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Punta Gorda Middle School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope all of you were able to take some time to enjoy the holidays with your family and friends. As you know, because of the time we were out during Hurricane Ian, we do not finish the first semester until January 20th. As always, we will have our semester exams the last four days of the semester so they will be January 17th through January 20th. As we start the second semester, I am asking that you help your student stay focused on his/her grades. The third quarter is traditionally the time of year when students tend to slack off.

In this newsletter, you will find a list of some important dates coming up as well as other important information about events happening at our school. We will have try-outs for Volleyball in January with the season to follow. Our 8th graders will begin their registration for high school in February so a representative from Charlotte High School will be at our January SAC meeting and a representative from FSW will be at our February SAC meeting. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we have an author coming to speak to our 6th graders in February. You can always go to our school website for more information.

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Mrs. Justina Dionisio,
Principal

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Gate Procedures

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Parking

If the parking lot is full, you may use the parent pick up lane and park along the sidewalk. Please do not park along the sidewalk adjacent to the flagpole. This area is reserved for emergency vehicles only.



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Semester 1 Exam Schedule

Monday, January 16 - Holiday, No School

Tuesday, January 17 - Period 1 exam

Wednesday, January 18 - Periods 2 & 3 exams

Thursday, January 19 - Periods 4 & 5 exams

Friday, January 20 - Periods 6 & 7 exams

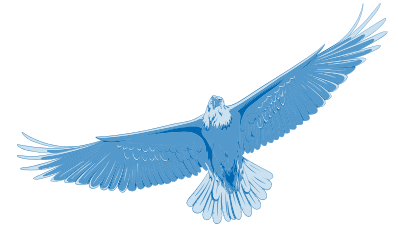
Friday, January 20 - End of Quarter 2 and Semester 1



Hello Parents and Students,

The yearbook is now on sale for \$40. If you are interested in featuring your child in the yearbook, you have the option to purchase a full page for \$120 or ¼ page for \$50. Additionally, you get to design and personalize the ad to create lasting memories. The sale ends on March 31, 2023, so be sure to get yours before they sell out!

To make your purchase easy, simply click on the QR code and you will be directed to the site to make your purchase and design a personal ad. Please contact renee.council@yourcharlotteschools.net with any questions.



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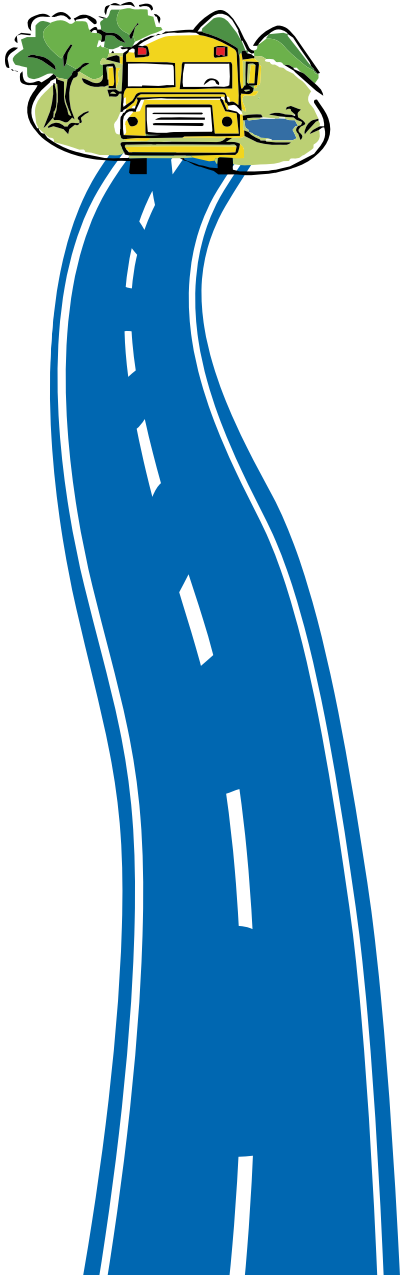
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Field-Trip!



Reminder for 8th Grade End of Year Field Trip

- Collection Coming soon!
- The PGMS eighth grade class is planning our end-of-the-year field trip to Busch Gardens. The trip is Wednesday, April 26, 2023.
- Your arrival at school that morning is 7:45 A.M. We return by 8:00 P.M. that evening.
- The cost for the trip is \$95.00 per student and \$95.00 for each chaperone
- The cost for students and chaperones with an annual pass/Fun pass to Busch Gardens is \$30
- All chaperones must ride the bus with the group of students (4-6) they are supervising.
- Collection dates: Students may pay on any of the following dates: February 6th- February 17th, 2023. Collections will take place on the third floor, room 315, from 8:50-9:10 A.M. Cash or check.
- Please make check payable to Punta Gorda Middle School.
- PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF PAYMENTS IN THE FRONT OFFICE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.
- Collections are in the morning only

****If you are interested in sponsoring a child who cannot afford this trip, any amount is greatly appreciated! You can donate in February during the collection window. Any amount helps. Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

ALL chaperones must fill out and turn in a current volunteer form. This can be located on our school webpage or ask Mrs. Combs for one. ALL chaperones are accepted after completion/verification of the county volunteer form. This must be completed each school year. Thank you!

We are looking forward to a great day together at Busch Gardens!

*Groups will be decided in March of 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Diane Combs at diane.combs@yourcharlotteschools.net

****Students who accumulate seven or more large referrals will NOT be permitted to go on the trip.**

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The PGMS PBIS team has been working hard this school year to celebrate student success! Our team is committed to helping students achieve improved social & academic outcomes, discipline issues, and support our staff along the way. With PBIS, families, students, and school personnel set goals and work together to achieve positive outcomes. Beyond daily interaction, each quarter, the team has been actively showcasing students that are making good choices on campus with our Eagle Buck reward system. Our S.O.A.R.-ing Eagle Awards and Eagle Bucks ensure that students see the impact their positive behaviors have on our campus with daily/weekly prizes and recognition. Our first quarterly award recognition day was a huge success for all grade levels. Many Eagle Bucks earned are being spent in classrooms and at the school store. Quarter 2 rewards will be celebrated on February 3rd. Keep earning those Eagle Bucks and SOARing Eagle awards, Eagles! We are so proud of you!

We had a great turn out for our first Family Fun Night of the year! Thank you to all of the PGMS families, staff volunteers, PGMS PTO volunteers, and School Board member, Kim Amontree, for joining in on the fun. We had a blast eating snacks and watching "Home Alone" in the cafeteria together!

The PBIS Team would like to thank our community sponsors: Beef O'Brady's of Punta Gorda, Moe's, Dairy Queen (Kings Highway), Bowland of Port Charlotte, Hungry Howie's, Copperfish Books, and WrightWay Emergency Services.

Thank you to Copperfish Books and Mrs. Kathleen Skavroneck at Deep Creek Elementary for your very generous book donation. Eagles have been actively using their Eagle Bucks in the school store and receive a book of their choice as an added bonus. Our Eagles love to READ! We are hoping to purchase a book vending machine in the near future, funded through grants and other donations.

If you are a member of the community or own a business that would like to contribute to the PBIS efforts at our school, through donations, please contact Team Leaders, Summer Nicklas (summer.nicklas@yourcharlotteschools.net) or Eric Comment (eric.comment@yourcharlotteschools.net).



News from Computers

Congratulations to our PGMS 8th graders who earned Microsoft Office Specialist-Associate certificates in October: Gianna Borg, Rocco Vacanti, Branson Louey, Serenity Alvarez, and Giovanni Hernandez are all certified in Microsoft Word 2019, PowerPoint 2019, and Excel 2019, which is what's required to earn the MOS-Associate certificate.

Serenity Alvarez earned three certifications: PowerPoint certification, and then took the Excel test and passed it, too, which means she earned the Microsoft Associate certificate. That is quite impressive and not an easy task! Nice work, Serenity!

These Soaring Eagles earned Microsoft Word Expert certification, which is the next step above the MOS0-Associate certification: Jaclyn Smith, Rocco Vacanti, Bodhi Robbins, and Logan Mullens. Great job, Eagles!



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Tryouts January 9th -11th (right after school until 5:45)

- 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls

You must have the following on file with Coach Damico before January 9th in order to tryout:

- Current Physical
- Consent form
- Middle School checklist
- Proof of insurance
- 2.0 (or higher) G.P.A.

All paperwork can be found on the PGMS webpage under athletics or the CCPS webpage.



News from Fishing Club

Punta Gorda Middle Fishing Team is off to a great start this year. About 70 students are a part of the club. Students have been working on waterway clean ups in their neighborhood. We have had several guest speakers from local boat captains to biologist stop by and speak to the team. So far over 300 fish have been caught since the start of our school tournament. Students also previewed "Junk Raft" and learned about all the garbage in the world's oceans. Upcoming events include, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Raffle Tournament and Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center clean-up.

Several Students traveled to John's Pass to Partake in the Kids Fishing Tournament. Two Students, Logan Holley (3rd) and Curtis Collins (2nd), placed in their age division.

Jog-a-thon-April 6th

Socks for Seniors

The PGMS Basketball Teams and the PGMS National Junior Honor Society collected fuzzy socks for senior citizens in a local nursing home during the holiday season. We are proud of our Eagles for supporting our local community.



Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team on their District Championship Title!

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team on a job well done in the Championship game!



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Important Dates



Jan 9 - SAC - CHS
Jan 16 - No School – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 17 - Jan 20 Semester Exams
Feb 9 - Spring Pictures
Feb 13 - SAC - FSW
Feb 15 - Author Visit
Feb 20 - No School - President's Day
Feb 27 - March 3 - Book Fair
March 13 - March 17 - No School - Spring Break
March 20 - No School - Teacher Work Day

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