



# This is Your CHARGER UPDATE!

March 2 – 6, 2020

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## SCHOOL BUSINESS

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**School Day SAT**

**7:30 am – Start Time**

**Suncoast Classrooms**

**All Juniors** – Eat a good breakfast, get a good night's sleep, bring a light jacket for cooler classrooms and get ready to take charge of your future. The School Day SAT will take place on Wednesday, March 4th. Please arrive to campus early as testing procedures will begin promptly at 7:30 am. *In your seat and ready for testing materials by 7:30 am.*

**Please bring at least two - #2 pencils, a photo ID, and an approved calculator.** Students have received emails regarding the approved calculator list and SAT room locations are in the email as well as posted in the school atrium. Please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/test-day-checklist> for more information or contact Mr. Ernest Anderson with any questions ([ernest.anderson@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:ernest.anderson@palmbeachschools.org)).

### College Tour 2020

It's finally here! All Juniors you are invited to purchase a ticket to join the **College Tour** on **April 1 – 3, 2020**. We are able to take 90 students this year, first come – first served. The cost per student is **\$325** and Schoolcashonline will open for payments on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

### Extended Essay Note to Parents

**IB JUNIOR PARENTS:** Your student is beginning the Extended Essay process which is a huge undertaking and a core requirement of the IB Diploma Programme! Please ask your student about this – topic selection and research questions were recently drafted. Also, we encourage you to check in with your student regularly about the process, and check out our Suncoast EE website (<https://sites.google.com/view/suncoastee>) for more information and a full timeline of deadlines and assignments. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact the EE Coordinators, Dr. Ashley Busse ([ashley.busse@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:ashley.busse@palmbeachschools.org)) or Ms. Amy Armbruster ([Amy.armbruster@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Amy.armbruster@palmbeachschools.org)). Thank you for your continued support!

**Parents, please note: Early release of students is not permitted after 2:10 pm.**  
**Plan to pick up your student at an earlier time for appointments.**

### Yearbooks on sale!

Order your copy of the national award-winning Suncoast Renaissance Yearbook today! Books can be ordered here: <https://www.balfour.com/student-info?smi=16247>.

Questions? Email: [Stephanie.russo@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Stephanie.russo@palmbeachschools.org)

## COUNSELING CORNER

**Thursday, March 5**  
**FAU is Coming!**

**9:00 am**

Florida Atlantic University has two summer program opportunities, **H2O to Go** and **The Pine Jog Fellowship**. To attend, students need to sign up through Naviance under "College Visits." **Sign up closes on Wednesday, March 4 at 8:59 am.** Students who did not sign up will not be allowed to attend. To learn more about these programs, please see the descriptions and websites below. We hope to see you there!



### **H2O to Go! Connections Summer Institute: July 13-17, 2020**

**A one week residential research and field studies program** based at the FAU Jupiter Campus providing opportunities for students to interact with scientists and education professionals involved in South Florida water systems. Students will be awarded three dual enrollment credits on completion. You may learn more about the program at <http://www.pinejog.fau.edu/student-programs/h2o-to-go.php>

### **The Pine Jog Fellowship: Summer 2020, Fall 2020**

**An environmental service learning program that consists of two semesters.** Three dual enrollment credits will be awarded on completion of each semester for a total of six college credits available for the program. Community service hours are also available. This two-semester long program provides the opportunity for students to learn about local environmental issues and guides them through an educational process that facilitates the exploration of community problem-solving and civic engagement. In the second semester, students will develop and implement service-learning projects that address local environmental issues. More information is available at <http://www.pinejog.fau.edu/student-programs/fellowship.php>

### **Course Selection Time is Here!**

**Curriculum Guide:** [https://sis.palmbeachschools.org/focus/asset.php?type=ck&path=file/FY21 Curriculum Guide\(1\).pdf](https://sis.palmbeachschools.org/focus/asset.php?type=ck&path=file/FY21%20Curriculum%20Guide(1).pdf)

Grades 9-11 meet individually with their school counselors to choose classes during the following weeks:

<b>Freshmen:</b>	February 10 - 14	with PE/Personal Fitness class - <i>completed</i>
<b>Sophomores:</b>	February 17 - 24	with Chemistry class - <i>completed</i>
<b>Juniors:</b>	February 21 - March 2	with APUSH or IB History of the Americas class

Following their meetings, course selection sheets should remain stapled to program contracts and both should be signed by the student and a parent/guardian **or the student will not be scheduled for classes. All course selection sheets and program contracts are due to your Block 5 teacher by March 13, 2020.**

**No schedule changes will be made after March 13.**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **What a Memorable Black History Month Celebration!**

The Suncoast Black Student Union (BSU) led the charge by starting our school day with *Moments in Black History* announcements. We enjoyed a phenomenal Talent Show and a delicious soul food luncheon catered by *Off Tha Bone BBQ*, a local restaurant in West Palm Beach (<https://www.falloffthabone.com/>). We have nothing but praise for the compelling presentation of *Triumph, Tragedy, and Progress: The Black Experience Insights from Mr. Brian Knowles*, the School District Manager of the Office of African, African American, Latino, Holocaust, and Gender Studies. Thank you to the BSU sponsors and students!

### **FAFSA for Seniors!**

Completing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), which qualifies students for Pell Grants and other forms of federal and state financial aid, is the first step in making college affordable for students. The Florida FAFSA Challenge is a statewide campaign to increase the proportion of Florida high school seniors who complete the FAFSA. The challenge encourages all Florida schools to increase FAFSA completion by 5% over the previous year. Parents, please encourage your seniors to complete the FAFSA! Even if you are not planning to stay in Florida for college, you never know which direction life will take you.



## CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS

Our amazing Suncoast Debaters did it again! Four students **qualified to compete** in the **NSDA Debate Championship** in Albuquerque, New Mexico in June, 2020: **Emily Ayala, Londe Mondelus, Cedrick Charles, and Sophia Osborne.** *You rock!*



**Mr. David Traill**, IB History Teacher, was recently selected as a speaker at the **2020 National WWII Memorial Summer Teachers Conference** in late July, 2020. He also received notification of a second nomination for the **Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year Award** by a colleague in Georgia. *What incredible honors! Congratulations Mr. Traill!*

Charger Shout-Out to our **Volunteer of the Month for January, Callisa Mills!** Mrs. Mills can be found selling tickets at the baseball, basketball, and football games, organizing the senior sporting events, and helping out in Student Services throughout the week. She has volunteered over 225 hours this year. Her dedication to students and the Athletic Department is invaluable!! *Wonderful, wonderful job!!*



Congratulations to our Learner Profile **“Open-Minded” Students of the Month – Darrius Runner and Dakota Leonard!** *You are an inspiration!*



Our Physical Education Teacher, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, and Girls Varsity Flag Football Coach, **Mr. Jason Powell**, was voted **February Staff Member of the Month** by his peers! We appreciate your leadership on and off the court and the role modelling you provide to students and sports team members! *Congratulations!*

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

### We Can Find a Volunteer Opportunity That Fits Into Your Schedule!

**February 10 - March 2:** 3- hour shifts during school days between the hours of 7:30 am - 2:40 pm in Counseling Services to assist with supervising students during course selection days. Your help is important in helping our counselors provide 1 on 1 counselling with our students to plan next school year schedules.

**Friday, March 6, Shifts from 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm and 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm:** Dance Marathon is looking for several parent volunteers to help supervise our Annual Dance Marathon. If you would like to help out, please contact Mary Rawson at [Mary.Rawson@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Mary.Rawson@palmbeachschools.org).

Please contact *Ms. Barbara Willett, Volunteer Coordinator*, to assist with any of the events listed above, be sure to specify the event and shifts, if applicable, when you send an email to [barbara.willett.c@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:barbara.willett.c@palmbeachschools.org).

All volunteers must be cleared by the District Raptor system while on campus or with our students. The process is simple, bring your **Driver's License or State Issued ID** to the Main Office to be scanned each time you come to campus. **Approval is immediate** - no waiting weeks for approval. We look forward to working with you!



## SPORTS EVENTS

### Attention Spring Sports Parents, Fans, and Athletes

Please note that all athletic events, inside, and outside, will adhere to the following safety protocols for all home games. Thank you.

#### Cost of Entry:

**\$5** General Admission for All Adults

**\$3** Suncoast Students

All Access Passes available for sale - \$50

#### Please note the following rules before entering the stadium, gym, and field areas:

- All persons, bags and vehicles may be subject to search
- Only clear bags are permitted inside the stadium, gym, and field areas – All other bags, wristlets or purses, with exception of diaper bags for an infant or toddler, are prohibited
- No re-entry – if you exit, you cannot return
- No admittance after the second half kickoff, 3rd quarter, or 5th inning
- No loitering outside of the stadium/school gates or in parking areas
- Exit the stadium immediately following the conclusion of the game
- No outside food or beverages may be brought into the event
- Unruly conduct, disruptive behavior, use of profane, obscene or abusive language of any type will result in immediate removal from the event
- In the event of an emergency, please follow all instructions from law enforcement

Date	Day	Sport	Start Time	Level	Location	Opponent/Title	Facility
02/28/2020	Friday	Basketball, Boys	7:00 PM	Varsity	TBD	Regionals	TBD
3/2/2020	Monday	Baseball	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	Palm Beach Gardens	Suncoast
3/3/2020	Tuesday	Lacrosse, Girls	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Kings Academy	Kings Academy
3/3/2020	Tuesday	Lacrosse, Boys	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	All Saints	All Saints
3/3/2020	Tuesday	Baseball	6:30 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Royal Palm Beach	Royal Palm Beach
3/3/2020	Tuesday	Baseball	6:30 PM	Varsity	Away	Seminole Ridge	Seminole Ridge
3/3/2020	Tuesday	Volleyball, Boys	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	Dwyer	Suncoast
3/3/2020	Tuesday	Volleyball, Boys	7:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Dwyer	Suncoast
3/4/2020	Wednesday	Baseball	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	Somerset Canyons	Suncoast
3/4/2020	Wednesday	Softball	6:30 PM	Varsity	Home	Boynton Beach	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
3/5/2020	Thursday	Baseball	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Boynton Beach	Boynton Beach
3/5/2020	Thursday	Volleyball, Boys	4:30 PM	Varsity	Home	Pine Crest	Suncoast
3/5/2020	Thursday	Lacrosse, Girls	5:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Palm Beach Gardens	Suncoast
3/5/2020	Thursday	Softball	6:30 PM	Varsity	Home	West Boca Raton	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
3/5/2020	Thursday	Lacrosse, Boys	6:30 PM	Varsity	Home	South Fork	Suncoast
3/6/2020	Friday	Baseball	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Lake Worth	Suncoast



## TUTORIALS ROCK!

### The Suncoast Writing Lab is on Google Classroom!

Please join the school Writing Lab Google Classroom. This will allow for continued updates and schedules for those attending tutorials - Google Classroom Code: **cbwlxts**.

Remember - **Suncoast Writing Lab is open to ALL students** and offers individual tutorials in ALL subject areas! Come and get support for your Extended Essay, AP Capstone Research Paper, English papers, you name it! **Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Rm 3-124. Students can select from two daily sessions for sign up: 3:00- 3:45 p.m. or 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.** Please go to the Google Form to make an appointment: <https://goo.gl/forms/MmDVoJcHAm5teEjP2>.

### All Things IB ...with the IB Coordinator

**3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Rm 3-118**

Do you need help with the Extended Essay process, posting research papers or CAS reflections to Managebac, organizational skills to meet IB deadlines, understanding format for an IB assessment? Meet the IB Coordinator, Ms. Edgar, and Dr. Busse, EE Coordinator, in **Rm 3-118 on Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 pm** for assistance in “All Things IB” – Contact [Maria.Edgar@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Maria.Edgar@palmbeachschools.org) for questions. Don't wait until it is too late!!

**Spring After – School Tutorial Schedule is posted on our website!** Right click the link:

[http://www.suncoasthighschool.org/students\\_parents/tutoring\\_after\\_school](http://www.suncoasthighschool.org/students_parents/tutoring_after_school) .

Charger Commons is open for students from 3:00 – 5:30 pm, Monday – Thursday.

### Mu Alpha Theta - Second Semester Lunchtime Tutoring

If your student needs help in math, Mu Alpha Theta Club students (Suncoast's Math Honor Society) serve as FREE peer tutors during lunch on the following schedule:

<b>Mondays:</b>	Room 318
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Room 105
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Room 324
<b>Thursdays:</b>	Room 210

## FUNDRAISERS

### Adopt-A-Class (AAC)

AAC welcomes your 2020 tax-deductible donations. Thank you to all who have already donated to your child's classroom, team or club. If you have not had an opportunity to donate, it is never too late. Simply click *the AAC link* on the Suncoast PTSA website seen below and give a tax-deductible donation to the teacher of your choice. All funds directly benefit your child's classroom, team or club, no fees! Thank you for your consideration. The form is online at [suncoastptsa.com](http://suncoastptsa.com). Thank you!! Laura Hutchison - Adopt-A-Class Chair

### IB Diploma Parents

We are still taking donations for the **IB Diploma Class of 2020 Banquet on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. Sponsorships using your family name or company name are available** and will be prominently displayed on the guest tables (unless you choose anonymity). We are seeking **donation levels at \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100**. Please consider **sponsoring a Family Table for \$250, a Teacher Table for \$300, or a VIP Table for \$500**. Placing an ad in the IB Banquet Program Booklet for \$250 is also available. Should you choose smaller family donations or larger sponsorships, we appreciate your assistance in helping to provide a wonderful evening for our students.



### PTSA Snack Bar

Did you know the PTSA snack bar generates funds that help the entire school community? Have you been to the after school snack bar lately? Wow, what an assortment of goodies and beverages for you to try! Visit the theatre lobby from 2:40 pm - 3:00 pm daily. No open containers on the bus, please.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### STEM Summer Internship Program in Silicon Valley, California

An opportunity for a summer internship and essay writing help while meeting a diverse group of students nationally and internationally. To learn more, visit their website [www.cacollegebound.com](http://www.cacollegebound.com) or send an email to [summerprep@cacollegebound.com](mailto:summerprep@cacollegebound.com).

### Rosemary Square is The Happening Place!

Rosemary Square has an exciting lineup of activities planned for young people and families during the month of March! Get a little rest and relaxation at the Square - good food, great music from local talent, and lots of great shopping. Right-click the link: <https://www.rosemarysquarewpb.com/west-palm-beach-events>.

### Mathnasium is Searching for Math Tutors!

Mathnasium of Palm Beach Gardens – Jupiter is a math-only learning center that offers both math help and enrichment to students in grades 2-12. Each student in our program receives a customized learning plan based on our proprietary teaching material. Join us for the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life by passing on a love for math! We offer part-time jobs with flexible scheduling and ongoing training opportunities or students can discuss community service opportunities.

**Required Qualifications:** Exceptional math skills through Algebra I, excellent communication and multi-tasking skills, ability to professionally interact with students and parents, and an energetic and confident personality

**Preferred Qualifications:** Ability to teach students in upper level high school math courses, previous experience working with students

The learning center environment is supportive and encouraging. Applicants should love teaching and be able to motivate students to success. Hours may vary, but could include mid-afternoon through early evening hours, Monday –Thursday and Sundays, approximately 8-16 hours per week (flexible).

**Contact:** **Dr. Nelson Massad**, Managing Director

Mathnasium of Palm Beach Gardens – Jupiter

Phone: (561) 626 – 5966

Email: [palmbeachgardens@mathnasium.com](mailto:palmbeachgardens@mathnasium.com)

Website: <https://www.mathnasium.com/palmbeachgardens>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17	Herff Jones (Cap & Gown sales) @ Lunch	Atrium
April 3 -4	Grad Bash @ Universal Studios – Graduating Seniors	
April 15	Welcome to the Charger Nation, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	
April 25	Junior/Senior Prom	
April 29	Green and Gold – Senior Awards Ceremony	
May 9	New Student Registration, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm	





## STAY CONNECTED

SUNCOAST HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.Suncoasthighschool.org](http://www.Suncoasthighschool.org)

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ON INSTAGRAM! <https://instagram.com/suncoasthighfl/>  
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ON TWITTER! <https://twitter.com/SuncoastHighFL> Suncoast High School @SuncoastHighFL

### Sneak Peek

#### Class of 2020 Senior Activities

<b>April 29</b>	Green and Gold Senior Awards Ceremony
<b>May 5 – 8</b>	Senior Final Exams
<b>May 13 – 15</b>	<u>Mandatory</u> Senior Signout
<b>May 18</b>	<u>Mandatory</u> Senior Checkout
<b>May 21</b>	Senior Breakfast (9:00 am) <u>Mandatory</u> Graduation Rehearsal (10:00 – 11:00 am) Bethune Elementary Walk (11:30 am)
<b>May 26</b>	Graduation (1:00 pm start) - Seniors report to the South Florida Fairgrounds 90 minutes prior to start.

#### April 3, 2020 Grad Bash Bell Schedule

Block	Time
1	7:30 am - 9:12 am
3	9:19 am - 11:01 am
Lunch	11:01 am - 11:41 am
* 5	11:48 am – 12:51 pm
7	12:58 pm- 2:40 pm

\*Seniors will report to the auditorium Block 5 and sit according to their assigned bus