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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pirate Community,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. It is definitely a busy time at school and it is hard to believe that we are preparing for the end of the school year. Our staff and students are working incredibly hard to get ready for the many assessments that will be administered in late April and all of May. The assessments include Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge AICE, FAST testing in English, and End of Course (EOC) exams in Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, and US History. Families can help students do their best by ensuring that they get plenty of rest and eating a healthy breakfast prior to testing.

The end of a school year also brings many opportunities for celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of students in and out of the classroom. Our school calendar is filled with many banquets, award ceremonies, and inductions needed to recognize those students that have excelled throughout the school year. If your student is invited to be a part of any of these celebrations, I would highly encourage you to share in those moments. It is the highlight of the school year to be a part of students, staff, and families coming together in recognition of all that has been earned this school year.

It is an exciting time for our seniors in class of 2023 as they prepare for their graduation. As a reminder, graduation is at the Charlotte Harbor Events Center in Punta Gorda on May 17th at 7:00 pm. Each family will be receiving four tickets to the event. Seniors that have not ordered a cap-n-gown for graduation can order them at HerffJones.com. Please order your cap-n-gown as soon as possible to avoid missing the deadline. I want to thank each of our seniors in the class of 2023 for their leadership, outstanding effort, and for getting involved and staying involved over the last four years. Your class is amazing and will be missed. Best of luck to each of you!

Sincerely,
Louis M Long
Principal



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS LETTER

From Mrs. Forbus - Ast. Principal of Curriculum

Hello PIRATE Families,

We are in the home stretch!!!

I would like to begin by personally thanking you for supporting and encouraging your students through such a difficult school year! Our students continue to prove how resilient they truly are.

Please monitor our school website for ALL the upcoming end of year activities that your student will have an opportunity to be involved in.

Did you know that we have been checking attendance and rewarding students that are coming to school? Our ATTENDANCE (celebrating 3rd quarter attendance) will take place on April 5th during 6th and 7th period. Students had to maintain 3 or less late arrivals to class, and 2 or less days absent. The list of students that officially qualify will be printed and posted for students. We will have the same DJ that plays music at our homecoming and prom dances.

With the 4th quarter, comes several end-of-year assessments. Your students that are enrolled in AICE or AP coursework will be given official testing schedules in the next few weeks. It is SO important that they review these schedules as many assessments overlap. All testing coordinators have worked together to be sure that your student will take all required end-of-year assessments. In addition to AICE and AP, the EOC and FAST assessments will be placed on the calendar located on our school website.

We have completed the 2023-2024 course request process. If your student has NOT turned in their course requests for next school year, please have them schedule a meeting with their counselor so they can get this completed (THIS INCLUDES INCOMING FRESHMEN).

I look forward to celebrating all student achievements as we begin to close out another school year. Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions or concerns.

Natasha Forbus, Assistant Principal of Curriculum

DIGITAL NEWS UPDATE!

Parents! Port Charlotte High School will be issuing a monthly digital newsletter via email next school year! Please make sure that your email address in FOCUS is accurate so you receive more regular updates from PCHS!

ON AIR RADIO

PIRATE RADIO

The new Digital Audio Production class is proud to announce that PCHS' first-ever streaming radio station is live on the internet airwaves. "PCHS Pirate Radio" features a music library of several thousand songs, and broadcasts material 24/7. Some stations claim to appeal to eclectic tastes, but Pirate Radio lives up to that description -- with student-curated programming and content, the station features everything from today's pop hits to classic rock, jazz, funk, and country - and even a dash of movie soundtracks!

Eventually, the class will be hosting live programming for part of the day, and will also host radio coverage of school news, student podcasts, and sporting events, in addition to "themed" music shows, all engineered and hosted by the Audio Production students.

Have any old CDs lying around? Pirate Radio can put them to good use!

But it doesn't stop there -- attention, budding Pirate musicians! Pirate Radio is also now the home of Walk the Plank Studios, a full digital recording studio, complete with a ProTools interface, vocal isolation booth, various instruments & drum machines, and the ability to track student performers and produce professional-sounding mp3s... or even burn multiple copies of your debut CD! Watch Pirate TV for upcoming announcements on how you can book studio time.

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Project Graduation

Dear Community Leaders:

As a business executive in Charlotte County, you are one of the most important aspects of a strong community. At Port Charlotte High School, we are looking for community leaders to lend support to build a stronger school, community, and future workforce.

Port Charlotte High School will be hosting Project Graduation for the class of 2023. Project Graduation is an all-night (11 pm – 5 am), carefully supervised “Lock-In.” It is an alcohol-free, drug-free party for our graduating Seniors. A night of celebration, camaraderie, and fun held on the campus of Port Charlotte High School.

Our goal is to raise at least \$20,000 to ensure a fun-filled, long-treasured memory for our children. If any parent, friend, business associate, or family member is willing to help our fundraising effort, contributions may be made to

**PCHS PROJECT GRADUATION CLASS OF 2023,
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If your business can donate prizes and/or items to be raffled off, please contact us at 941-255-7485 ext 7588.

If you would like to help make this a successful campaign, a donation from your business will help our endeavor. This donation could either be monetary or an item we could use as a prize. As a community leader, your support is greatly appreciated.

All of us on the Project Graduation Committee thank you, in advance, for helping to bring this wonderful opportunity to all graduating students of the Class of 2023.

Sincerely,
Matina Pulliam
Senior Class Advisor

Port Charlotte High School

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Attendance Office (Absences)	255-7492
FAX #	255-7493
Operator	255-7485
Athletic Office	*7501
Band	*7628
Career Information Center (CIC)	*7519
Chorus	*7633
Dean's Office	*7568
Guidance	*7529
Media Center	*7604
NJROTC	*7649
Nurse	*7530
Principal's Office	*7533
School Resource Officer	*7516
Student Office	*7528
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- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- The FortifyFL Reporting APP or the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1.

GRADUATION UPDATE

Graduation Ceremonies will be held **Wednesday May 17th at the Harbor Event Center at 7:30pm** this year. This change is a result of continued repairs to the Sports Park from Hurricane Ian. Tickets will be limited this year due to the change in venue. More information will be announced soon via regular communications.



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AICE TESTING SCHEDULE

Syllabus Title	Date
Marine Science (9693/11)	Monday 24 April 2023 (PM)
Thinking Skills (9694/11)	Monday 24 April 2023 (PM)
English General Paper (8021/11)	Tuesday 25 April 2023 (AM)
Travel & Tourism (9395/11)	Tuesday 25 April 2023 (PM)
English Language (9093/11)	Wednesday 26 April 2023 (AM)
Global Perspectives (9239/11)	Wednesday 26 April 2023 (AM)
Environmental Management (8291/11)	Wednesday 26 April 2023 (PM)
English General Paper (8021/21)	Thursday 27 April 2023 (AM)
Marine Science (9693/21)	Thursday 27 April 2023 (PM)
Spanish Language (8685/21)	Thursday 27 April 2023 (PM)
English Language (9093/21)	Friday 28 April 2023 (AM)
Thinking Skills (9694/21)	Friday 28 April 2023 (PM)
Environmental Management (8291/21)	Monday 01 May 2023 (PM)
Business (9609/11)	Tuesday 2 May 2023 (PM)
History (9489/11)	Tuesday 2 May 2023 (PM)
Business (9609/21)	Thursday 04 May 2023 (PM)
History (9489/21)	Thursday 04 May 2023 (PM)
Media Studies (9607/21)	Thursday 04 May 2023 (AM)
Sociology (9699/11)	Monday 08 May 2023 (PM)
Sociology (9699/21)	Thursday 11 May 2023 (PM)
Literature in English (9695/11)	Friday 12 May 2023 (AM)
Music (Listening) (9483/11)	Wednesday 17 May 2023 (PM)
Literature in English (9695/21)	Friday 19 May 2023 (AM)
Spanish Language (8685/31)	Friday 19 May 2023 (PM)
Drama (9482/11)	Wednesday 24 May 2023 (PM)

Testing times and locations will be announced at a later time. Candidates will receive that information from their classroom teacher.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE

Course	Date
US Government	May 1, 2023
Environmental Science	May 2, 2023
Psychology	May 2, 2023
English Literature	May 3, 2023
Comparative Government	May 3, 2023
Human Geography	May 4, 2023
Macroeconomics	May 4, 2023
Seminar	May 4, 2023
Statistics	May 4, 2023
US History	May 5, 2023
Calculus AB	May 8, 2023
Calculus BC	May 8, 2023
English Language	May 9, 2023
Spanish Language	May 10, 2023
Biology	May 10, 2023
World History Modern	May 11, 2023
Physics 1: Algebra-Based	May 11, 2023

Locations will be announced at a later date through the classroom teacher.



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Date	Time	Opponent	Location
4/20	4:00	Venice	Venice
4/24	4:00	District Tournament	TBD

BASEBALL - VARSITY

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
4/21	7:00	Lemon Bay	Rays Stadium
4/24	7:00	Sarasota	Sarasota HS
4/26	7:00	Cypress Lake	Cypress Lake HS

BASEBALL - JV

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
4/21	4:00	Lemon Bay	PCHS

SOFTBALL

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
VO=Varsity Only, JV/V			
4/20	5/7	Bonita Springs	PCHS
4/21	7:00VO	Estero	Estero HS
4/25	7:00VO	Mariner	PCHS
4/27	5/7	Venice	Venice HS

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PROM

Prom is being held May 13, 2023. Tickets will be available through April. Tickets are \$65 Pre-sale and \$70 for Guests.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

YEARBOOK PRE-ORDER!

Yearbooks will be coming in the **end of April**! Only a limited amount of copies have been ordered, so if you would like guarantee your copy, pre-order at <https://yearbookforever.com/>.

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Guidance Counselor assignments 2022-2023:

- Pam Johnson 9th Grade
- Rebel Balkman 10th Grade
- James Strauss 11th Grade
- Jodi Harvey 12th Grade

CLASS REMIND CODES

Text the following code to 81010:

- Freshmen: @3ghd4c
- Sophomore: @pch soph25
- Juniors: @pchjun24
- Freshmen: @pcsenior23

PIRATE PUZZLER

Put your brain to the test with these riddles and brain teasers! Answers published in the next Pipeline Issue.

This weeks Riddle: How do you make a pirate angry?

Last week's Answers:

1. An Egg
2. A Sponge
3. He was Bald!



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 5th	Senior Splash Party <i>SENIORS ONLY</i>
May 8th-11th	SENIOR FINAL EXAMS
May 11th	Senior Awards Night
May 13th	PROM
May 15th-17th	Graduation Practice <i>SENIORS ONLY</i>
May 17th	Graduation 7:30 @Harbor Event Center
May 22-26th	Underclassmen Final Exams
May 26th	Last Day for Students - End of Q4



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