



PIRATE PIPELINE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pirate Community,

It is my hope that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe. I am excited that the start of the new school year for 2023/24 is just a few days away. I am looking forward to welcoming both staff and students back to school. It has been a very busy summer on campus. The major repairs to the facility due to the hurricane last fall are nearing completion and the custodial team is almost done readying our classrooms and common areas for teachers and students. I know everyone is excited about getting back into our media center and auditorium at the start of the school year.

Academically, our community can be proud of what our staff and students have accomplished this past school year. Even though school grades do not officially come out until the fall, the testing data that we do have indicates that our school grade will be higher than the previous school year. Some highlights include being first in the school district in math achievement, science achievement, and the most growth overall. In Advanced Placement (AP) compared to the previous school year, we increased our overall pass rate and the total number of exams passed increased from 179 to 232 (23% increase). Later this fall we will also receive the number of passed Cambridge AICE exams as well as the number of students that earned their AP and AICE diplomas. It was an outstanding academic school year, and each of us should take a moment to celebrate what has been accomplished.

Just a reminder to our all of our students that Open House is Monday, August 7th. Students in the 9th grade should be in the big gym at 5:30 pm



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for a meeting. After the meeting, all 9th grade students will report to their assigned first period class to get their schedules and take a self-guided tour to find the rest of their classes and meet all of their teachers. All upperclassmen are invited to Open House at 6:00 pm. Student locaters for first period will be posted outside of the student office and CIC. Upperclassmen can pick up their schedules from their first period teachers and also visit each of their classes and meet their teachers. Open House will conclude with a Senior Class meeting at 6:45 pm in the auditorium.

Seniors, your last year of high school is starting soon, do not miss your opportunities to "get involved and stay involved" throughout the year. Graduation in May 2024 will be here quicker than you think. Enjoy all of the moments we will share this year. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Louis M. Long
Principal

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Guidance Counselor assignments
2023-2024:

- Freshman - Bailey Wood
- Sophomores - Jodi Harvey
- Juniors - Pam Johnson
- Seniors - James Strauss

CLASS REMIND CODES

Text the following code to 81010:

- Freshman - @pchs2027
- Sophomores - @pch2026
- Juniors - @pchjun25
- Seniors - @pcsnr24

DIGITAL NEWS UPDATE!

Parents! Port Charlotte High School will be issuing a monthly digital newsletter via email for the 23/24 school year! Please make sure that your email address in FOCUS is accurate so you receive more regular updates from PCHS!



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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.

All this and more at PCHS Pirate Radio -- the best sounds on the seven seas!



FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Attendance Office (Absences)	255-7492
FAX #	255-7493
Operator	255-7485
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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
<i>(Early Exits/Tardies)</i>	

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Pirate Package.....	\$150
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- Graduations Fees – Senior Breakfast – Red and Black T-Shirt – Access to all Senior Activities

Super Pirate Package \$250

- Graduations Fees – Senior Breakfast – Red and Black T-Shirt – Access to all Senior Activities – GRAD BASH @ Universal Studios

There will be NO refunds on dues that have been paid. Once the Grad Bash fee has been paid a refund will NOT be given.

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Prom Tickets or Project Graduations entry fee.***

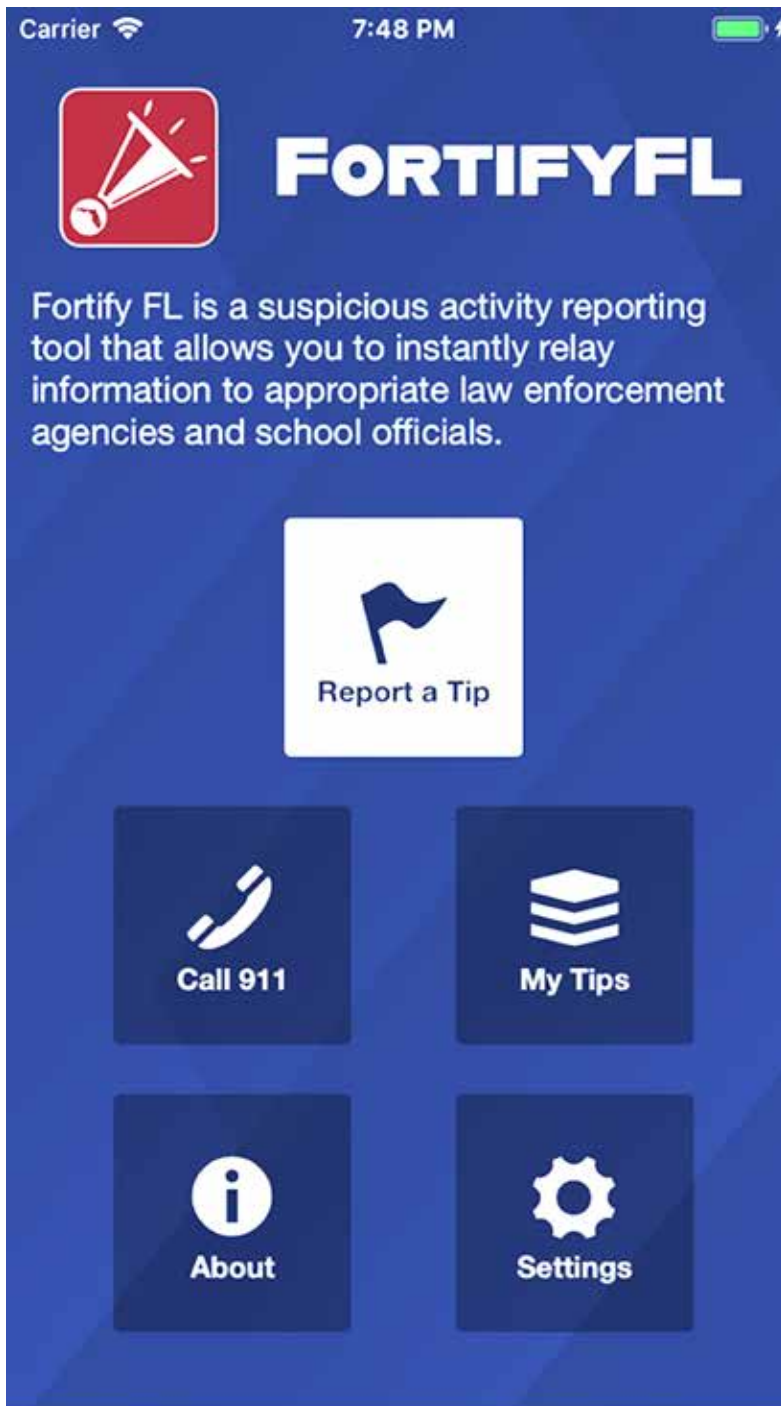
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- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
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The District Title IX Coordinators and Equity Compliance Officers for the District are Adrienne McElroy (Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Labor Relations), available at (941) 255-0808, Michael Desjardins (Assistant Superintendent for School Support), available at (941) 255-0808, and Danielle Hudzina (Director of Human Resources), available at (941) 255-0808. The District Section 504 Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator is Rebecca Marazon (Coordinator of Psychological Services), available at (941) 255-0808. (School Board Policy 2260).

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REGULAR SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024



JULY '23						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		
31						

4 Independence Day

AUGUST '23						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
	1	2	3	4		3
7	8	9	10	11	2	8
14	15	16	17	18	7	13
21	22	23	24	25	12	18
28	29	30	31		16	22

2 First Day for Teachers
 2 School PD Day #1
 4 District PD Day #1
 3, 7-9 Teacher Work Days and
 1 School PD Day (#2)
 10 First day for students

SEPTEMBER '23						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
				1	17	23
4	5	6	7	8	21	27
11	12	13	14	15	26	32
18	19	20	21	22	31	37
25	26	27	28	29	36	42

4 Labor Day

OCTOBER '23						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
2	3	4	5	6	41	47
9	10	11	12	13	46	52
16	17	18	19	20	50	57
23	24	25	26	27	55	62
30	31				57	64

9-13 Survey Window
 13 End of Qtr 1
 16 Teacher Work Day

NOVEMBER '23						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
		1	2	3	60	67
6	7	8	9	10	64	72
13	14	15	16	17	69	77
20	21	22	23	24	71	80
27	28	29	30		75	84

6 District PD Day #2
 10 Veteran's Day observed
 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
 23 Thanksgiving Day/Pd Holiday

DECEMBER '23						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
				1	76	85
4	5	6	7	8	81	90
11	12	13	14	15	86	95
18	19	20	21	22	90	100
25	26	27	28	29	90	101

21 End of Qtr 2
 22 Start of Winter Break
 For Students
 22 Teacher Work day
 25 Christmas Day/Pd Holiday

JANUARY '24						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
1	2	3	4	5	90	102
8	9	10	11	12	95	107
15	16	17	18	19	99	111
22	23	24	25	26	104	116
29	30	31			107	119

1 New Year's Day/Pd Holiday
 2-3 Winter Break Continued
 4 HMU #3 Students/Teachers
 5 HMU #2 Students/Teachers
 8 Students/Teachers Return
 15 M.L.K. Day

FEBRUARY '24						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
			1	2	109	121
5	6	7	8	9	114	126
12	13	14	15	16	118	130
19	20	21	22	23	122	134
26	27	28	29		126	138

5-9 Survey Window
 16 HMU #1 Students/Teachers
 19 Presidents' Day

MARCH '24						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
				1	127	139
4	5	6	7	8	132	144
11	12	13	14	15	136	149
18	19	20	21	22	136	149
25	26	27	28	29	140	154

14 End of Qtr 3
 15 Teacher Work Day
 18-22 Spring Break
 29 Good Friday/Pd Holiday

APRIL '24						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
1	2	3	4	5	145	159
8	9	10	11	12	150	164
15	16	17	18	19	155	169
22	23	24	25	26	160	174
29	30				162	176

MAY '24						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
		1	2	3	165	179
6	7	8	9	10	170	184
13	14	15	16	17	175	189
20	21	22	23	24	180	194
27	28	29	30	31	196	

24 Last day for Students/
 24 End of Qtr 4
 27 Memorial Day
 28 Teacher Work Day
 29 District PD Day #3
 29 Last Day for Teachers

JUNE '24						
M	T	W	Th	F	SD	TD
3	4	5	6	7		
10	11	12	13	14		
17	18	19	20	21		
24	25	26	27	28		

Grading Period Dates	Everyone Off/Unpaid
Students Off/Teachers Work	Everyone Off/Paid Holiday



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 10	Students Return
August 14	Underclassmen Class Meetings
August 15	Senior Class Meeting
August 30	Senior Portraits
September 1	Pep Rally Schedule
September 1	Var. Football @Charlotte 7pm
September 4	Labor day! No Schoolx
September 6	Underclassmen Picture Day
September 19	Senior Portraits
September 26	SAC Meeting 6pm



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