



# This is Your CHARGER UPDATE!

The Home Edition

April 13 – 17, 2020

## SCHOOL BUSINESS

Quarter 3 Report Cards were posted to SIS Parent Gateway on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Quarter 4 Progress Reports will be waived.

### Palm Beach School District Employees Working Remotely

Parents and Students, please note that all school district employees can be reached via their professional email. The email pattern is [firstname.lastname@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@palmbeachschools.org). Although, many employees are using an automatic email reply function, they are working remotely during business hours and should reply within 48 hours.

### Advanced Placement Students!

Please log onto the Collegeboard website and view the webinar by Trevor Packer, Head of the AP Program - <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/>. Instead of taking a several-hour multiple-choice AP exam at school, students will take a 45-minute online exam from their home, with only free-response questions (plus open book / open note). Longer free-response questions require a deep understanding of the material and an efficient strategy.

Check out this site for the **AP exam schedule 2020** – *Students, make yourselves available for these dates and times* - <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>. Students are advised to take their respective AP exams the first time they become available.

Also, visit the website below for information on **AP exam structure and format** -

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/taking-ap-exams>. If you have any questions about AP testing, please contact, Mr. Keevey, AP Coordinator/Administrator, [Aaron.keevey@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Aaron.keevey@palmbeachschools.org) or Mr. Anderson, Testing Coordinator, [Ernest.anderson@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Ernest.anderson@palmbeachschools.org).

### AICE Students!

Cambridge has cancelled the May 2020 exam session and students will be awarded grades based on the collaboration of work submitted by the AICE teacher and evidence based decision-making by Cambridge. For additional information, check their website: [https://help.cambridgeinternational.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360006532458-Novel-coronavirus-Information-for-schools-about-the-COVID-19-coronavirus-outbreak#anchor\\_1](https://help.cambridgeinternational.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360006532458-Novel-coronavirus-Information-for-schools-about-the-COVID-19-coronavirus-outbreak#anchor_1).

### IB Diploma Students!

Due to the cancellation of the May 2020 examination session, IB teachers have collected Internal Assessments (IA) for immediate submission to IB. Any IB student that did not turn in their IA (if you are in a testing year for the IB subject) will not be eligible to continue in the IB Diploma Programme. Thank you to all students that are on track! If you have not turned in your IA, immediately contact your IB teacher or the IB Coordinator at [Maria.edgar@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Maria.edgar@palmbeachschools.org). Parents, if you have questions about the recent changes in IB assessment, please go to <https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/>.

### Graduation Ceremonies Have Been Cancelled This Year...

Due to significant concerns regarding large gatherings at this time, Superintendent Fennoy made the difficult decision to cancel Class of 2020 graduation ceremonies to be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds. However, high school principals are actively working to consider ways to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2020 later in the calendar year, safely.

Students must continue to actively work towards their graduation requirements. Check the **Suncoast Counseling Services Google Classroom** for **community service activities** that can be done while at home. Code: **z1603oa**



## College Tour 2020

We would like to retain the list of students who paid for College Tour 2020 and continue making plans with them for a successful and fulfilling tour experience in late August or September, 2020. We ask for your patience while colleges and universities are re-working their school operations. However, if you would like to decline our offer and choose to take a refund, please contact our school treasurer at [Lynn.gold@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Lynn.gold@palmbeachschools.org).

## Extended Essay Is Still in Play!

**IB JUNIOR PARENTS:** Your student is still responsible for the Extended Essay process as it is a core requirement of the IB Diploma Programme! Check out the 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!

# TOGETHER, AT A DISTANCE

## In Need of a Distance Learning Device?

If your student needs to borrow a laptop from Suncoast for remote learning, please contact Ms. Koerner, Principal – [Kathryn.koerner@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Kathryn.koerner@palmbeachschools.org). The Regional Office will be contacted and you will receive an appointment to collect a laptop from the regional office staff.

## We Are Still Taking Attendance...

Parents, make sure your student is checking into all of their classes daily, if only to complete the attendance Google form. Many teachers are posting assignments early in the week with due dates listed for later in the week. Although an assignment may not be present for the day, the teacher may use a quick Google form, as a “waving hand” to track attendance.

## Quarter 4 Grades

Parents, we are in Quarter 4 of the grading process. For secondary schools, there will only be Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 grades used in semester grade calculations. We are not holding semester examinations this year. **Make Quarter 4 count!** Also, all **FSA and EOC exams have been suspended** and will **not** be calculated into student final grades. Check out the link: <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/index.stml>, look under “Assessments, Accountability and Promotion.”

Parents, you have access to your student’s grades via SIS at all times. Teachers, working through Google Classroom, are recording grades in SIS for student and parent viewing.

## Distance Learning Resources

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has created a COVID-19 resource page, <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/resources-families.stml>, to give educators, parents and students free resources offered by state and federal agencies, private companies, and non-profit organizations to help school districts, colleges, educators and families ensure continuity of learning during this time.

Planning and preparing is always important, and these pages are updated hourly to ensure each Florida student has the resources they need to succeed with distance learning. This resource page is part of a broader website, [www.fldoe.com/em-response](http://www.fldoe.com/em-response), which has best practices for distance learning, frequently asked questions regarding education in Florida and COVID-19, and translated resources in Spanish. The page also contains extensive information on free meals.

## Parent Guide to Google Classroom

If you need to become more fluent in **Google Classroom**, the **one-stop communication hub** between your student’s teachers and your student, please check out (available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese)



[https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students\\_parents/digital\\_learning/google\\_classroom](https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/digital_learning/google_classroom). You can request a parent account with your student's teachers and get parent emails through the system, to maximize your ability to monitor his/her progress!

## COUNSELING CORNER

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### **From Our Behavioral Health Specialist... Ms. Andrea Smith,**

Anxious about coronavirus? Here's how to cope with the fear and uncertainty to protect your mental health.

Read: <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/anxiety/coronavirus-anxiety.htm>.

### **Palm Beach State College Classes Online This Summer!**

If you are interested in taking dual enrollment courses over the summer at PBSC, please go to the **Suncoast Counseling Services Google Classroom** for more information on meeting the requirements. Code: **z16o3oa**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Palm Beach County School District has closed schools to parents and staff throughout the month of April. We are awaiting instructions from Superintendent Fennoy regarding the re-opening of district schools. Therefore, please continue to monitor your student(s) progress in the distance learning environment. All school personnel are working remotely and can be contacted for questions and inquiries. Start communications with the teacher, for in class concerns. If it is a larger matter, contact your student's assistant principal or school counselor.

Suncoast High School will continue to serve as a community food distribution site on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only** during school closure. Text **FLKIDSMEALS** to **211-211** and enter your zip code to locate the closest site to your home.



## CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS



Congratulations to National Merit Finalists: **Aidan Funicelli** and **Tristan Funicelli** for being recipients of the **National Merit James E. Casey Scholarship** sponsored by The UPS Foundation.

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education, we want to congratulate the **2019-2020 Palm Beach County Outstanding School Volunteer Award winner, Christopher Sosa**, for exemplary volunteer engagement and dedication to the betterment of students, schools, families, and the community. *Way to go, Chris!!*



Congratulations to our **March Volunteer of the Month Mary Meloy!** Mrs. Meloy has volunteered over 160 hours this year! Ms. Meloy serves on the PTSA Board as the 1st Vice President, the SAC Committee, and on the Suncoast Foundation. Mrs. Meloy volunteers with both Girls and Boys Lacrosse Teams, on the IB Banquet Committee and Project Graduation. Our school would not be the same without the time and talent she brings to Suncoast High School. *Thank you, Ms. Meloy!*

## STAY CONNECTED

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

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Suncoast-Community-High-School/1444659332463268?fref=ts>

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