

THE CHARGER UPDATE

January 25 - 29, 2021

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Monday, February 1, 2021 - Teacher Work Day No School for Students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Please join us for our next **SAC meeting** on **Thursday, January 28th, 6:00 pm** in the **Suncoast cafeteria** OR **online using Google Meet code:** meet.google.com/pue-iejb-xsm.

As we close out the first semester, whether in-person or through distance learning, we look forward to a safe, healthy, and positive start to a new year. **Parents and students** must continue to remain fully aware of the latest District updates regarding important information:

- [The Governor's Executive Order](#) will allow Florida school districts to continue to offer families a choice between in-person instruction and distance learning for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. ***Disclaimer:** *Per the new Governor's Executive Order, any student who is not making adequate academic progress in the distance learning platform will be transitioned to brick and mortar. Parents/Guardians will be provided with written notice if their child is not making adequate progress and any associated education risks. Schools will obtain written acknowledgment from the parent/guardian verifying the receipt of such notification, and if the parent/guardian chooses for his/her child to remain in distance learning.*

Make Your Choice 3.0 - Second Semester Action and Timeline:

- ***Tuesday, February 2, 2021** - Beginning of Make Your Choice 3.0 selection. Whether brick & mortar or distance learning, this selection remains in place for the remainder of the school year. No further changes for the second semester without a waiver. ***See Disclaimer above.**

REMINDER- Parents, if you, your child, or anyone in your home is not feeling well, please consider keeping your child home until everyone feels better or tested with negative results.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Get Ready to Graduate!

June 17, 2021, 12:00 pm

The Suncoast High School Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2021 will take place on June 17, 2021 at 12:00 pm. Although the District hopes to have students participate in graduation *ceremonies in-person, the decision* regarding the format for these ceremonies will be announced in the Spring of 2021. This decision will be based on the most recent CDC, local, and state health department guidelines and recommendations.

Senior Cap and Gown Orders Coming Your Way...

It is time! Time to purchase your cap and gown! Herff Jones will be on campus, on the following dates, for you to purchase your cap and gown: **February 25 and March 25, 2021.** All dates are from **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm on campus in the Gym.** To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, contact Ms. Winchester at anneliese.winchester@palmbeachschools.org.

Plan to Park at Suncoast?

If you plan to return to school campus next week or second semester, please purchase your parking decal in advance! Use the [SchoolCash Online](#) feature to pay now. Complete the [Suncoast parking permits](#) application located on the Suncoast High website (note the second page needs to be notarized) and use the Google Form to submit your documents. Or, you can bring hard copies of the application, your driver's license, car registration, and insurance card to the Main Office after school (no learner permits allowed). The **Main Office closes at 3:30 pm daily.** Parents can also pick up parking decals on their child's behalf during the school day.



Buy Your Yearbook Now!

Our national award-winning yearbooks are available to order now at [Balfour](#). Order your yearbook before **January 31, 2021** for the low price of \$75. After this date, the price goes up to \$90.

Celebrating Heritage Week!

January 25 - 29

One of the best characteristics of Suncoast Community High School is the multitude of cultures and customs represented by the student body and faculty. It is important that students are able to feel comfortable and appreciative of, not only their own culture, but also of those cultures held by people around them. Please join *Hands Across Campus* in celebrating Suncoast diverse populations during their annual **Heritage Assembly on Friday, January 29th**. The event features performances for countries all over the world and we are representing 11 countries this year to include students across all grade levels and our teachers!

Also, be sure to check out all of the activities *Hands Across Campus* is featuring during Heritage Week by using the **Google Meet code: HAC** during lunch January 25th through January 28th. Don't miss out on all of the fun *Hands Across Campus* has in store! The days are as follows:

Monday, January 25 - **Africa**
 Tuesday, January 26 - **Middle East**

Wednesday, January 27 - **Asia**
 Thursday, January 28 - **Latin America**

Friday, January 29 Activity Bell Schedule:

The Heritage Assembly will be held on **Friday, January 29th during Period 3**. We lengthen the period so all of our students can view the performances and have instructional time.

Block 1 7:30 – 9:07 am
Block 3 9:14 – 11:36 am
 Instruction: 9:14 – 10:36 am
 Heritage Assembly: 10:36 – 11:36 am
Block 5 11:43 – 12:31 pm
Lunch 12:31 – 1:11 pm
Block 7 1:18 – 2:40 pm

To support *Hands Across Campus* as they host future activities to support others during disaster relief, donate to *Hands Across Campus* through SchoolCash Online - no amount is too small!

Class Spirit Shirt Distribution

February 2 & 3

Brick & Mortar Students – Suncoast Courtyard 12:15 – 12:50 pm		Virtual Students - Parent Pick Up Car Loop 3:00 – 5:00 pm	
Freshmen & Seniors	Tuesday, February 2	All Grades	Tuesday, February 2
Sophomores & Juniors	Wednesday, February 3	All Grades	Wednesday, February 3

REbound Spirit Week

February 2 – 5, 2021

Our opportunity to celebrate the Spring sports season and to welcome a new school semester with some spirit and some style! Lunch activities are forthcoming!

Dress up days: Follow the dress code when designing your spirit outfits.

Tuesday, February 2	RE lax PJ Day	Wear your appropriate long pajama bottoms and a sleeved shirt – onesies approved!
Wednesday, February 3	RE connect Twins/Multiples Day	Reconnect with your friends and dress alike in pairs or groups. The more the merrier!
Thursday, February 4	RE wind Decades Day	Dress according to your assigned decade: Freshmen – 70s Sophomores – 80s Juniors – 90s Seniors – 2000s
Friday, February 5	RE present Class Color Day	Wear your class shirt or color: Freshmen – White Sophomores - Yellow Juniors - Black Seniors - Green

Your Spirit Dues are Due...

February 14

Spirit Dues of **\$25** will be posted again on SchoolCash Online beginning January 25, 2021. The deadline for the second spirit T-shirt order is 11:59 pm on February 14th. The tentative distribution date is the first week of March.

TESTING? TESTING! ONE, TWO...

PSAT/NMSQT

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

ALL TESTING ROOMS ARE FULL. Test Day information has been emailed to students participating in the PSAT/NMSQT. *Only students receiving the Test Day Information email will be testing on January 26th.* Please contact Ms. Rawson (mary.rawson@palmbeachschools.org) if you have questions.

School-wide SAT

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

The SAT will be administered **ON CAMPUS to ALL Suncoast Juniors** at no cost, **FREE**, on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Please check your student emails (sent January 8th) for confirmation information. It is vitally important that students submit their confirmation as soon as possible so we can prepare to administer this test according to proper CDC guidelines.

Please contact Ms. Rawson for more information: mary.rawson@palmbeachschools.org. Using your *student account, please **complete this G-Form by 8:00 am on Monday, February 15, 2021** to confirm your attendance and secure your seat. Test Day Information (including test room locations) will be sent to student emails a week prior to the test administration date.

Spring Testing Information

Continue to check Charger Update and student emails for Spring Testing Information.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

Virtual College Fairs for 10th and 11th Graders

Students and educators can **register for multiple events**, including the region they live in and/or the region(s) that represents the schools they are most interested in as well as learn more about the event(s) here: cb.org/bigfuturedays.

- BigFuture Day West + Southwest, Saturday, February 6, 2021, 4:00 – 8:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Southeast, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Northeast, Sunday, March 7, 4:00 – 8:00pm ET
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Thursday, March 11, 5:00 – 9:00pm ET

If parents have questions about *BigFuture Days*, they can learn more about the event(s) here: [Parent Information](#)

Free Online College Prep Events

The Princeton Review is offering online programs to help students learn more about the SAT, ACT, and the college admissions process. Follow the links to register for any program! All times listed are for the Eastern Time Zone:

PSAT Strategy Session - Monday, January 25, 8:00 pm:

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474070?z=10017>

Dream Colleges - Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 pm

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474154?z=10017>

SAT Strategy Session - Monday, February 1, 8:00 pm

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474179?z=10017>

College Application Essay Writing Workshop - Wednesday, February 3, 5:00 pm

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474182?z=10017>

SAT, ACT, or Both? Wednesday, February 10, 5:00 pm

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474149?z=10017>

ACT Strategy Session - Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 pm

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474175?z=10017>

Dream Colleges - Monday, March 8, 8:00 pm

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474162?z=10017>

SAT, ACT and Admissions in the Time of COVID - Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 pm

<https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/474168?z=10017>

NACAC College Fairs - <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

#ALLINONHBCUs

The School District of Palm Beach County is collaborating with Broward County Public Schools, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the School District of Osceola County on the implementation of a college access event highlighting **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)**. "All-In on HBCUs" is a two-week initiative with participation from **34 HBCUs** from across the country.

Each day, January 19 - January 28, representatives from participating institutions will be available for one-hour information sessions. All sessions are **virtual and free** and open to anyone who is interested in learning more about **HBCUs**. See the listing of participating universities and click the respective links for all sessions available on www.palmbeachschools.org/HBCU.

SPORTS EVENTS

Spring Sports Tryouts

starts January 18

Spring Sports will begin tryouts for baseball, softball, tennis, water polo, and boys weightlifting the week of January 18th. Please see the chart below regarding important start dates for all spring sports, including the last possible dates set to join a team for spring. Please contact the head coach for more sport specific details regarding tryouts and season information: [Suncoast Athletics Head Coaches List](#).

- Students must be cleared prior to any participation.
- The **last day to turn in an Athletic Eligibility Packet for Spring is February 5, 2021.**

Spring Sports - Start and Try-Out Dates

Sport	Start Date / Try-Out Date	Last Date to Join
Water Polo	Jan. 19	Jan. 29
Boys Weightlifting	Jan. 19	Jan. 25
Baseball	Jan. 18	Jan. 25
Softball	Jan. 19	Jan. 25
Tennis	Jan. 18	Jan. 25
Track	Jan. 25	Feb. 1
Lacrosse	Jan. 27	Feb. 8
Flag Football	Feb. 8	Feb. 15
Boys Volleyball	Feb. 8	Feb. 15

Requirements for Athletic Participation for Spring 2021:

- Athletic Eligibility Packets - [2020-2021 Athletic Eligibility Packet](#)
- Forms **are not permitted** to be emailed, scanned, or copied. Original copy only.
- The following items must be attached to the completed eligibility packet for clearance. No same day clearance will be issued.
 - [Athletic Eligibility Packet](#) and [COVID Waiver](#)
 - Certificates:
 - Concussion - <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-in-sports-2>
 - Sudden Cardiac Arrest - <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest>
 - Heat Illness - <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/heat-illness-prevention-2>
- Receipt with proof of paid Athletic Insurance

After the completed packets are turned in and approved, a clearance form will be issued to the athlete. This form is your entry ticket for participation. Athletic Eligibility Packets will be collected during lunch, 12:15 pm -12:50 pm, and after school 2:40 pm - 3:30 pm, in the Main Office, on the following dates: **January 25, and February 3 – 4, 2021.**

Athletic Event Procedures, Ticketing, Security and Health Screenings

Guests must pre-purchase tickets online using the cashless [GoFan](#) app. The School District has created a [Protocols Video](#) for clarification. Please use the following procedures if you plan to attend a school sports event:

GoFan Ticketing Directions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkZqTY5d6Bg>

GoFan Accessing and Ticket Sharing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0Xhso4QobA&authuser=0>

Permitted Items: There will NOT be any concessions at athletic events.

Fans are permitted to bring **one unopened, sealed, unfrozen bottle of water.**

Face masks must be worn by fans at all times. Neck gaiters are not an approved mask for Palm Beach County School District functions.

Health Screening and Mask Requirements:

All guests will answer [Health Screening Questions](#) and have a temperature check before entering the facility.

Date	Day	Sport	Start Time	Level	Location	Opponent/Title	Facility
1/26/2021	Tuesday	Basketball, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Forest Hill (West Palm Beach)	Forest Hill
1/26/2021	Tuesday	Basketball, Boys	7:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Forest Hill (West Palm Beach)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
1/29/2021	Friday	Wrestling	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	TBA	Jupiter High School
1/29/2021	Friday	Basketball, Boys	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Santaluces	Santaluces

For security reasons, please note the following rules before entering the stadium, gym, and fields:

- All persons, bags and vehicles may be subject to search.
- Only clear bags are permitted inside the stadium, gym, and fields– All other bags, wristlets or purses, with the 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 period, 3rd quarter, or 5th inning.
- No loitering outside of the stadium/school gates or in parking areas.
- Exit the stadium, immediately at 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 any emergency, follow all instructions provided by law enforcement.

TUTORIAL ROCKS !

The Suncoast Writing Lab is Open! [Suncoast Writing Lab Appointment.](#)

The Suncoast Tutorial Schedule is on our website:

<https://suh.palmbeachschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=1950398&pageId=11093787>

Need CAS Help? Join the CAS for 2022 Candidates Google Classroom (Code: **tb33zuq**) for a CAS Coach.

All Things IB is Back! Wednesdays, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm with Dr. Busse, Ms. Armbruster, and Ms. Edgar – Google Meet code <https://meet.google.com/fkh-uhmk-txz> or use nickname **atib**.

Mu Alpha Theta Offers Free Virtual Lunch-time Math Tutoring: Monday – Thursday [MAO Lunch Tutoring Sign-Up](#) for All Math subjects.

Scholarship Opportunities – Are You Checking for Updates?

[Apply for Scholarships](#)

CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS

Check out this C-Span interview with Mr. Traill, our IB History teacher and Friend of the National World War II Memorial, that aired last weekend: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?507722-1/world-war-ii-again>.

Congratulations to the Suncoast High School Volunteer of the Year 2020-2021, Mrs. Joann Kapsos. For the past three years, Mrs. Kapsos has served as a Front Office Volunteer, 5-Star Coordinator, 2020 Athletic Department Holiday Fundraiser Coordinator, and has assisted the Wrestling team and Mu Alpha Theta in performing many tasks as needed with shining eyes and a pleasant smile behind her mask! *Mrs. Kapsos, we appreciate all you do for us at Suncoast!!*

December Chargers of the Month are Communicators: *(comments from their nominators)*

Matthew Lind

Matthew was nominated by Mrs. Cummings. she said, "Matthew communicates confidently and creatively in Spanish class. He also collaborates effectively during class discussions."

Anna Stengel

Mrs. Russo nominated Anna. She said, "For three years, Anna has been instrumental in helping run the school's social media accounts and keeping the Charger nation up-to-date on our accolades. This year, she helps create the Google Slides that are used for WRSN, seamlessly providing a means of communication to all our students."

December Super Charger of the Month:

Elizabeth Pearson

Mrs. Pearson was nominated by Mrs. Bobay who said, "Beth has helped me tremendously with all of the new technology skills that I've had to learn since last March. We have also been working together this year teaching Precalculus. She has always been available for me if I have a question about our pacing and curriculum."

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2, 2021

Quarter 3 Begins

STAY CONNECTED

SUNCOAST HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.Suncoasthighschool.org

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

ON INSTAGRAM! [https://instagram.com/suncoasthighfl/Suncoast Chargers Athletics](https://instagram.com/suncoasthighfl/Suncoast%20Chargers%20Athletics)

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