

# THE CHARGER UPDATE

August 17 – 21, 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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**Welcome to the Charger Nation!** We are virtually ready for anything! Suncoast High School is excited to start the 2020 – 2021 school year after many months of planning and preparing for this new adventure. We would like you to take note of the information communicated in this Charger Update for planning purposes. The Charger Update will be released at the end of each week to keep you informed.

The philosophy of the “Suncoast Virtual Experience” is to conduct classes according to our traditional block period schedule in a virtual environment. Our teachers will take attendance, facilitate live lessons, post assignments, provide descriptive feedback, and assess student performance using the *Google Classroom* platform. With careful planning, our School District has developed systems to monitor academic performance and increased attention to student well-being. Students will receive Google Classroom codes, aligned to their schedules, in future correspondence. First day of classes is Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – Day 1 (Blocks 1, 3, 5, 7); September 1<sup>st</sup> – Day 2 (Blocks 2, 4, 5, and 6). Please see the **Suncoast Bell Schedule** below:

Block Schedule	Start Time	End Time
Block 1 / 2	7:30 am	9:12 am
Block 3 / 4	9:19 am	11:01 am
Block 5 & WRSN	11:08 am	12: 11 pm
Lunch	12:11 pm	12:51 pm
Block 7 / 6	12:58 pm	2:40 pm

## SCHOOL BUSINESS

**Student Google Classroom Expectations:** Students are expected to: 1. Be on time to class. 2. Use computer cameras and microphones for visual and auditory class participation, 3. Have your classroom materials ready for class, 4. Show courtesy and be respectful to others at all times. 5. Submit all assignments on time, 6. Maintain academic honesty in all assignments and assessments.

**Student Attendance Policy:** Teachers will take attendance in SIS for all classes daily. Students who log in after attendance is taken will be marked as tardy.

**Student Schedule Release Day – August 24:** School counselors are working diligently on finalizing schedules. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, students can view class schedules on SIS. Should you see any **errors** on your class schedule, a ‘Request for Schedule Correction’ Google form will be emailed to all students.

**Textbook /Technology Distribution Days – August 26 – 28:** Students, please review your class schedules prior to book distribution. Students will pick up their textbooks in a drive-thru service at Suncoast:

Date	Grade Level	Alpha Last Name & Time	
Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020	Grade 12 (8:00 am – 11:00 am)	A - K: 8:00 am - 9:30 am	L - Z: 9:30 am - 11:00 am
	Grade 11 (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)	A - K: 11:00 am -12:30 pm	L - Z: 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020	Grade 9 (8:00 am – 12:00 pm)	A - K: 8:00 am - 10:00 am	L - Z: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday, Aug. 28, 2020	Grade 10 (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)	A - K: 8:00 am -10:00 am	L - Z: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

**Distance Learning Resources:** Please see the list of resources that will help jumpstart the school year on

the School District website:

[https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students\\_parents/dl2/parent\\_onboarding\\_how-to-videos](https://www.palmbeachschools.org/students_parents/dl2/parent_onboarding_how-to-videos)

Navigating Google Classrooms:

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=270616&pageId=11819775>



**Freshman Parent / Student Orientations - August 25:** Freshman Orientation and Freshman Parent Orientation will be combined and virtual! On August 25, freshman students and freshman parents will receive an email with the link of pre-recorded videos to view at their leisure. Videos simulate in-person orientation sessions. There will be two opportunities to attend a live magnet program session. Log-in at either 9:00 am or 1:00 pm on August 25<sup>th</sup> to hear from program teachers and students! These live sessions will be recorded if you cannot attend either of the scheduled times.

**Free & Reduced Lunch Applications:** The FY21 Free and Reduced online application process is now available for parents. To assist parents in locating the online application this year, a tile has been added to the student portal that will take parents directly to the free / reduced lunch application entitled, “*Application For Meal Benefits*” or parents can access the application through our School Food Service webpage at [www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs](http://www.palmbeachschools.org/sfs). Additionally, paper applications are available at Suncoast for parents who prefer to complete a hard copy. If there are any questions about the free and reduced application process, please email [MealBenefits@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:MealBenefits@palmbeachschools.org), call **888-383-2025** or **561-383-2025**.

**Parents Get Ready for Communication:** To receive any notifications from Suncoast concerning your child, **please check SIS for accuracy** in contact information, home address, email addresses, and phone numbers. We use emails and parent call-outs to keep you up-to-date on school happenings (don't opt out of any messages, it will cancel future notifications from the system). Please contact our Data Processor: [Kimberly.griffiths@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Kimberly.griffiths@palmbeachschools.org) to make any changes to your contact information.

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

**School Counselor Work Schedules:** Welcome Back Chargers!

Due to the revised school calendar, school counselors will be off-duty from August 14 – August 23, 2020. We will do our best, during this time, to check email for dual enrollment requests. We will respond to all other emails as soon as we can when we return on August 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope you are ready to charge into this school year! There will be many changes as a result of starting the school year with distance learning and we have a few of our own exciting announcements to make!

**School Counselor Student Assignments:** Suncoast has reorganized the **structure of the Administrative and School Counseling team relationship**. Students are aligned to an Assistant Principal and School Counselor by their magnet program(s). Please note: All IBDP students, including dual-program students who have added IB, will work with Dr. Raiford and Ms. Chira. Please review the chart below for further understanding:

Program	Grade	Assistant Principal	Counselor
MSE	9-12	Keevey	Evans
CS	9-12	Blunner	Evans
IIT and IBCP	9-12	McLawrence	Del Ponte
IB Track	9-10	Gordon	Gooch
IB Diploma Programme (Dual-program students – includes CS/IB, IIT/IB, and MSE/IB)	11-12	Raiford	Chira

**College Application Bootcamp:** The Suncoast Foundation and Score At The Top would like to offer an amazing opportunity for students to work with Judi Robinovitz, Certified Educational Planner, and the Score At The Top team of college admissions pros! Please visit the Suncoast Foundation website for more information on how to join these four sessions on essay writing, resume writing, and the college application process, <https://suncoastfoundation.org/college-admissions-boot-camp-2020/>. All sessions are held on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm at Suncoast High School. Dates: September 12, September 19, October 3, and October 10, 2020.

## FUNDRAISERS

**PTSA Virtual Spirit Store:** More information to come on purchasing Suncoast gear.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Community Meal Program:** The last day of the summer *Grab & Go* feeding program will be August 27, 2020. On September 1, all schools will participate in the *School Breakfast Program* (SBP) and the *National School Lunch Program* (NSLP). **All Palm Beach County students** will be sent, via email, a welcome back letter that will contain their personal barcode. Parents will have to present this letter or have the full student number when picking up meals. Students' numbers or barcodes will be captured into a Point of Sale at the pick-up line. This is similar to the way students came through the school cafeteria line in the past; however, **all meals will be distributed curbside**.

Students do not need to attend school at the food distribution location to pick up meals. **Meals will only be given to students with an assigned Palm Beach County student number.** Lunch prices will be charged to students' accounts according to their benefit status; for this reason, online prepayments are recommended. If additional meals are picked up at other sites for the same student, a la cart charges will appear in the student's account.

Serving times will be **11:00 am - 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, every Tuesday and Thursday.**