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From the Principal

The BCBS Community,

With the second semester well under way, it is important for our students to remain academically focused. During the upcoming months our students will be required to take many different assessments which are designed to demonstrate proficiency in various subject areas. A weekly over schedule is below:

Timeline:	Assessment Type:	Format:
3/2 – 3/6	FSA Writing	All students in grades 9-10 will test in computer labs for one session for up to 120 minutes
3/25 – 3/26	PERT	All 11th grade students will take the reading, writing, and math PERT (post education readiness test) in ½ day AM sessions
4/6 – 4/10	FCAT Reading retake for 11th/12th graders	Students test in computer labs for two separate ½ day sessions
4/8 – 4/10	NGSSS Algebra EOC retake	Students test in computer labs for one ½ day session
4/13 – 4/17	FSA Reading	All students in grades 9-10 will test in computer labs for two separate 90 minute sessions
4/21 – 4/24	NGSSS Biology and US History EOCs	Students test in computer labs for one ½ day session for up to 160 minutes with a 10 minute break after the first 80 minutes
4/27 – 5/1	FSA Geometry and Algebra II EOCs	Students test in computer labs for two separate 90 minute sessions, but students have up to ½ half of the school day to complete each session
5/4 – 5/8	FSA Algebra I EOC	Students test in computer labs for two separate 90 minute sessions, but students have up to ½ half of the school day to complete each session
5/4 – 5/15	AP College Board Exams	Students in all AP courses will paper/pencil test in various locations following the College Board schedule
5/19	PERT	All 12th grade students will be given another opportunity to take the PERT in ½ day sessions in order to secure college readiness scores before graduation
5/26 – 5/29	Semester 2 Exams	5/26 periods 6+8, 5/27 periods 5+7, 5/28 periods 2+4, and 5/29 periods 1+3

Our seniors are preparing to graduate on June 1st, 2015 at 7:30am at Tropicana Field. As our seniors prepare for post high school education and careers, our returning underclassmen have already selected courses for the 2015-2016 school year. All of these course offerings are listed on our website for your review.

We are excited to maintain a block schedule with eight credit opportunities for next year. This type of schedule affords our students the opportunity to take one extra enrichment, remediation, elective, or college credit course. We anticipate our school hours for 2015-2016 will remain the same as this year, 7:05am to 2:05pm each day.

Thank for all you do for our students. We are proud of the efforts of our students and the efforts of our dedicated staff.

Appreciatively,
Michael P. Vigue

Principal
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Attention- Parents of Seniors

We are reaching the deadline for the purchase of personalized Senior Ad pages for the 2014-15 Treasure Chest Yearbook. Celebrate the 12 years and successes of your child by purchasing a ¼, ½ or entire page ad that will go in a special section of this year's yearbook. They will treasure and share with their future families.

For price and size and deadline information please contact Lori West in Building 1 Room 69 or at westlo@pcsb.org .

Attention All Juniors and Seniors!!!!

Come and Take a Magic Carpet Ride!!!! Prom is coming and it's going to be SPECTACULAR! Save the date of Friday, May 22nd for a classy night of dance, feasting and FUN!

Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of May for the price of \$50.00. This year's theme is Arabian Nights and the Junior Class plans for this prom are off the chart HOT !!!!!

YEARBOOKs are still on SALE



The 2014-15 Treasure Chest is still on pre-order until the distribution of them at the end of May. Only a certain amount has been ordered and they are sold on first-come first serve basis.

The price of the book increases to \$85 effective March 1st. Please see Ms. West in Building 1 room 69 with cash, checks or money orders.

Get yours before the price goes up!

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BCHS Library Assists Students During and After School Hours

The BCBS library is in full swing for the second semester. The library hours are 6:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. each day but our students may access the library's catalog and online website resources provided by Pinellas County school system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

To utilize these resources, students and parents login with the student's user id and password to <https://focus.pcsb.org>, and click on the Library Resources link. There are links for a variety of resources to help your child achieve academically: Destiny, to locate books and materials in the library, World Book Web and Gale which provide peer reviewed, authoritative articles from popular, academic and professional journals with MLA and APA citations for each full text article, Mackinvia for access to eBooks and Visualthesaurus to help students improve their vocabulary.

Congratulations to the following students for winning a plush blanket in the Library's Wrap Up With a Good Book contest: Elizabeth Fletcher, Jakayla Kelly, Scott Muller, Medina Karagic, Samantha Freed, Briana Macon and Kiara Stevens.

The Battle of the Books is a quiz-bowl type of competition which consists of questions from the 10 Florida Teen Reads books that are selected by the Florida Dept of Education each year. Our 2014-2015 team is Team Captain Asia Wright, and Cierra Thomas and Halie West. Nathaniel Livingston is our alternate team member. In the last couple of years, we have placed second in the county and are looking forward to the county's competition in April.

With an emphasis on college and career readiness, the library has many displays to encourage recreational reading and books for students to checkout on different careers, preparation books for the ACT, SAT, and ASVAB test, and recommended books for the college-bound student.

Please encourage your student to visit the library!



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BCHS JROTC

As the 2015 year takes off, JROTC soars along with it like a ship on the ocean! This year our enrollment has doubled standing at 550 cadets and we are in the process of growing to possibly 800 cadets in school year 2015/16.

This year has been chocked full of accomplishments. Our raider teams male, female, and mixed (physical fitness teams) continue to grow and are competitively aggressive in regards to winning and sportsmanship. However, more importantly we are introducing young men and women to fitness and a healthy life style.

Our drill team which includes (color guard, drill, and exhibition teams) is constantly in the winner circle at all the meets they attend. As did the raiders, the drill team will undoubtedly be competing at state again this year. Though state is still a few months away, our ability to win is like reviewing your investments. It all boils down to training, training, and more training, which in turn yields dividends which equates to winning. This year for the first time in 30 years our drill team, under the tutelage of SGM Freddie Whitehead, placed first at the University of Tampa. Job well SGM and cadets, stay the course!

This December 2014 our JROTC program was selected to be the pilot for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp Program of Accreditation. Several other US Army JROTC programs across the nation were selected for this type inspection as were our program. Though the inspection was very difficult, thorough, and arduous, our program rose to the challenge as it has for the past 22 years. Our percentage of accomplishment was 98%. Again, this is just another testament to the quality of our program and more importantly to your sons and daughters. It is no surprise that we are blessed with some of the most outstanding, young adolescents from across our nation, and we are also most fortunate to receive the overwhelming support from our parents. Thank you, each and every one for allowing our program to be a part of your family.

In the upcoming months, we will be hosting several events and attending many events. Additionally, the Presidents Fitness test will be administered in February. In March, promotion boards are scheduled to recognize and promote those deserving leadership positions for the following year. Our Military Ball hosted by Gibbs High School is March 27, and in April we host our Filed day, which is when the cadets will be able to leave class with the excuse as a school function and they will participate in various fun games and activities. In May we will host our National Awards day and start the process of turning in uniforms.

Also in May, 40 cadets will be selected to attend JROTC summer camp. Instructions and packets will be provided to those cadets attending, and there will be a meeting announced for the parents of those students selected to attend. There are other happenings between now and school dismissing, and they will be discussed at our remaining parent meetings. Also, you are encouraged to go to our website for uniform wearing and fitness dates as well as other JROTC activities. For any questions or concerns contact the instructors at: mcglamryw@pcsb.org, portuguess@pcsb.org, whiteheadfjr@pcsb.org, bracciom@pcsb.org.



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Wrestling Update

On February 26th, we completed our season's district tournament at Mitchell High School with a 5th place finish which is the best in 10 years for BCHS. Five BCHS wrestlers will move on to regionals on March 6-7th in Punta Gorda. Those students are Jacob Mohr, Darquell Pierre (District champions), Sadrick Daniel (runner up), Jeremiah Baxter (3rd place), and Quantiz Flowers (4th place). In addition, Jacob Mohr became a 3-time district champion which is the first time we had a 3-time champion in at least 15 years. In winning his 1st district title, Jacob picked up his 40th win on the season which puts him at 88 career wins.

Overall, this season was a true test of strength and character. Starting out with almost 40 wrestlers, the team ended up with a little over half gritting it out. Despite the adversity, the wrestlers were still able to place higher in the conference tournament this year than last (6th place with only 15 points separating us from a top 5 finish). This feat has not been reached at BCHS in over a decade and a half. Other favorable outcomes included Will Sharpe securing a letter of intent to wrestle at the next level. Jeremiah Baxter and Nate Roberts who were also football players were offered an opportunity to wrestle along with an opportunity to play football at the collegiate level. In addition two juniors are getting a lot of college attention, Darquell Pierre and Sadrick Daniel are being looked at by a particular college and will have many other opportunities before the end of next season. Lastly, Jacob Mohr is being looked at by several schools to further his wrestling career and education. Great things are happening for our wrestling team which we look forward to build upon for next season.

