

# THE CHARGER UPDATE

February 8 - 12, 2021

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**Semester 1 Report Cards will be available via SIS on  
Thursday, February 11, 2021.  
Quarter 3 is Underway!  
Do You Monitor Your Child on SIS?**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our Faculty, Administration, Staff, and Students of Suncoast High School voted as a **Finalist in the 2021 Best of Palm Beach County Competition for Best Public School** sponsored by the *Palm Beach Post*. The two-night *Community Choice Awards* will be held on April 14 & 15, 2021. We are excited to be a part of this great honor! Thank you for your votes - it takes a village!

We would like to **welcome back** some of our virtual learning students who returned to the school campus for instruction this week. Remember, if you want to return to campus also, please reach out to your Assistant Principal for the appeal process. We would be glad to have you back!

## SCHOOL BUSINESS

### Yearbook Prices Going Up!

This is the **LAST WEEK** that yearbooks are available for **the lowest price of the year \$75**. After Sunday, January 31, the price goes up to \$90. Order your book today at [Balfour](#).

### Feeling Stressed? Let's Talk About It... starts February 4, 12:15 pm

**IB Juniors and Seniors**, please come to **IB Decompress** every other Thursday starting February 4th during lunch. Hang out with Mrs. Edgar, IB DP Coordinator, and Mrs. Smith, Behavioral Health Specialist, to learn more and share strategies to navigate virtual school, the rigors of the IB Programme, and to participate in mindfulness techniques. Look for the flyer on the IB DP Junior and Senior Google Classrooms. Google Meet Code: [meet.google.com/swz-kxzc-yob](https://meet.google.com/swz-kxzc-yob).

### 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>.

### Your Spirit Dues are Due...

**Deadline: February 14**

Spirit Dues of **\$25** are posted again on SchoolCash Online. 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.

### 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.



### Spring Testing Information

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

## 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
<b>Seniors</b>	Mr.Harr	<a href="mailto:richard.harr@palmbeachschools.org">richard.harr@palmbeachschools.org</a>
	Ms.Winchester	<a href="mailto:anneliese.winchester@palmbeachschools.org">anneliese.winchester@palmbeachschools.org</a>
<b>Juniors</b>	Mrs. Davies	<a href="mailto:rachele.davies@palmbeachschools.org">rachele.davies@palmbeachschools.org</a>
	Mr. Raicovich	<a href="mailto:joseph.raicovich@palmbeachschools.org">joseph.raicovich@palmbeachschools.org</a>
<b>Sophomores</b>	Mr. Brown	<a href="mailto:neil.brown@palmbeachschools.org">neil.brown@palmbeachschools.org</a>
<b>Freshmen</b>	Mr. Stubbs	<a href="mailto:brett.stubbs@palmbeachschools.org">brett.stubbs@palmbeachschools.org</a>

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, please email Ms. Winchester at [anneliese.winchester@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:anneliese.winchester@palmbeachschools.org).

## TESTING? TESTING! ONE, TWO...

### 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](mailto: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.

### SAT Prep

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

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

### 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.

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

### 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>.

### Course Selection Meetings with School Counselors are Coming...

Course Selection for 2021-2022 will begin on **Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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>

**Additional Help for IB Diploma Students:** For students who have dual programs with IB Diploma, please watch Ms. Chira's presentation. Dr. Raiford will provide a **recorded course selection workshop** via YouTube on **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** for student and parent viewing. This workshop will assist rising juniors and seniors in IBDP, MSE/IB, CS/IB, IIT/IB Diploma students in setting up their courses for IB exam scheduling. An accompanying course worksheet will be available on the Suncoast website for use during school counselor meetings. Also, Dr. Raiford will be available for questions, **during lunch in the atrium, February 15 – 17** to assist students with their course selection worksheets.

## 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!

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

## Virtual College Fairs for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## It is Scholarship Season and Deadlines are Coming Up Fast!

[Apply for Scholarships](#)

## SPORTS EVENTS

### Spring Sports Tryouts

### In Progress

Spring Sports tryouts are underway! Please see the chart below regarding important start dates for lacrosse, flag football, and boys volleyball, including the 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
Lacrosse	Jan. 27	Feb. 8
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>

**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.

**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
2/5/2021	Friday	Soccer, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Districts	Port St. Lucie High
2/5/2021	Friday	Basketball, Boys	7:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Palm Beach Lakes	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
2/11/2021	Thursday	Wrestling	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	TBA	Olympic Heights

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

## CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS

**Girls Weightlifting Team** tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place at regionals and four (4) girls **qualified for states:** Naomi Francisco, Anna Fiore, Angelina Belanger, and Mary Polak. *Way to go, Ladies!!*

## 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."

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Historical Society of Palm Beach County

The Historical Society invites you to check out their new website for news and events of interest (virtual lectures, walking tours, etc.) They are also looking for museum docents and greeters: <http://www.hspbc.org/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Course Selection Meetings  
Class of 2021 Commencement

starts February 22, 2021  
June 17, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

## 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

## STAY CONNECTED

SUNCOAST HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.Suncoasthighschool.org](http://www.Suncoasthighschool.org)

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

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Suncoast Chargers Athletics](https://instagram.com/suncoasthighfl/Suncoast%20Chargers%20Athletics)

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