatre director Karl Meinecke. In February, performing arts students saw *Broadway Our Way: Love* at the Central Park Performing Arts Center in Largo. That production featured singers and musicians from Broadway. "Most of the group hadn't seen actual Broadway performers. I think James Barbour made the biggest impression as he had played the phantom in *Phantom of the Opera* at one time. The kids were blown away by his performance," stated Meinecke. He signed their programs later in the lobby.



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JAZZ BAND

Pinellas Park High School Jazz Band Performed at Pinellas Park Elementary at their Spring Fling Event 3/24. PPHS Students got to entertain Pinellas Park Elementary Staff, Parents, and Students. The PPHS Jazz Band created a positive impact on the event and young students. Many elementary students who attended even stated "I want to join a jazz band when I'm bigger." In the weeks following, the Jazz Band received a package from the music teacher of Pinellas Park Elementary, Kristen Schibener. In the package, a letter stating the positive impact of our performance on her students and how much everyone enjoyed the performance. Also included were drawings from elementary students saying thank you for coming out and performing. Those drawings now proudly reside outside the band room on display.



PPHS Bands and Orchestras will be performing on May 10th at 7:00pm in the PPHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$5. We look forward to seeing you there!

FIRST RESPONDER

First Responder students took a field trip to St. Pete Clearwater airport where they got to participate in the Triennial Mass Casualty Drill.



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PATRIOT SINGERS

The PPHS Patriot Singers traveled to New York City and performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral on March 31. They spent 3 nights in the city, exploring Time Square, Central Park, Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Plaza, Freedom Tower at the 9/11 Memorial and even watched the Broadway show, Aladdin! We are extremely proud of their accomplishment. Students had to audition for the group and attend after school rehearsals throughout the school year to qualify to attend. Proud to be a Patriot!


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VIVE LE FRANÇAIS!

Students in French classes tried out their culinary skills by creating and sampling *les crêpes* to celebrate Mardi Gras. *Bonne fête et bon appétit!*

