

THE CHARGER UPDATE

December 7 - 11, 2020

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Teacher Work Day No School for Students - Friday, December 4, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

First Semester Exams Cancelled by the School District

In order to provide additional instructional time for high school students across Palm Beach County School District, first semester exams, originally scheduled for January 25 - 29, 2021, will not occur. Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 grades are used to calculate "Semester Grades," by the School District, recorded on Quarter 2 report cards. This is your student's opportunity to gain a better semester grade for the high school transcript submitted to colleges and universities for application purposes. As always, our teachers may create and administer their own assessments, but these grades will be incorporated into the second quarter grade.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Holiday Fundraiser Pickup

Please pick up the items ordered through the Annual Athletic Department Holiday Fundraiser on Friday, December 4, 2020, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the Suncoast student parking lot. Thank you for your support!!

Pathfinder Award Nominations are Underway!

Suncoast Seniors, the Palm Beach Post Pathfinder Awards nomination process has begun. If you believe you possess outstanding achievement in one of the [18 categories](#) and **would like to self-nominate as a Suncoast nominee**, please follow the initial application process, outlined in a message, sent to your student email address by Ms. Blumner (last Friday, November 28, 2020). As noted in the email, the two-part initial application process must be completed **no later than Monday December 7, 2020 – NO EXCEPTIONS**. Please contact Ms. DePonte (amanda.delponte@palmbeachschools.org) with any questions or for additional information.

School Café News

We are selling snacks and drinks again in the school café during lunch. At this time, we cannot accept cash at the register; however, you can add cash to your student lunch accounts through schoolcashionline.com. **You must have your ID badge, so we can scan the barcode, and charge your account.**

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

Finished with FAFSA?

Join PBSC's Virtual FAFSA Workshops on Zoom: **Wednesday, December 9**, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
<https://palmbeachstate.zoom.us/j/96844018272>

Scholarship Opportunities – It's a Live Link!

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

TESTING? TESTING! ONE, TWO...

December FSA/EOC

Chargers, if you signed up to take FSA/EOC Assessments December 8 -14, 2020, please check your email on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, for **Test Day Information**.

January PSAT

Juniors, **January 8, 2021 is the deadline to pay** for the January 26, 2021 PSAT. Please use School Cash Online to buy your ticket for the test.



Our Standardized Testing Schedule is a Live Link!

Students and Parents, check this document often for updates: [Fall Assessment Schedule FY21](#).

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

PTSA Needs Your Help for the Holidays!

The Suncoast PTSA hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! In the spirit of giving thanks, we hope to treat our Suncoast Teachers and Staff with a **Holiday Luncheon on December 16, 2020**. Traditionally, PTSA had the opportunity to fundraise and support this event and we were able to count on homemade items to serve. This year with Covid-19 guidelines, we will need to cater the event, and we are in need of family and business support to make the luncheon possible.

If you would like to contribute to the luncheon and support Suncoast Teachers and Staff, please visit <https://suncoastptsa.new.memberhub.store/store/items/344575>. No amount is too big or too small. Thank you!!

CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS

Voted by Suncoast faculty to be our school nominees for District and State competitions:

Suncoast Assistant Principal of the Year, Aaron Keevey is the Advanced Placement Program Administrator, AP Capstone Administrator and the MSE Administrator. He supervises the World Language and PE Departments, in addition to the Athletic Department. He is always willing to help with a pleasant disposition and a kind word. *Congratulations, Mr. Keevey, onto the next round!*

Suncoast Teacher of the Year, Kristy Seidel is a teacher of Advanced Placement English Language and Composition, and IB English III / Advanced Placement English Literature She also serves as an IB Diploma Programme Literature Examiner, an AP Language Exam Question Leader, and an AP English Language Facilitator for Palm Beach County. In her leisure time, she works as the Head Varsity Football and Competition Cheerleading Coach. *Congratulations, Ms. Seidel, you are awesome!*

Suncoast School-Related Employee of the Year, Heidi Riddle is a two-time nominee for Suncoast serving as the Administrative Assistant to our Principal. Heidi works tirelessly in the areas of School/Parent Communications, Employee Relations, Budget/Ordering, Hospitality, and Facilities/Work Orders/Leasing. Anyone who knows Ms. Riddle is already aware of her boundless efforts to complete tasks at a superlative level. *Congratulations, Ms. Riddle, we appreciate everything you do for us!!*

2021 Special Scholarship Competition of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation

The following students have earned scholarships from the respective NMSQT Sponsors:

NextEra Energy Foundation: **Vladimir Alekseev, Samuel Mercier, Ritham Natani, Anna Stengel, Hannah Tarver**
The UPS Foundation: **Matthew Berris**

Questbridge Scholarship Winner Abigail Jolteus, an IB Diploma Senior, was matched with Yale University through the [Questbridge National College Match](#) and will receive a four-year scholarship to attend in the Fall. *Abigail, your Charger Family is so proud!*

November “Thinker” Chargers of the Month: Zachary Tish and Juliette Fontaine (comments from their nominators)

Zachary was a tremendous help with the Virtual Open House this month. He edited all of the videos that were used throughout the night. He really thought through the process with our magnet coordinator and helped design videos that would be informative and entertaining for perspective Chargers.

Juliette is a tremendous help in French class and works well with others. She helps Madame Morton find French songs to share in class and makes the class enjoyable for all.

November Super Charger of the Month – Brett Stubbs, IB Environmental Systems Teacher

Brett Stubbs has always been an innovative and energetic teacher. He never settles for good enough, instead putting in the time required to make his lessons engaging and academically challenging. Mr. Stubbs is willing to share his lesson plans with others, as well as help brainstorm ideas for new strategies and lessons. Need an idea for an activity? Ask Brett. Need an idea for MYP curriculum? Talk to Brett. Need an extra beaker? Check with Brett. Somehow, even while being a new husband and parent, he still manages to be a remarkable colleague. Thank you!

Suncoast got a Shout-Out on CNN 10 - <https://www.cnn.com/cnn10> - skip to 9:37, right after the story on poinsettias.

Have You Seen This Charger Alum/Chargerette/MSE Student on TV? Leah Smith, Class of 1999, <https://www.ispot.tv/ad/nx90/nature-made-verified-by-usp>.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Thank you Charger Family for your continued diligence with all things COVID! Each case is handled, based on the circumstances. 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 he/she may have had close contact with someone who has tested positive
- or if you are unsure about a situation...

Please contact the school immediately for directions. The School Nurse is available by phone at 561-882-3484 or email at colong@hcdpbc.org during the school day.

If you or someone you know needs a COVID-19 test, the following locations are available free of charge through the Health Care District of Palm Beach County:

Rapid Antigen Test with Same Day Results:

This is a good option if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. First-come, first-served, for all ages.

FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches – 5444 Haverhill Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33407

Drive through, Tuesday – Saturday, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PCR Test – Results within 3 Days

This is a good option, if testing is recommended but you are not experiencing any symptoms.

C.L. BRUMBACK PRIMARY CARE CLINICS:

Walk-ups accepted during listed hours OR call for a next-day appointment at 561-642-1000.

BELLE GLADE: Lakeside Medical Center – 39200 Hooker Highway

- Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – Noon

DELRAY BEACH: 225 S. Congress Avenue

- Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – Noon

JUPITER: 411 W. Indiantown Road

- Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

WEST PALM BEACH: 1150 45th Street

- Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

HCD MOBILE CLINICS - SCOUT AND HERO

Walk-up only. Locations and hours vary. Call 561-642-1000 for more information.

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.

SPORTS EVENTS

Athletic Event Procedures, Ticketing, Security and Health Screenings

Due to COVID-19, spectator protocols have changed and include the pre-purchase of tickets. Guests must pre-purchase tickets online using the cashless “GoFan” website or app. Please also see more [Spectator Protocols for Fall Sports](#). The School District has also 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.

Date	Day	Sport	Start Time	Level	Location	Opponent/Title	Facility
12/4/2020	Friday	Football (11 man)	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Playoffs vs. Coconut Creek	Coconut Creek
12/7/2020	Monday	Soccer, Girls	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	PB Gardens	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/7/2020	Monday	Soccer, Girls	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Dreyfoos (West Palm Beach)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/8/2020	Tuesday	Soccer, Boys	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	John I. Leonard (Greenacres)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/8/2020	Tuesday	Soccer, Boys	7:30 PM	Varsity	Home	John I. Leonard (Greenacres)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/9/2020	Wednesday	Wrestling	3:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Jupiter	Jupiter
12/9/2020	Wednesday	Basketball, Boys	4:30 PM	Freshman	Away	Santaluces (Lantana)	Santaluces (Lantana)
12/9/2020	Wednesday	Soccer, Girls	5:30 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Central (Wellington)	Palm Beach Central
12/9/2020	Wednesday	Basketball, Boys	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Santaluces (Lantana)	Santaluces (Lantana)
12/9/2020	Wednesday	Basketball, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Boca Raton	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/9/2020	Wednesday	Soccer, Girls	7:30 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Central (Wellington)	Palm Beach Central
12/9/2020	Wednesday	Basketball, Boys	7:30 PM	Varsity	Away	Santaluces (Lantana)	Santaluces (Lantana)
12/10/2020	Thursday	Soccer, Boys	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	Wellington	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/10/2020	Thursday	Soccer, Boys	7:30 PM	Varsity	Home	Wellington	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/11/2020	Friday	Basketball, Boys	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Lakes (West Palm Beach)	Palm Beach Lakes (West Palm Beach)
12/11/2020	Friday	Basketball, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Palm Beach Central (Wellington)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
12/11/2020 or 12/2020	TBA	Football (11 man)	TBA	Varsity	Away	TBA - Playoffs	
12/11/2020	Friday	Basketball, Boys	7:30 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Lakes (West Palm Beach)	Palm Beach Lakes (West Palm Beach)

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.

Health Screening and Mask Requirements:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16 Make-up Picture Day

OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

<i>Tuxedo Gourmet Catering Company</i>	561-848-9696
<i>Center for Essay Excellence</i>	http://www.centerforessayexcellence.com/
<i>Helios College Counseling</i>	https://www.helioscollegecounseling.com/
<i>Revolution Prep</i>	https://www.revolutionprep.com/
<i>Best College Consulting</i>	http://bestcollegeconsulting.com/
<i>Score at the Top/Judi Robinovitz Associates</i>	https://www.scoreatthetop.com/
<i>International College Counselors</i>	https://internationalcollegecounselors.com/
<i>Greene Education Foundation</i>	http://www.greene-educationfoundation.org/

If you would like to become a Suncoast Business Partner, please contact Ms. Kessel: nk14@comcast.net.

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