

THE CHARGER UPDATE

October 26 - 30, 2020

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SCHOOL BUSINESS

See "Picture Day News" at the end of the Charger Update!

October 26 - 30

Festive Fall Spirit Week

**continue to follow the Dress Code Policy during spirit week dress up days.*

Monday, October 26 - Make YOUR Mask YOURS!

Bling out your PPE mask to represent YOU!

Tuesday, October 27 - Fun Flannel Day

Wear your favorite cozy Fall flannel shirt, boots, and beanie - *between classes*.

Wednesday, October 28 - "On Wednesdays We Wear PINK"

Wear PINK in support of *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

Thursday, October 29 - Kick it with CAMO!

Wear your favorite CAMO clothes and accessories

Friday, October 30 - It's ALL ABOUT THE GREEN AND GOLD - Suncoast Spirit Day

Wear your Suncoast spirit gear or Green and Gold



Thursday, October 29

6:00 pm

IB Diploma Programme Junior/Senior Virtual Parent Meeting

Junior and Senior parents of IB Diploma, CS/IB, IIT/IB, and MSE/IB students **must attend** this informative meeting regarding the IB Diploma course requirements including ToK, CAS, and EE responsibilities. We want parents to have the information necessary to help keep IB students on track as they progress through the programme. We need our parents to stay informed! We will send you a link to the pre-recorded meeting as the date approaches. Please plan to attend!! Remember, all deadlines for IB internal and external assessments must be met, to remain in good standing, as part of the IB Diploma magnet program contract.

TESTING? TESTING! ONE, TWO...

9th and 10th Grade PSAT Test Day Information

Tuesday, October 27	Freshman – Grade 8/9 PSAT
Thursday, October 29	Sophomore – Grade 10 PSAT/NMSQT

Emails sent to students on Thursday, October 22 were to prepare for the 9th or 10th grade PSAT. Parents, please review these emails with your student so you know all of the test day procedures. Students, please bring:

- **Your mask!** (ALL CDC Guidelines will be followed - you will NOT be able to test without a mask!)
- At LEAST 4 number 2 pencils (**NOT Mechanical**)
- Approved Calculator - with new batteries (Check [Acceptable Calculator](#) List)
 - We do not have calculators to lend to students.
- Student ID (you can use your Middle School ID if you don't have a Suncoast ID)
- If you do not bring your ID, you will have to get a temporary ID from Student Services.
- Water and snacks - you can eat during designated break times - but not during testing.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student Attendance Policy: All students are expected to attend school regularly and to be on time for classes in order to benefit from the instructional programs and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. [Policy 5.09](#) Absenteeism, excused or unexcused, regardless of the reason, negatively affects the continuity of the learning process. Refer to the [Student and Family Handbook](#) and [Modified Distance Learning Student Attendance](#).

FY21 Policies and Procedures: Suncoast High School - [FY21 Policies and Procedures Manual](#).

TUTORIAL ROCKS !

The Suncoast Writing Lab is Open!

This resource is open to **ALL** students, Monday through Thursday from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm or 3:45 pm – 4:30 pm. Appointments are virtual through supervised Google Meets. We are here to assist in written work across subject areas, and all ability levels – brainstorming to revision process. See the Google Form to make an appointment in advance: [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**) and make an appointment with a peer CAS Coach. You will be glad that you did!

All Things IB is Back!

IB Candidates, every Wednesday from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Dr. Busse, Ms. Armbruster, and Ms. Edgar will be available to assist with IB essays, Internal Assessments, CAS, ToK, and Extended Essays. The Google Meet code is <https://meet.google.com/fkh-uhmk-txz> or use nickname **atib**.

Mu Alpha Theta Offers Free Lunch-time Math Tutoring

Tutoring is conducted virtually **Monday thru Thursday** every week, go to the link: [MAO Lunch Tutoring Sign-Up in order to be paired with a tutor](#). All Math subjects are offered for your tutoring needs!

SPORTS EVENTS

Order Deadline: Monday, October 26

Annual Athletic Department Holiday Fundraiser

Please check out the **holiday flyer** for the annual athletic department fundraiser:

https://suh.palmbeachschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1950314/File/SUNCOAST%20Holiday%20FR%20OFlyer.pdf. New this year!! We are offering a choice of colors (red or white) for poinsettias. Thank you for your support!

Winter Sports Eligibility Packet Collection

Athletic Eligibility Packet Requirements: Completed and cleared prior to being able to practice or condition - No same day clearance. The following items must be attached to the completed eligibility packet for clearance. Please note that no packet or form can be scanned or emailed, original copies only:

- [Athletic Eligibility Packet](#), [COVID Waiver](#), and 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

Eligibility Packet Collection Dates and Times:

Date	Time	Location
October 26 – 30	12:15 -12:45 pm (Lunch)	Courtyard
October 28 - 29	2:30 - 4:00 pm	Main Office

Date	Day	Sport	Start Time	Level	Location	Opponent/Title	Facility
10/26/2020	Monday	Volleyball, Girls	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
10/27/2020	Tuesday	Golf, Boys	3:30 PM	Varsity	Away	Royal Palm Beach	The Villages
10/28/2020	Wednesday	Bowling, Boys	3:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Bowlero Jupiter
10/28/2020	Wednesday	Bowling, Girls	3:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Bowlero Jupiter
10/28/2020	Wednesday	Cross Country, Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Jupiter, Pahokee, Royal Palm Beach, Seminole Ridge (Loxahatchee) - Suncoast Meet	Dyer Park
10/28/2020	Wednesday	Cross Country, Girls	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Jupiter, Pahokee, Royal Palm Beach, Seminole Ridge (Loxahatchee) - Suncoast Meet	Dyer Park
10/28/2020	Wednesday	Volleyball, Girls	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)
10/29/2020	Thursday	Volleyball, Girls	6:00 PM	Freshman	Away	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)
10/29/2020	Thursday	Volleyball, Girls	7:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)
10/30/2020	Friday	Swimming, Girls	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Park Vista (Lake Worth)	Lake Lytal Pool
10/30/2020	Friday	Swimming, Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Park Vista (Lake Worth)	Lake Lytal Pool
10/31/2020	Saturday	Football (11 man)	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Village Academy	Jupiter

Ticket and Entrance Procedures for On-Campus Athletic Events

Please view the informative YouTube video before attending a sports event: [Fall Spectator Guidelines](#)

CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS

Congratulations to Suncoast High School for their 2021 rankings by Niche:

- No. 1 – Best Magnet High Schools in Florida**
- No. 3 – Best Public High Schools in Florida**
- No. 4 – Best College Prep High Schools in Florida**
- No. 38 – Best Magnet High Schools in America**

The **Puerto Rican/Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Palm Beach County** is proud to announce The **Hispanic Heritage Awards 2020** “Celebrating our Hispanic Community Achievements” on Thursday, October 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. This Zoom virtual event will recognize IB Senior, **Juliana Riveros**, and other honorees in teaching and academy performance.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Rosemary Square

Check out the local happenings at Rosemary Square in West Palm Beach: [Rosemary Square Events](#)

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

College Application Deadlines – Let's Work Together!

Counselors are working hard, on behalf of Suncoast Seniors, to submit documents required for the November 1st college application deadline. The deadline to submit requests for counselors' recommendations, *Common App* invitations for counselors, and transcript requests was Monday, October 12. As the Suncoast Counseling department will work to honor all requests, we cannot guarantee that requests made after October 12 will be completed. All requests will be addressed in the order in which they were submitted to counselors.

The FAFSA Form is Open!

Seniors & Parents - Completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is an important step in preparing for college. **We strongly recommend all families complete the FAFSA.** All seniors who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and eligible noncitizens, can complete the FAFSA. Check out the YouTube video that gives families a complete walkthrough of the FAFSA Form: [FAFSA form Instructional Video](#). Go to [FAFSA form](#) and fill it out today, also visit your school counselor's Google classroom to find helpful videos that can walk you through the form.

SAT, ACT & College Applications Fee Waivers are available

Contact your school counselor if you are eligible for fee waivers.

Scholarship Opportunities – It's a Live Link!

Students and Parents, check this site often for updates: [Apply for Scholarships](#)

Virtual College Fairs

Three upcoming Virtual College Fairs! Sign Up at <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/>.

Date: **Sunday, November 8: 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

If a student exhibits symptoms of illness while at school, he/she will be escorted to the health room by a school staff member and assessed by the school nurse.

If you need to drop off paperwork, medication and/or medical supplies, please contact me to make an appointment. Also, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you and your student to keep them healthy, safe and actively engaged in the learning process!

Nurse Colleen, Health Room Direct Line: 561-882-3484 or Email: colong@hcdpbc.org

Fax: 561-268-5142

FOR YOUR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS

Contact Mrs. Andrea Smith, Professional School Behavioral Health Counselor at for stress management tips and other resources: andrea.g.smith@palmbeachschools.org or join her Google Classroom at <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTQzNjU0MTYxMjgz?cjc=nk2obhc>.

Our School Psychologist is Ms. Gabriela Dahlin. She assists students to succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. She collaborates with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community. She can be reached by email: Gabriela.dahlin@palmbeachschools.org

PICTURE DAY NEWS

Pictures for Everyone!

****Thursday, November 5 is Picture Day on the Suncoast Campus.****

Freshmen who are virtual learners will have an opportunity to have their Student ID made during Picture Day.

These pictures will be used in the yearbook! Therefore, all seniors who have not taken their formal pictures, and **all underclassmen**, brick and mortar students, virtual students, and students who have not purchased picture packages will take pictures.

IF YOU ARE A FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE OR JUNIOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE PICTURES, please pay for them in advance at leonards.com/photoprepay using the Access Code: C503542. When the prompt asks for "Teacher," please enter the name of your 5th period teacher. You DO NOT have to bring a receipt with you when you take your picture.

BRICK AND MORTAR FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS, you will take pictures in the gym following an alpha schedule throughout the day (posted later). PLEASE BRING YOUR STUDENT ID CARDS.

VIRTUAL FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS, you have the opportunity to take pictures on campus that day as well. These pictures are available for purchase and will be included in the yearbook. Students and/or their parents will drive through the main entrance on Jake Lane, around the car loop, and when they are in front of the gym area, they will be directed inside the gym via the door in the car loop, take their picture, and then return to their car to exit the campus. PLEASE BRING YOUR STUDENT ID CARDS, even if it's an old one. If you do not have an ID, please know your student ID number.

Virtual underclassmen should report to campus using the alpha schedule below:

*3:00 - 5:30 pm, Alternate Virtual Underclassman Time.

Alpha Last Name	Time
A - Be	8:30 - 9:00 am
Bi - C	9:00 - 9:30 am
D - E	9:30 - 10:00 am
F - G	10:00 - 10:30 am
H - J	10:30 - 11:00 am
K - L	11:00 - 11:30 am
M	11:30 - 12:00 pm
N - P	12:00 - 12:30 pm
Q - Sc	12:30 - 1:00 pm
Se - Sz	1:00 - 1:30 pm
T - Z	1:30 - 2:00 pm

*If you cannot attend during your scheduled time slot, you may also take pictures during this timeframe.

Make-up Picture Day - Wednesday, December 16

Students who are unable to take pictures on November 5 may do so on the makeup date.

SENIORS

Seniors who have not taken their senior pictures yet can take their formal yearbook pose pictures this day. You will need to schedule your appointment at leonards.com and select YEARBOOK POSE ONLY. At your appointed time, you will arrive on campus, park in the student parking lot, and enter the gym hallway via the door in the car loop. Senior pictures will be taken in the **DANCE ROOM** located in the gym. Seniors can take their pictures wearing a tuxedo or a drape. If you are using the tuxedo option, please wear a white t-shirt. If you are using the drape option, please wear or bring a tank top with you. BRING YOUR STUDENT ID CARDS, even if it is an old card.

Senior Make-up Picture Day - Saturday, November 14 at the Suncoast campus!

This date will be for the FULL Senior Picture experience, both formal poses and casual poses. The Picture Day on 11/5 will just be for formal yearbook poses. Any senior who has not taken their senior picture yet needs to go to leonards.com and book an appointment for either 11/5 or 11/14. If you just want to take a formal picture (tux or drape), 11/5 is for you! If you want to also take casual photos with different backgrounds, you will need to make your appointment for 11/14. Hurry, as these appointments will fill up quickly.

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/SuncoastChargersAthletics>

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2	Choice Programs Application Window opens Quarter 1 Marking Period ends
November 12	Virtual Magnet Open House Quarter 1 Report Cards
November 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Week Holiday

RESOURCE PAGE

Program	Grade	Assistant Principal	Counselor
MSE	9-12	Keevey	Evans
CS	9-12	Blumner	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

Making Your Choice 2.0 is the School District of Palm Beach County's consistency plan for each semester to ascertain the students who intend to switch from Virtual to Brick and Mortar or Brick and Mortar to Virtual. The dates listed below are important for you and your family to review:

First Semester Action and Timeline:

Monday, October 5, 2020 - First Semester final selection date **window opens** for Parent/Student decisions about their desired learning platform. The window opens for switching from Virtual to Brick and Mortar or Brick and Mortar to Virtual. Parents will need to go back to the Make Your Choice tile in the student portal to change the desired learning platform and register for bus transportation if needed.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 - First Semester final selection date **window closes** for Parent/Student decisions about their desired learning platform.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 - Parent/Student desired learning platform is implemented and selected choice begins. **No further changes for First Semester.**

Second Semester Action and Timeline:

Monday, January 4, 2021 - Second Semester final selection date **window opens** for Parent/Student decisions about their desired learning platform. The window opens for switching from Virtual to Brick and Mortar or Brick and Mortar to Virtual for the rest of the school year. Parents will need to go back to the Make Your Choice tile in the student portal to change the desired learning platform and register for bus transportation if needed.

Monday, January 11, 2021 - Second Semester final selection date **window closes** for Parent/Student decisions about their desired learning platform.

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - Parent/Student desired learning platform is implemented and selected choice begins for the remainder of the year. **No further changes for the Second Semester.**

