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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Pirate Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and safe and that you have had a great start to the New Year. Even though the effects of the hurricane continue to persist, our staff and students are overcoming those obstacles through hard work and a positive “can do” attitude. Our community should be proud of the effort given by everyone at school in pursuit of student success. If we can maintain this momentum as we start the second semester, I believe that our students will be in an excellent academic position to excel during the state testing season later in the spring.

I want to thank all of our families that have supported our school wide initiatives this year. To date, our students have done an outstanding job wearing their ID badges each day, the rate of daily attendance is higher than last year, and continue to work with our staff in compliance with the new dress code and cell phone policies. The support at home is appreciated, and it is making a positive difference during the school day. Please continue to encourage your student about following the expectations that have been established for the remainder of the school year.

We are excited to announce that graduation for our seniors in the class of 2023 will be held at the Charlotte Harbor Events Center in Punta Gorda on May 17th at 7:00 pm. Seniors, the deadline for ordering your cap and gown for graduation in February 15th. If you have not already, please register and then order your cap and gown at www.herffjones.com. This time of year will go quickly, and I highly encourage all of seniors to participate in all of the senior activities that are still left this school year. It is never too late to get involved. I am looking forward to celebrating the last half of the school year with our seniors.

Sincerely,
Louis M Long
Principal



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For the Parents, Staff, Students and Community of Port Charlotte High School



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 and 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!

MODEL



UNITED NATIONS

PCHS MODEL UN COMPETES AT GATORMUN!

Over the weekend of January 21st, the Model United Nations team competed at the University of Florida's GatorMUN competition.

Club Co-Presidents Kajsa Carlsen and Grant Ward placed 1st and 4th respectively in their committees. Additionally, Anindita Carlsen and Cole Beiner also placed 1st, Emelia Valentz placed 2nd, and Avery Gauthier placed 3rd.

The team will continue their competition season this February in Miami at the University of Miami MICSUN conference and the FGCU SWFLMUN conference this March, where they will have the opportunity to earn scholarships and cash awards.

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- Submit to Ms. Chandler at:
 - theresa.chandler@yourcharlotteschools.net
 - or drop off at school or you can order and pay online through the yearbook tab from PCHS website.*Payments in form of check are written to Port Charlotte High
 - *Contact Ms. Chandler for questions via email or (941)255-7485 ext 7593 (Deadline 11/30/22)

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.



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
<i>(Early Exits/Tardies)</i>	

PROM INFORMATION

Prom is being held May 13, 2023. Tickets will be available after Spring Break, and details on cost and theme will be announced via morning announcements soon. Listen carefully for details and see Mrs. Achziger for more information.

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Guidance Counselor assignments 2022-2023:

Pam Johnson 9th Grade
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James Strauss 11th Grade
Jodi Harvey 12th Grade

CLASS REMIND CODES

Text the following code to 81010:

Freshmen: @3ghd4c
Sophomore: @pchsoph25
Juniors: @pchjun24
Freshmen: @pcsenior23

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.

TESTING CALENDAR 22/23 SCHOOL YEAR

FEBRUARY 2023

2/22 ELA Writing Retake
2/23 ELA Reading Session 1 Retake
2/24 ELA Reading Session 2 Retake
2/28-3/1 Algebra 1 Retake (Grades 11 & 12)

MARCH 2023

3/1 SAT Non-Reportable (Grades 11 & 12)
3/2-3/3 Algebra 1 Retake (Grades 9 & 10)
3/6-3/8 ELA & Algebra Retake MakeUps

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.

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ATHLETIC NEWS

SWIM STATES RESULTS

After another hurricane delay, the Swim team competed in the 2A State meet in December. Our boys 200 Medley Relay (Mason Drumm, Tonio Hensel, Nick Moya, Zack Moya) started us off by moving up from 18th to 15th and qualifying for finals. Tonio swam a time fast enough to qualify for finals in the 200 free but unfortunately got disqualified for moving on the blocks. Carolyn Alyward qualified for finals in the 50 free and just missed out on finals by .1 in the 100 free. Tonio then qualified for the A finals in the 100 breaststroke.

In finals, the relay dropped more time and moved up to 14th place. Carolyn swam a season-best time and finished the 50 free in 12th place. Tonio dropped a personal best time of 58.8 in the 100 breaststroke and finished in 3rd place!

GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING UPDATE

On January 11th, the Girl's Weightlifting competed in a meet against Fort Myers. The girls performed VERY well against a strong Fort Myers squad.

The team had 58 new personal bests set and matched 25 personal records in snatch, clean & jerk, bench, Olympic totals, and traditional totals.

The girls will be competing in the District Meet which will be held on campus on January 26th against strong teams from Braden River, Southeast, Parrish, Bayshore, and Booker high schools.

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SPORT SCHEDULES

Remaining 2023 Pirate Boys Basketball

Head Coach: Kip Rhoten

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
2/3	TBA (V)	Stinger Shootout	Bartow
2/4	TBA (JV)	JV Tournament	
2/6-10		Districts	
2/16		Regional Quarter Final	
2/21		Regional Semi-Final	
2/24		Regional Final	
2/27		State Championship	

2023 Beach Volleyball

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
2/24	TBD	Bishop Verot and Ida Baker	Home
2/28	3:30	Venice	Home
3/2	4:00	North Port	North Port
3/7	4:00	Lemon Bay	Home
3/10	TBD	Parish Community Tournament	TBD
3/23	4:00	Charlotte High	Charlotte
3/27	TBD	Bishop Verot	Home
3/29	4:00	Mariner	Home
4/4	4:00	North Port	Home
4/6	4:00	Lemon Bay	Lemon Bay
4/11	4:00	Charlotte	Home
4/13	TBD	Mariner	Mariner
4/19	4:00	Estero (SENIOR NIGHT)	Home
4/20	4:00	Venice	Venice
4/24	4:00	District Tournament	TBD

2023 Pirate Baseball - Varsity

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
2/14	TBA	Imagine (Pre-season)	Atwater Park
2/16	TBA	North Port (Pre-season)	North Port HS

2/21	7:00	Naples	PCHS
2/22	7:00	Cypress Lake	PCHS
2/24	7:00	Palmetto	Palmetto HS
3/1	7:00	Imagine	Atwater Park
3/3	6:00	Sarasota Riverview	PCHS
3/6	7:00	Parrish	Parrish HS
3/8	7:00	Ft. Meyers	Ft. Meyers HS
3/10	7:00	IMG Royal	PCHS
3/13-17	TBA	Spring Break Tournament	Sebring HS
3/22	7:00	Manatee	GT Bray Park
3/24	7:00	Parrish	PCHS
3/28	7:00	Charlotte	PCHS
3/31	7:00	Island Coast	PCHS
4/5	7:00	North Port	PCHS
4/7	7:00	Charlotte	Charlotte HS
4/12	7:00	Imagine	PCHS
4/14	7:00	IMG Silver	IMG Academy
4/17	7:00	Out of Door Academy	PCHS
4/19	7:00	Bishop Verot	PCHS
4/21	7:00	Lemon Bay	Rays Stadium
4/24	7:00	Sarasota	Sarasota HS
4/26	7:00	Cypress Lake	Cypress Lake HS

2023 Pirate Baseball - JV

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
2/21	4:00	Naples	PCHS
2/22	4:00	Cypress Lake	PCHS
2/24	4:00	Palmetto	Palmetto HS
2/27	TBA	Parish HS JV Tournament	Parrish HS
3/6	4:00	Parrish	Parrish HS
3/8	4:00	Ft Meyers	Ft Meyers HS
3/10	4:00	IMG JV	PCHS
3/22	4:00	Manatee	GT Bray HS
3/24	4:00	Parrish	PCHS
3/28	4:00	Charlotte	PCHS

3/31	4:00	Island Coast	PCHS
4/5	4:00	North Port	PCHS
4/7	4:00	Charlotte	Charlotte HS
4/10	6:00	Sarasota	PCHS
4/12	4:00	Imagine School	PCHS
4/14	7:00	IMG JV	IMG Academy
4/19	4:00	Bishop Verot	PCHS
4/21	4:00	Lemon Bay	PCHS

2023 Pirate Softball

Date	Time	JV/V	Opponent	Location VO=Varsity Only
2/15	5:00		Riverview	Lemon Bay HS
2/17	7:15		Venice	Venice HS
2/22	5/7		North Port	NPHS
2/28	5/7		Venice	PCHS
3/3	5:30/7		Desoto	Desoto HS
3/6	7:00VO		Charlotte	CHS
3/7	7:00VO		Oasis	PCHS
3/10	5:30/7		Hardee	Hardee HS
3/14	7:00VO		Mariner	Mariner HS
3/22	7:00VO		Manatee	PCHS
3/24	7:00VO		Baren Collier	Barron Collier HS
3/28	5:30/7		Hardee	PCHS
3/30	5/7		North Port	PCHS
4/3	7:00VO		Charlotte	PCHS
4/5	7:00VO		Manatee	Manatee HS
4/6	6:30VO		Sebring	PCHS
4/10	5:30/7		Desoto	PCHS
4/11	6:30VO		Sebring	Sebring HS
4/13	7:00VO		Oasis	Oasis School
4/17	7:00VO		Evangelical Christian	PCHS
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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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

February 20th	PRESIDENTS' DAY – NO SCHOOL
February 27th	Q3 Progress Reports Published in FOCUS
February 28th	SAC Meeting
March 8th	Sidewalk Chalk
March 8th	Senior Hall of Fame - 7pm
March 13th – 17th	SPRING BREAK
March 20th	TEACHER WORKDAY – NO SCHOOL
March 31st	Grad Bash <i>SENIORS ONLY</i>
April 6th	Senior Easter Egg Hunt <i>SENIORS ONLY</i>
April 7th	Good Friday NO SCHOOL
April 19th	Senior Speech Auditions <i>SENIORS ONLY</i>
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



PIRATE PUZZLER

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

1. You are in a race, and pass the person in Second Place. What place are you in now?

2. Two fathers and Two sons are riding in a car, but there are only three people in the car. How is that possible?

3. What has 13 hearts, but no lungs or stomach?

