



This is Your CHARGER UPDATE!

The Home Edition

April 6 – 10, 2020

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Friday, April 10 – No School – Holiday

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.

Advanced Placement Students!

Please log onto the Collegeboard website for the latest information on your upcoming AP testing experience, online prep classes, and college credit questions. Parents, you can get updates on the AP course program at: <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>.

AICE Students!

Please continue to coordinate with your AICE teachers for more information regarding AICE examination scores. Cambridge will provide updates on that process as we move forward. Keep up the good work!

IB Diploma Students!

Due to the cancellation of the May examination session, IB teachers are collecting Internal Assessments (IA) for immediate submission to IB. Any IB student that does not turn in their IA now (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 need assistance, contact your IB teacher or the IB Coordinator at 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/>.

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) or Ms. Amy Armbruster (Amy.armbruster@palmbeachschools.org). Thank you for your continued support!

TOGETHER, AT A DISTANCE

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.



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 for these students. 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.shtml>, look under "Assessments, Accountability and Promotion."

Progress reporting will be available on SIS on Thursday, April 30; however, you have access to your student's grades via SIS at all times.

Distance Learning Resources

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has created a COVID-19 resource page, <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/resources-families.shtml>, 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, 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. 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

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>.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been an incredible journey in preparing an entire school, with four magnet programs, for an online learning environment, but we are doing it! We have come together as a community of learners; sharing educational resources, helping one another to learn the latest technology portals for instant communication, coordinating class schedules for live and recorded sessions, and we are doing it! We thank you, parents, for working with us as we work through it! We are also working with the school district and venues in our community to reschedule Class of 2020 senior activities, when we receive approval to hold large-scale events. Seniors, you are still in our thoughts and hearts!

Please take advantage of the resources you find inside this publication to stay up-to-date. Also, note that Suncoast will continue to host the community free lunch program for kids and teens. Text **FLKIDSMEALS** to **211-211** and enter your zipcode to locate the closest site to your home.



CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS

Congratulations to National Merit Finalists: **Jonathan Hung, Subhash Kantamneni, and Matthew Schrank** for being recipients of the National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship!



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!!*

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