

THE CHARGER UPDATE

May 24 - 28, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In the coming days, nearly 14,000 seniors will walk across stages to receive their diplomas in 28 separate ceremonies at the South Florida Fairgrounds. We are all so excited to celebrate each student's hard work and tenacity and to recognize the dedication of each person who played a role in helping ensure his/her success. Social media profile frames for both [Class of 2021 graduating seniors](#), and of course, the proud parents, individual school graduation dates, and important COVID-19 safety protocols for the event, are available at palmbeachschools.org/graduation2021.

As high schools celebrate their departing seniors, the School District works to address widened instructional gaps due to COVID-19 interruptions with enhanced summer programming. Please view the [Student Academic Support Plan \(SASP\)](#), targeted at elementary, middle, and high school students to provide a boost to those students who have fallen behind or need additional support.

Throughout the month of May, we recognize the substantial achievements and contributions by the Jewish American, Asian American, and Pacific Islanders in our nation. Additionally, we continue to celebrate the history and culture of the Haitian community through a variety of [organized virtual events and activities](#) across Palm Beach County. Finally, May is [Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month](#), dedicated to raising awareness, fighting stigma, providing support, and educating the public about the importance of mental health. The School District is committed to protecting our students' social and emotional health to enhance their learning and overall well-being.

The following updates will keep you informed of our progress this academic year:

Secondary Progress Reports, Graduation, and Updates

- **May 27, 2021:** Quarter 4 Progress Reports will be available on SIS for parent viewing.
- **Class of 2021 Graduation Reminder:** The School District is pleased to offer in-person [graduation ceremonies](#) for the Class of 2021 following CDC guidelines and restrictions. Thank you in advance to our Senior Class students, parents, communities, and schools for making this tradition and celebration a huge success. To learn more about what to expect, please watch this informative video. Are you graduation ready? [Graduation Information Video](#).
- **Facial Covering Updates for the Remainder of This Year:** Facial coverings will remain mandatory in **indoor spaces** such as classrooms, hallways, and buses through June 18, 2021 which is the last day of the school for Grade 9 - 11 students. However, facial coverings are now **optional for adults and students anytime outside**, including, but not limited to sports, PE, and classroom transitions. Social distancing is not required for students while outside; however, good judgement should be used to keep students from close contact with one another to the best extent possible. School-based staff members are encouraged to incorporate outdoor 'mask breaks' with students when possible.
- Facial coverings will also be **mandatory** during next month's high school graduation ceremonies.
- **Facial Coverings for 2021-2022:** Facial coverings will be optional when students return to school campuses on August 10, 2021.

COVID Reminder - Students must not come to school, if ill and/or experiencing symptoms including, but not limited to: fever, cough, sore throat, diarrhea, headache, body ache, shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, sense of smell, and other flu-like symptoms, or if someone in their household has tested positive for COVID-19.



SENIOR NEWS!

Get Your Class of 2021 Yard Sign!

The Senior Class Sponsors are selling personalized [Class of 2021 Graduation Yard signs and Senior Brunch tickets](#) via School Cash Online. You can buy items separately or bundle your purchases for savings! Order your yard sign by **May 26th** and your Senior Brunch tickets by **June 4th**. Register for School Cash Online [here](#).

Ordering Deadlines Apply

Parents! Seniors! Are you graduation ready?

Check this out: [Graduation Information Video](#)

Make sure you read all the important details outlined in your [Class of 2021 Graduation - Save the Date Booklet](#)
Save These Important Dates:

June 7	Virtual Graduation Rehearsal
June 8 – 10	Senior Checkout
June 11 – 17	No School for Seniors
June 16	Senior Brunch
June 17	GRADUATION DAY @12:00 noon at the South Florida Fairgrounds

SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER

Path to College Career Panels

Path to College is hosting panel style discussions allowing any high school student the opportunity to gain valuable insight, hear advice from, and ask questions to talented professionals in a variety of career industries. Career panels will be held via Zoom and are FREE! See the website for dates and details: [Career Panel 2021 Summer Series](#)

Fall 2021 Dual Enrollment (Off Campus) Registration

Students who want to take PBSC Dual Enrollment courses that are not offered at Suncoast High School, please join the Google Classroom below to complete essential steps A, B, and C by June 1st. Find your Fall Dual Enrollment Authorization forms here: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzI0MzY3MTcyOTU5?cjc=imm45b7>. Here is the Meet code: **imm45b7**

CHARGER SHOUT-OUTS!

Big Charger Shout-out to **Tesnie Louissaint** – *IB DP Senior*, for taking **first place** and **Grace Castelin**, *IB DP Senior*, for taking **fifth place** in the **May 2021 Haitian Heritage Month Essay Contest** sponsored by the School District of PB County! [See the press release here](#). Their winning responses to this year's writing prompt of "explain the major challenges that Haitian and Haitian-American students face in the American education system, and how they can overcome those challenges" earned wonderful prizes and notoriety across the School District. *So proud of you!*

The School District announced the **National Merit** results this week and Suncoast High School has three of the eleven **\$2,500 Scholarship winners!** Congratulations to **Tyler Berndt, Morgan Gerber,** and **Grace Sergent**. [Check out the press release!](#) *Awesome!!*

Congratulations to **Ms. Alexandra Jones**, Charger Commons Secretary, for graduating with an **Associate of Arts Degree** from Palm Beach State College this past week! *Wonderful, wonderful job!!*

Our Suncoast alum and Chemistry Instructor, **Mr. Ty Penserga**, is the elected Vice Mayor of Boynton Beach and he shared his experiences as an Asian Pacific Islander in this [WPTV interview](#). *Thank you for your service!*

The **Economic Council of Palm Beach County Foundation** recognized **Coach Kerry McKeithen** as an **Extraordinary Educator for May 8!** Nominations were received from students and parents across the county to honor school-based staff members who make a difference in our community! *Way to go!!*

April Super Charger of the Month is Mr. Joseph Schwab: *Comments from their nominators...*

"Mr. Schwab is someone with a lot of energy and enthusiasm who always wants his students to do the best they can!"

April Chargers of the Month are Inquirers!

Williams Wells – IIT, GS Senior: "Even though he is virtual, he asks all kinds of questions - mainly about life in general. He is truly interested in knowing things."

Kaitlyn Hassan – CS Junior: "I admire Kaitlyn because she is always willing to ask questions during class. Many students are shy to speak up and ask questions, especially in the virtual format. When Kaitlyn asks a question, I am sure that other students are also not sure about the concept. Because she speaks up, I also answer questions that other students also have. I admire her for her inquisitive nature and that she searches for a deeper level of understanding rather than just learning and applying a formula."

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

A Big Thank you!

Thank you to all the families who donated and supported the Suncoast Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Operation Graduation, the Charger Commons Book Drive, Adopt-A- Class, and so much more. If you would like to make contributions to any of these items, please feel free to do so at:

<https://suncoastptsa.memberhub.store/store/items/754695> or visit suncoastptsa.com and click on the PTSA Store.

IN THE COMMUNITY

2021 Virtual Pathfinder Scholarship Awards Recognition

Be sure to watch the **2021 Virtual Pathfinder Scholarship Awards Recognition** on **Thursday, May 27, 6:00 p.m.** The pre-recorded event will recognize all 516 nominees and announce the winners. Nominees and winners will also be recognized in our printed edition on May 23rd and May 28th. Watch this at <https://pathfinderawards.org/>.

Rosemary Square is Full of New Activities!

Here is the link: <https://www.rosemarysquarewpb.com/>

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