

THE CHARGER UPDATE

November 2 - 6, 2020

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Tuesday, November 3 – Teacher Work Day No School for Students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student engagement is essential in order for children to get the most out of their lessons, whether they be in-person or as part of a Google Classroom. Please take a moment to review this brief video message from Superintendent Donald Fennoy. He shared advice about how parents and guardians can support their children academically as part of his [Friday 5 weekly newsletter](#).

As we close out the month of October, we also want to remind parents that November 4 marks the start of the *Make Your Choice* commitment to either have your child's instruction take place via distance learning or in-person. After November 4, you may request for a change to your choice if you have an extenuating circumstance. Should that occur, please request a waiver from our school office.

Here's something to cheer about! Athletes are slowly returning to our fields and courts. Three football games are scheduled to take place on Friday and more games on Saturday. Due to COVID-19, spectator protocols have changed and include the pre-purchase of tickets. Guests may purchase tickets online, in advance, using the cashless "GoFan" website or app.

Please also see more spectator protocols here: [Spectator Protocols for Fall Sports](#)

The District has also created a video explaining these protocols. [Protocols Video](#)

It is vital that both parents and students continue to remain fully aware of the latest updates to important information:

- **Student Engagement Reminders:** School leaders and teachers are working diligently to provide an optimal learning environment for all students. Students in Distance Learning should have a designated work space during the school day. Distance Learners are also expected to turn on their cameras during instructional time so teachers can continue to gauge their level of interest and involvement.
- **Student Attendance Policy Reminder:** All students are expected to attend school regularly and to be on time for classes in order to benefit from the instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility. Each student is required to attend classes one hundred and eighty (180) days each school year. To be in compliance with these attendance requirements, students must not accumulate fifteen (15) unexcused absences in a period of ninety (90) calendar days. [Policy 5.09](#) Absenteeism, excused or unexcused, regardless of the reason, negatively affects the continuity of the learning process. As a student's absenteeism increases, there is a greater responsibility for the school to deter future absenteeism, and there is a greater responsibility for the student to demonstrate that such absenteeism has not negatively affected performance mastery. Refer to the [Student and Family Handbook](#) and [Modified Distance Learning Student Attendance](#).

Go Chargers!



SCHOOL BUSINESS

IB Diploma Programme Junior/Senior Virtual Parent Night

Junior and Senior parents of IB Diploma, CS/IB, IIT/IB, and MSE/IB students, please view the Virtual Parent Night narrated video and powerpoint – with links to access additional information.

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrVB9Ci2i50&feature=youtu.be>

Powerpoint with helpful links:

http://www.suncoasthighschool.org/news/school_updates/i_b_diploma_program_jr_sr_parent_night

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.

Virtual Veterans Day Celebration

The School District of Palm Beach County cordially invites you to a virtual Annual Veterans' Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 9:00 – 9:30 am. You can access the ceremony on palmbeachschools.org, Comcast Ch. 234, or AT & T U-verse Ch. 99.

Changes to Transportation Routes

Transportation Routes will change **on Monday, November 2nd.**

Visit our School Website for the [Updated Bus Routes](#).

TESTING? TESTING! ONE, TWO...

Standardized Testing Schedule is a Live Link!

Students and Parents, check this document often for updates: [Fall 2020 Assessment Schedule](#)

Virtual Q & A with Testing Coordinator, Mary Rawson

Wednesday, November 4th, 9:00 – 10:00 am (G-Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/odw-zaju-bme>)

Thursday, November 5th, 3:00 – 4:00 pm (G-Meets Link: <https://meet.google.com/wht-qhtp-gaz>)

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: [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!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Rosemary Square

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

SPORTS EVENTS

Athletic Event Procedures, Ticketing, Security and Health Screenings

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**.
- 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 MUST answer the following **health awareness questions** and have a **temperature check** before entering the facility: *fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.*

Yes or No Questions:

Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer- for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or with anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19:

Are you currently waiting on results of a COVID-19 test?

Winter Sports Athletic Eligibility Conditioning

- Soccer, Wrestling, Girls Basketball, Girls Weightlifting - the week of **November 2, 2020**
- Boys Basketball - the week of **November 9, 2020**

Please contact the head coach for more sports specific details: [Suncoast Head Coaches List FY21](#)

Students must be cleared prior to any participation (No same day clearance)

- The last day to join a winter team is **November 9, 2020**.
- The last day to turn in an Athletic Eligibility Packet is **November 6, 2020**.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, November 4	12:15-12:45 pm (Lunch)	Courtyard
	2:30 - 4:00 pm	Main Office
Thursday, November 5	12:15 -12:45 pm (Lunch)	Courtyard
	2:30 - 4:00 pm	Main Office
Friday, November 6	12:15-12:45 pm (Lunch)	Courtyard

Athletic Eligibility Packet Requirements:

The following items must be attached to the completed eligibility packet for clearance. Original copies only, scanned or emailed forms are not permitted.

- [Athletic Eligibility Packet, 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

Date	Day	Sport	Start Time	Level	Location	Opponent/Title	Date
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
11/2/2020	Monday	Volleyball, Girls	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Palm Beach Gardens
11/3/2020	Monday	Golf, Boys	3:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Park Vista (Lake Worth)	Sandhill Crane
11/4/2020	Wednesday	Bowling, Girls	3:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Seminole Ridge (Loxahatchee)	Bowlero Jupiter
11/4/2020	Wednesday	Bowling, Boys	3:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Seminole Ridge (Loxahatchee)	Bowlero Jupiter
11/4/2020	Wednesday	Golf, Girls	3:30 PM	Varsity	Home	Dreyfoos	Sandhill Crane
11/5/2020	Thursday	Cross Country, Girls	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Jupiter, Pahokee, Royal Palm Beach, Seminole Ridge (Loxahatchee) - Suncoast Meet	Dyer Park
11/5/2020	Thursday	Cross Country, Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Jupiter, Pahokee, Royal Palm Beach, Seminole Ridge (Loxahatchee) - Suncoast Meet	Dyer Park
11/5/2020	Thursday	Swimming, Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Dreyfoos (West Palm Beach)	
11/5/2020	Thursday	Swimming, Girls	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Dreyfoos (West Palm Beach)	
11/5/2020	Thursday	Volleyball, Girls	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Palm Beach Gardens	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
11/6/2020	Friday	Football (11 man)	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Jupiter	Jupiter

FUNDRAISERS

Coupon Books On Sale!

Coach Hannah, our girls volleyball coach and Coach McCann, our girls golf coach, and one of our cross country coaches are selling coupon books as a fundraiser for their respective teams. They cost \$25 and the hundreds of amazing coupons are good through December, 2021. You can preview the book here: https://issuu.com/savearound/docs/palm_beach_fl. Thank you for your support! Email them if you are interested: Karole.hannah@palmbeachschools.org and molly.mccann@palmbeachschools.org

CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS

October Chargers of the Month: Caring *(statements from their nominators)*

Aintzane Perez is one of the most sincere and genuine people, whose care for others is evident in everything she says and does. Her concern for others' well-being is really inspirational.

Sebastian Gulden "I ask Sebastian computer questions and he helps me! Last week, he googled some information for me - I did not ask him to do this - he emailed me from home, on his own time, an explanation about how to solve my problem. If that's not caring, I don't know what is!"

October Super Charger of the Month – Dr. Christi Carter, English Teacher

Dr. Christi Carter has been a rock star with the technology we have had to implement with the students and staff. She willingly shares her techy knowledge with others and is incredibly helpful. She has been an amazing advocate for her students' needs and has been incredible about sharing concerns, needs, and accolades of our shared team's students. She is truly a team player and leader. It is a real joy to work with her. Our kids are lucky to have her. She also procured a grant to fund a creative writing club for girls on campus.

Announcing Miss Suncoasts...

Please give a Charger Shout-Out to **Nikayla Henry** and **Maya Shamash** as our Miss Suncoasts for 2020-2021! They are the leaders / liasions of *All Things Charger Pride* here at Suncoast High School. Congratulations!!

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.

Finished with FAFSA? No?

Join PBSC's Zoom Meeting on **Wednesday, November 4 from 5:30 - 7:30pm**. Be sure to click the link and register before the event! <https://palmbeachstate.zoom.us/j/95617489666>

Need an Encore? PBSC will have two additional Virtual FAFSA Workshops:

Monday, November 30 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm <https://palmbeachstate.zoom.us/j/94541333642>

Wednesday, December 9 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm <https://palmbeachstate.zoom.us/j/96844018272>

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

Question: My student was sent home for something COVID-related – when is it safe to return to school?

Response: The important thing to know is that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 (symptomatic, asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic) can be contagious for a certain period of time and the opportunity to become infected by those who have been exposed can occur in a different window of time.

A person who tests positive and has symptoms is considered *infectious* 2 days before the onset of symptoms until 10 days after onset. A person who tests positive and does not have symptoms is considered infectious for 10 days after the positive test.

A person who has been exposed to an infected person may develop symptoms from 2 to 14 days following the last date of close contact. Or, they may become infected and never develop any symptoms.

If your student:

- develops symptoms of COVID-19
- has tested positive for COVID-19
- is exposed to someone in the home who has tested positive
- knows/believes they may have had close contact with someone who has tested positive

Please contact the school immediately for further instruction and direction. Each case is handled independently based on the circumstances, and the determination about when it is safe to return to school will be made in compliance with CDC, state and local guidelines.

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 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/>
Suncoast Chargers Athletics

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

Scholarship Opportunities – It's a Live Link!

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

SAT, ACT & College Applications Fee Waivers are available

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

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:

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.**

