

THE CHARGER UPDATE

March 29 – April 2, 2021

No School - Spring Holiday – Friday, April 2, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We hope that our students feel well rested after Spring Break and are re-charged to complete the 2020-2021 school year! It is hard not to reflect on one year ago, March 13, when the School District had to make the difficult decision to shift temporarily to a distance-learning environment. We had to make significant adjustments as to how we should operate, yet remained determined for every child to access the technology, connectivity, emotional support, meals, and other services the School District provides daily. As [vaccination availability continues to increase](#), it is important to remain cautious and continue the practice of social distancing and wearing facial coverings.

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, an opportunity to recognize the influential women who have made a lasting mark on our national conversations on science, invention, exploration, civil rights, politics, and other fields that serve as an inspiration to the thousands of girls in classrooms. As a School District, we celebrate women's accomplishments and take pride in our role of educating the next generation of girls and young women.

Elementary Report Cards, Graduation, and FSA Testing

Parents and students should remain aware of the latest important District updates:

- **End of Year Activities for the Graduating Class of 2021:** As indicated in a letter sent on March 12, 2021, the School District is preparing for in-person graduation ceremonies. Other activities, such as prom and Grad Bash, **will not** occur due to the inability to maintain social distancing and other CDC Guidelines during the event. High schools will be sharing plans of on-campus activities for seniors soon.
- **FY21 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Updates:** FLDOE will not allow remote testing options for state assessments. Individual schools will provide additional information on a specific schedule and when testing will occur for your student. The testing window dates are as follows:
 - April 5 - April 30: Grades 4 to 10 Writing
 - May 3 - June 11: Grades 7 to 10 FSA and End-of-Course assessments
 - Please refer to the [Spring Assessment Update](#) from Dr. Fennoy sent on Friday, February 26, 2021, for additional information.

Registration for FY22, Additional Reminders, and Strategic Plan

- **Student Registration for 2021-2022:** Schools are currently registering students for the next school year. For more information, please visit the [Registration Information](#) webpage or contact your student's school directly. Suncoast High School will notify **new** incoming students of their acceptance on Friday, April 2nd. Registration packets will be distributed by April 27th, as virtual Course Selection will begin. All completed registration packets must be returned to Suncoast electronically and received by Friday, May 7th. **Incomplete registration packets will NOT be accepted.**
- **SDPBC Strategic Plan Development:** The School District is committed to providing a world-class education to all students. Please complete a survey to share your thoughts on the areas the School District should prioritize, over the next three to five years, to help achieve this goal. The survey is now available in four languages and is expected to close on April 9, 2021. Please [use this link to access](#) the short survey. Thank you in advance for your input.
- **COVID Reminder:** Students must not come to school if feeling ill; including, but not limited to: symptoms of fever, cough, sore throat, diarrhea, headache, body ache, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite and sense of smell, and other flu-like symptoms, or if someone in their household has tested positive for COVID-19. See the [Updated CDC guidelines](#) regarding social distancing in classrooms.

Virtual BAM 2021

Saturday, April 10

Register Today!

The BAM Festival (April is for Authors) is hosting their 10th anniversary with Palm Beach County in hopes to provide author presentations, books, art and music in this FREE family event! The schedule is impressive, with five "stages," 50 authors, 40 activities! Most importantly for educators, many of the panels will be available until May 10th on YouTube!! It is important to note - registration for event day and extended events ends on April 10th. Take a few minutes, please, to register yourself so you can see all the great opportunities for educators, their students, and their families. Visit <https://www.bamwpb.org> to register and to view the schedule!

SCHOOL BUSINESS

It is Time for A Student Password Reset !!

It is a strong recommendation that students reset their District passwords to a strong, unique, and memorable password. The password reset utility can be found on the School District Portal. It is the student's obligation to protect their school login credentials. No user should share their account information, student ID number, or password with anyone.

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

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

Summer 2021 Dual Enrollment Information

Deadline: April 1st

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! Questions? Contact Mr. Evans, school counselor: James.evans@palmbeachschools.org.

Did You Complete Bright Futures Registration?

We recommend **ALL seniors complete this application**. *You never know what changes may occur.* If you would like additional guidance with your Bright Futures Application, contact your school counselor.

Please see the presentation for Bright Futures:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12WlfrR5DFeapsi6by1iFYzqxibl2Dxn0PSPbjz56NXU/edit?usp=sharing>

March 2 – May 2 – Virtual NACAC College Fairs: <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

Don't Let Someone Take Your Scholarship - Apply! [Apply for Scholarships](#)

Do You Have a Transcript Request?

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 is only 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

TESTING? TESTING! ONE, TWO...

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	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

IN THE COMMUNITY

Multiple Languages Available on All School Counselor Google Classroom Sites:

Legal Aid of Palm Beach County just opened its Rapid Response Eviction Assistance III Program (RREAP III). This program will provide **legal representation and rental assistance to undocumented tenant households only, in Palm Beach County**, who have experienced loss of income, reduction in hours, or unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The RREAP III program will:

- Negotiate temporary rent reductions, rental payment plans, deferred payments
- Mediate landlord/tenant rent payment agreements
- Draft settlement agreements

We will host an information/training session for organizations working with non-citizen populations. Please join us for this insightful session via zoom (link provided below) on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 11:00 am.**

Ask your Suncoast student for the Google Classroom code of their school counselor for more information!

Rosemary Square Invites You to All the Fun!

Here is the link: [Rosemary Square events/](#).

The Historical Society of Palm Beach County is Hosting Cool Events

<https://pbchistory.org/>

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, will be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments.

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

The Suncoast Foundation is co-sponsoring this effort with PTSA! You can donate here as well:

<https://betterunite.com/SuncoastCommunityHighSchoolFoundation-suncoasthighschooloperationgraduation>

CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS!

The Environmental & Conservation Services Department (ECS) supporting green initiatives and cultivating environmental stewardship in District school is giving a **Student Achievement Award for Outstanding Service** to **Emily Briceno** for her **Surface 71** non-profit organization! The award will be presented virtually at the Wellness Promotion Task Force Meeting on Thursday, April 1st. Emily, and her business partners, have been working on various conservation projects as Surface 71 for several years. Thanks to Surface 71, we have filtered water stations in the Charger Commons and on the second floor of Building 3. Check out Emily in action at Surface71.org. *We are so proud of you!! Congratulations!*

Manan Mahani, Tawfiq Rawnak, Akash Muthu, and Jainil Chokshi recently made a pitch about their nonprofit organization, *Boundless Biotech*, to the Philanthropy Tank (more details [here](#)) and they are now finalists! Register to watch the **Finals Event on March 30th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm** at philanthropytank.org. Show your support for this Suncoast team!!

February Super Charger of the Month is Mr. Clarence Walker! *Comments from their nominators...*

"Mr. Walker has an uplifting personality, and a great classroom dynamic. He provides a safe space to have whole-hearted and organic discussions. Truly, one of the best teachers I have had. I look forward to going to his class every week." "Mr. Walker is a very forgiving teacher. He understands that school is not the only thing going on in a child's life. Also, he's really nice." "His efforts as the sponsor of the Black Student Union have been exceptional."

February Chargers of the Month are Open-Minded!

Samson Fratello – IB Diploma Senior

"Samson listens to all of the viewpoints offered in history and readily understands the reasons why different people felt the way they did about complex issues."

Ella Armbruster – IB Diploma Junior

"Ella's been a friend of mine for a few years, and throughout all the time I've known her, she's never quarreled with another person. Despite some disagreements, she always keeps an open mind and tries to view a situation from multiple perspectives. Ella tackles all of her school assignments the same way. If I ever need advice, she's the person I go to because I know she'll give an unbiased answer."

Suncoast High School is proud to announce the Class of 2021 Academic Top 10, Salutatorian, and Valedictorian!

The School District of Palm Beach County determines the top 10 students by taking into account **every high school credit earned**, including high school credits taken during middle school, all the way through to the end of the first semester of senior year and recognizes weighted class values (Honors, AP, IB, etc). This gives the cumulative weighted GPA.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian are honors that **begin with the classes taken in 9 grade until the end of the first semester of senior year**. For that reason, students ranked #1 in class are not always the Valedictorian. The calculations are carried to the ten-thousandths place. In the case of a tie for the highest Honor Point Average (HPA), co-valedictorians are named, and the student with the third-highest HPA will be designated as salutatorian. In the case of a tie for the second-highest HPA, co-salutatorians are named.

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding academic achievements!

Academic Top 10:

10 - Tyler Berndt	9 - Finn Wilson	8 - Emma Patterson	7 - Morgan Gerber
6 - Megha Mathai	5 - Anthony Perez	4 - Rithika Kacham	3 - Faisal Khanfar
2 - Sadat Uddin	1 - Rayan Dharia		

Valedictorian - Sadat Uddin

Salutatorian - Rayan Dharia

Congratulations to our **2021 Pathfinder Nominees** as they advance to the semifinalist round!

Academic Excellence – **Finn Wilson**

Art – **Shannon Meloy**

Business – **Zachary Venezia**

Communications – **Zarin Ismail**

Computer Science – **Grant Rinehimer**

Community Involvement – **Rithika Kacham**

Forensics/Speech – **Lauren Brensel**

Literature – **Tesnie Louissaint**

Mathematics- **Luka Bjellos**

Science – **Tawfiq Rawnak**

Sports – **Sierra Robinson**

Technical/Vocational/Agricultural – **Nalini Persaud**

We wish you all the best in your Zoom interview!

OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

Thank you to our Suncoast Business Partners!

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<http://www.greene-educationfoundation.org/>

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

SPORTS EVENTS

Athletic Event Procedures, Ticketing, Security and Health Screenings

Guests must pre-purchase tickets online using the cashless [GoFan](#) app.

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. All guests will 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.
- Please follow any directives given by law enforcement at all events.

Date	Day	Sport	Start Time	Level	Location	Opponent/Title	Facility
3/26/2021	Friday	Baseball	4:30 PM	Junior Varsity	Home	Forest Hill (West Palm Beach)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
3/26/2021	Friday	Lacrosse, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Central (Wellington)	Palm Beach Central (Wellington)
3/26/2021	Friday	Baseball	4:30 PM	Varsity	Away	Oxbridge Academy (West Palm Beach) -- at Pierson Park	
3/26/2021	Friday	Water Polo G and B	TBD	Varsity	Away	Westminster Academy	Westminster Academy
3/26/2021	Friday	Flag Football, Girls	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Palm Beach Gardens
3/26/2021	Friday	Flag Football, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Mullinax Stadium
3/27/2021	Saturday	Volleyball, Boys	TBD	Varsity	Away	Park Vista Tournament	Park Vista
3/29/2021	Monday	Lacrosse, Boys	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Park Vista (Lake Worth)	
3/29/2021	Monday	Lacrosse, Girls	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Mullinax Stadium
3/30/2021	Tuesday	Volleyball, Boys	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Palm Beach Gardens
3/30/2021	Tuesday	Track, Girls and Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Conference Meet	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)
3/30/2021	Tuesday	Baseball	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Jupiter	Jupiter
3/30/2021	Tuesday	Lacrosse, Girls	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Benjamin (Palm Beach Gardens)	Benjamin (Palm Beach Gardens)
3/30/2021	Tuesday	Softball	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Olympic Heights (Boca Raton)	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
3/30/2021	Tuesday	Baseball	6:30 PM	Varsity	Home	Palm Beach Gardens	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
3/30/2021	Tuesday	Volleyball, Boys	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Gardens	Palm Beach Gardens
3/31/2021	Wednesday	Water Polo G and B	3:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Districts	Barracuda Bay
3/31/2021	Wednesday	Tennis, Girls and Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Palm Beach Lakes (West Palm Beach)	Palm Beach Lakes (West Palm Beach)
3/31/2021	Wednesday	Softball	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Wellington	Wellington
3/31/2021	Wednesday	Weightlifting, Boys	4:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Districts	Labell
3/31/2021	Wednesday	Flag Football, Girls	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)
3/31/2021	Wednesday	Flag Football, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)	Dwyer (Palm Beach Gardens)
4/1/2021	Thursday	Water Polo G and B	3:00 PM	Varsity	Home	District Finals	Barracuda Bay
4/1/2021	Thursday	Baseball	4:30 PM	Varsity	Away	Oxbridge Academy (West Palm Beach)	Oxbridge Academy (West Palm Beach)
4/1/2021	Thursday	Lacrosse, Girls	5:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Cardinal Newman (West Palm Beach)	Cardinal Newman
4/1/2021	Thursday	Volleyball, Boys	6:00 PM	Junior Varsity	Away	Forest Hill (West Palm Beach)	Forest Hill (West Palm Beach)
4/1/2021	Thursday	Flag Football, Girls	7:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Palm Beach Gardens	Suncoast (Riviera Beach)
4/1/2021	Thursday	Lacrosse, Boys	7:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Cardinal Newman (West Palm Beach)	Cardinal Newman (West Palm Beach)

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 - 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.

STAY CONNECTED

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

Next Year's School Calendar: [2021 - 20222 School Calendar](#)

