

THE CHARGER UPDATE

February 15 - 19, 2021

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Semester 1 Report Cards can be viewed on SIS Do You Monitor Your Child on SIS?

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This month, as we began the second half of the school year, more students are, once again, registered to attend school on campus rather than in distance learning, signaling strong confidence in our campuses as safe for in-person instruction. Parents, as the scaling distribution of vaccines gives a new reason for hope, please know that we continue to follow health protocols on all District properties. Now is not the time to let your guard down when it comes to health-related precautions such as social distancing and the wearing of facial coverings.

February is Black History Month, an opportunity to reflect on the movements and people who pushed conversations forward. Thursday, **February 18 at 6:00 p.m.**, the monthly lecture series [Our History, Our Culture](#) speaks to the Great Civilizations of Africa, presented by the Department of African, African American, Latino, Holocaust, and Gender Studies. It is critical that all families have the opportunity to access resources to understand sensitive topics on race, racism, and social justice.

Parents and students should continue to remain fully aware of the latest District updates regarding important information:

- ❖ The School District of Palm Beach County School Board approved the [academic calendar](#) for the 2021-2022 school year during a special meeting on February 3. According to the calendar, the first day of school will be August 10, 2021, with the last day of the school year as May 26, 2022.

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 has been COVID-tested with a negative result.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Course Selection Meetings with School Counselors are Coming...

Course Selection for 2021-2022 will begin on **Monday, February 22nd**, school counselors will meet with students in specific courses, related to their magnet programs, and set up courses for next year. Please use the link below to access the course selection information for your respective magnet program. (*Click inside the grid to find your grade level and magnet program.*) Information on elective choices is also embedded in the grid:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QCx-PoM4KDH6s2XxSK8OOszPpLt-bjboleRlyuohgM/edit?usp=sharing>

Course Selection Planning Sessions for IB Diploma Students

Students who are planning to enroll as **IB DP, CS/IB, IIT/IB and MSE/IB must view the IB DP Course Selection Seminar on Youtube for instructions on schedule planning.** Course selection meetings are scheduled to start Monday, February 22nd and you need to be ready. The powerpoint version is also on the Suncoast website and you can access the hyperlinks and course selection planning sheets there.

Dr. Raiford, IB DP Administrator, will be in the atrium during lunch, for brick & mortar students, February 15 - 17 for Question & Answer sessions and schedule planning. Virtual students can use this code (spe-joos-zud) for their Q& A sessions on February 18 - 19 during lunch.

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6OxnOCygSM>

Suncoast website: [IB DP Course Selection Documents](#)



Class Spirit Shirts

Brick and Mortar students may contact class sponsors for the lunchtime pick-up schedule.

Virtual students who still need to pick up shirts, contact class sponsors to arrange for pick-up in the Main Office.

Class	Class Sponsor	Email
Seniors	Mr. Harr	richard.harr@palmbeachschools.org
	Ms. Winchester	anneliese.winchester@palmbeachschools.org
Juniors	Mrs. Davies	rachele.davies@palmbeachschools.org
	Mr. Raicovich	joseph.raicovich@palmbeachschools.org
Sophomores	Mr. Brown	neil.brown@palmbeachschools.org
Freshmen	Mr. Stubbs	brett.stubbs@palmbeachschools.org

Please Note: The **deadline** to pay Spirit Fees for **round two of the Spirit Shirt orders is Monday, February 15th.** Spirit Dues (**\$25**) are posted on SchoolCash Online. "Round Two" Spirit Shirts should be ready for distribution during the first week of March.

Senior Cap and Gown Orders Coming Your Way...

Hi Chargers! We are excited for graduation. Come buy your cap and gown and other fun Class of 2021 gear on **Thursday, February 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.** Please remember to wear a mask and maintain social distance. Also, bring cash or a credit card to purchase your cap and gown. If you would like to reserve a spot for February 25th, please email Ms. Winchester at anneliese.winchester@palmbeachschools.org.

Do You Have a Parent Google Classroom Account?

Here is a little help in setting up a Parent Google Classroom account so you can receive weekly "guardian email summaries" on your student's classes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-TOCNwelfs>.

Second Semester - Do You Need a Parking Decal?

Students parking on campus must have a valid parking decal. Use [SchoolCash Online](#) to purchase and be sure to complete the [Suncoast parking permits](#) application located on the Suncoast High website. Please 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 for this process). The **Main Office closes at 3:30 pm daily.** Parents can also pick up parking decals during the school day.

Yearbook, Yearbook!

Purchase your yearbook for just \$90 at [Balfour](#).

TESTING? TESTING! ONE, TWO...

School-wide SAT

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

CONFIRMATION DEADLINE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th - 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 by **8:00 am on Monday, February 15, 2021** to confirm their attendance and secure their seats. Test Day Information (including test room locations) will be sent to student emails a week prior to the test administration date.

SAT Prep

Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/SAT>

Full SAT practice tests: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

Spring Testing Information

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

FSA ELA and Algebra 1, Geometry, US History, and Biology EOC Scores

Scores from the FSA and EOCs taken in December, 2020 have been released. Please check your SIS next week for updated score information.

SAT and ACT Dates

Please see the available Saturday dates and registration deadlines for SAT and ACT through to the summer months. Don't miss these opportunities to get ready for college admissions or to gain a concordant score.

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
SAT	March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	February 23, 2021 (for mailed registrations)
			March 2, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)
SAT	May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 20, 2021 (for mailed registrations)
			April 27, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)
SAT	June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 18, 2021 (for mailed registrations)
			May 26, 2021 (for registrations made online or by phone)
ACT	April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021
ACT	June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
ACT	July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

Do You Have a Transcript Request?

Chargers, Grades 9-12: Attention, if you need to request a transcript for a summer program, scholarship, or college please use this [Transcript Request Form](#).

Here are the Guidelines for Requesting your Transcript:

- ❖ The form can only be opened from your student email.
- ❖ It is recommended to order your transcript two weeks prior to your deadline.
- ❖ If you are not using this transcript to apply to college, select "Transcript as a PDF for your viewing or upload."
- ❖ **Transcripts cost \$3.** In the transcript request form you will be directed to pay on SchoolCash Online. After you pay for your transcript, you will receive a receipt of payment on the screen. **Take a screenshot/save that image and upload it in the transcript request form.** If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you should upload your confirmation letter from the Meal Department in the [Transcript Request Form](#) instead of going to SchoolCash Online to pay.
- ❖ The last question will be a confirmation. For example, if you requested a PDF of your transcript, do you want that copy emailed to you or a third party? If so, please enter the specific email of the transcript recipient.
- ❖ Double check everything, errors could cause a delay in your transcript being sent.

Summer 2021 Dual Enrollment Information

If you are interested in registering for dual enrollment courses over the summer, join the Google Classroom with code: **rkhco4x**. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Important SAT Updates...

CollegeBoard has **discontinued** the SAT Subject Tests and Optional Essay. Please see the CollegeBoard website for more details: <https://blog.collegeboard.org/January-2021-sat-subject-test-and-essay-faq>.

PTSA Presentation: Course Selection Tips

In case you were not able to attend the last PTSA Meeting, here is the presentation that goes over course selection: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1x_4Zu8TH31y3J8r3HUvHAJTjI9m2ijyfn6lgVxb-L14/edit?usp=sharing

Bright Futures Registration, Finally Here!

Seniors, it is time to complete your Florida Bright Futures Application! We recommend **ALL seniors complete this application**. You never know what changes can occur.

Please see the presentation for Bright Futures:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12WlfrR5DFeapsi6by1iFYzqxiB2Dxn0PSpbjz56NXU/edit?usp=sharing>

If you would like additional guidance with your Bright Futures Application, please join one of Ms. Del Ponte's **Google Meets** on **Tuesday, February 16** or **Wednesday, February 17**. Meet codes can be found on page 2 of the Bright Futures presentation.

The Princeton Review Invites You to a Live Webinar...

Starting thinking about how you will spend your summer - Join **Julia Moody, The Princeton Review College Admissions Counselor**, to review activities that encourage fun and productive summers and are sure to enhance college applications. [Register for Events Here](#)

You'll learn:

- Why summer activities are an important part of the college application
- Which activities may be a good fit for you
- Trusted resources for exploring summer activities

When: **February 17, 2021 from 8:00 – 9:00 pm ET**

Questions? Call us at [800-2Review](tel:800-2Review). We're ready to help 9AM-10PM ET and on weekends, 10AM-6PM ET

Did you Check out this Website Yet? NACAC College Fairs: <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

Virtual College Fairs for 10th and 11th Graders, A Few Left...

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 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:

- ✚ **ACT Strategy Session** - Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 pm: [Click for ACT](#)
- ✚ **Dream Colleges** - Monday, March 8, 8:00 pm [Click for Dream Colleges](#)
- ✚ **SAT, ACT and Admissions in the Time of COVID** - Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 pm [Click for Admissions Help](#)

It is Scholarship Season and Deadlines are Coming Up Fast! [Apply for Scholarships](#)

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

We Need Your Support for "Operation Graduation!"

All Suncoast Families, Funding is needed to purchase graduation items that will be utilized by students over the next **8 - 10 years**. Donations will be used to purchase Magnet Program Stoles, Stoles for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Student Government Association Stoles, Senior Class Stoles, Scholar Cords, AP Capstone Cords, National Honor Society Regalia. We thank you for assisting us with ensuring all seniors, from the Class of 2021-2031, are recognized for their hard work and accomplishments.

To donate follow this link: <https://suncoastptsamemberhub.store/store/items/697927>

TUTORIAL ROCKS !

The Suncoast Writing Lab is Open! We have qualified one on one peer tutoring appointments available in all subject areas. We can assist in every stage of the writing process, from planning, to final revisions, and serve to assist students at all ability levels - sometimes students mistakenly think they should only go if they are failing a class or assignment. **Join the Writing Lab Google Classroom, code: cbwlxts - holding virtual and in-person appointments available! No excuses - [Suncoast Writing Lab Appointment](#).**

The Suncoast Spring Tutorial Schedule is on our website

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

All Things IB! 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 Math Tutoring: Monday – Thursday [MAO Lunch Tutoring Sign-Up](#) for All Math subjects.

CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS!

12 Suncoast 2021 National Merit Finalists Announced!

*Grant Bello, Tyler Berndt, Kensuke DeLisi, Rayan Dharia, Morgan Gerber, Anushka Lakum, Brian Mercier, Alexa Pamatat, Emma Patterson, Anthony Perez, Grace Sergent, and Kohki Taniguchi. **Congratulations!***

2021 Kovner Scholarship Semi-Finalists

Learn more: [The Kovner Foundation](#)

Eduardo Arteaga, Keilana Brooks, Annabelle Faurot, Alana Ferguson, Fauzia Haque, Russell Perez, Cristian Rivera, Sameera Sajous, and Janelle Whiteside You Rock!!

January Super Charger of the Month is Ms. Ramona Harvey! *Comments from their nominators...*

Ms. Harvey was nominated by a colleague who said, "she has been a valuable asset assisting teachers new to Suncoast, making sure that they know the ropes of how to navigate our intricate programs. She also greets everyone with a smile and kind words."

January Chargers of the Month are Principled!

Tess Romine is a junior in the IB Diploma Programme. Her teacher said, "Tess is a student whom you can trust. She is a hard worker and strives to put her best foot forward in all circumstances."

Raymond Wong is a freshman in the MSE program. His teacher said, "Raymond is a highly motivated student who consistently impresses with his academic prowess and his thirst for positive justice. His thoughtful and respectful approach has made his opinion very valuable in class."

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

Spring Sports Tryouts

In Progress

Spring Sports tryouts are underway! Please see the chart below last possible dates 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](#). **All Students must be cleared prior to any participation.**

Spring Sports: Start and Try-Out Dates

Sport	Start Date / Try-Out Date	Last Date to Join
Flag Football	Feb. 8	Feb. 15
Boys Volleyball	Feb. 8	Feb. 15

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>

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.

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.

Date	Day	Sport	Start Time	Level	Location	Opponent/Title	Facility
2/15/2021	Monday	Baseball	6:30 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
2/16/2021	Tuesday	Tennis, Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Clewiston	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
2/16/2021	Tuesday	Tennis, Girls	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Clewiston	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
2/16/2021	Tuesday	Soccer, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Regionals	Suncoast
2/18/2021	Thursday	Tennis, Girls	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Dreyfoos (West Palm Beach)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
2/18/2021	Thursday	Tennis, Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Dreyfoos (West Palm Beach)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
2/18/2021	Thursday	Baseball	6:30 PM	Varsity	Home	Forest Hill (West Palm Beach)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)

FUNDRAISERS

Dance Marathon Fundraiser

Thursday, February 25, 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Chargers, come out and support Dance Marathon at Suncoast and fill your tummies at Five Guys in Wellington on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 4 - 8 pm. Check your teacher's Google Classrooms for the flyer and when you order, they will use 20% of your total as a donation to DM@Suncoast for Children's Miracle Network. The time is now! – It's for the kids!!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

COVID-19 Reminders!

If your student:

- develops one or more 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 outside the home who has tested positive

PLEASE, contact the school right away!

The student should remain home and attend virtually until you have been advised about next steps by either the school administration or the Department of Health.

In every situation noted above there are several factors that will determine when a student may return to campus and/or campus activities. The CDC guidelines regarding return to school after an exposure have changed and may be less than 14 days if certain criteria are met. In the case of a confirmed exposure or positive test, the Department of Health will make the determination as to when that return is safe. If you have any questions about this process you may contact me, or the DOH directly at (561) 671-4184.

Thank you for your continued diligence!

Nurse Colleen

Phone: (561) 882-3484

email: colong@hcdpbc.org

GENTLE REMINDERS

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

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