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From the Principal

BCHS Community,

During the 2014-2015 our students have done an excellent job staying focused on their academics to help them be prepared for post high school opportunities. We remain committed as a school to helping prepare our students for the college and career of their choice.

Our second semester final exam schedule is listed below and will begin on Tuesday, May 26th, for seniors and on Thursday, May 28th, for underclassmen. All exams will take place during our regular 90 minute class period. We are excited for our upcoming graduation ceremony on Monday, June 1st, at 7:30am at Tropicana Field and the design of this schedule allows underclassmen students the opportunity to attend the ceremony (if they so choose) and still be back to school on time to take their exams.

	Tues., 5/26	Wed., 5/27	Thur., 5/28	Friday, 5/29	Monday, 6/1	Tuesday, 6/2
7:05-8:35	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1
	review	review	EXAM	EXAM	review	review
8:42-10:14	Period 4	Period 3	Period 4	Period 3	Period 4	Period 3
	review	review	EXAM	EXAM	review	review
10:58-12:28	Period 6	Period 5	Period 6	Period 5	Period 6	Period 5
	EXAM	EXAM	makeup	makeup	EXAM	EXAM
	(seniors only)	(seniors only)			(grades 9-11)	(grades 9-11)
12:35-2:05	Period 8	Period 7	Period 8	Period 7	Period 8	Period 7
	EXAM	EXAM	makeup	makeup	EXAM	EXAM
	(seniors only)	(seniors only)			(grades 9-11)	(grades 9-11)

Our school will remain open in June and July for additional instruction through our Summer Bridge Program. A listing of the four different program options is:

What:	Who:	When:	Time:	How to Register:	
Algebra I Boot Camp	Incoming 9th graders	6/16-7/23 (Mondays through Thursdays)	8am to 11am	Online www.pcsb.org/ summerbridge	
ACT/SAT prep	Rising 12th graders who have not passed the reading FCAT	6/16-7/23 (Mondays through Thursdays)	8am to 11am	Online www.pcsb.org/ summerbridge	
Algebra EOC prep	Rising 10th-12th graders who have not passed the Algebra EOC	6/16-7/23 (Mondays through Thursdays)	8am to 11am	Current math teachers are generating lists of students who may need to attend	
Credit Recover using Grad Point	Rising 10th-12th graders who need to retake a course for credit or GPA improvement	6/8-7/23 (Mondays through Thursdays)	8am to 11am	Applications will be available soon from Ms. Harris in 4-145 or Ms. Liss in 4-101 and in all offices	

We remain thankful for and appreciative of your supportive contributions to our school community.

Sincerely, Michael P. Vigue

Principal Michael P. Vigue

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Boca Ciega High School Graduate Ceremony Information



C.W.M.P. Class of 2019 Tour Information

Monday June 22nd 2015 through Thursday June 25th 2015

> 8:30-10:00 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

> See our campus
> Get a locker
> Sit for your Boca Ciega I.D.
> Buy your scrubs and professional shirts

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Date: Monday, June 1st, 2015

Time: 7:30 am

Location: Tropicana Field

Student Arrival Time: 6:30 - 6:45 am and immediately report to Lower Level Gate #6 (Northwest Corner of Stadium enter at the white tent)

Gates open for guest: 6:45 am – enter at Gates 3 or 5 (Handicapped entry is at Gate 4)

Student Dress Code:

- **Male students** should wear a white or light colored shirt with a dark tie, dark socks, dark dress shoes, and dark trousers (tennis shoes and flip flops are not acceptable).
- **Female students** should wear a full white outfit (dress) under their white gown and shoes (tennis shoes and flip flops are not acceptable). High- heeled shoes are <u>NOT</u> recommended since students will be doing a lot of walking over various surfaces.
 - Shorts are <u>NOT</u> permitted.
 - Flowers and jewelry are <u>NOT</u> to be worn on graduation gowns.
 - Each student will be checked for appropriate attire and appearance prior to participating in the ceremony.
 - All cell phones, pagers, and any electronic devices will be collected, tagged, and returned to you after the ceremony. It is recommended that graduates leave purses and electronic devices with a family member or in their automobile during the ceremony.
- You will not participate in the ceremony if you are in violation of the dress code

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUESTS

- All parents and visitors will enter through GATES 3- 5- 5B on the West Side of the stadium. Gates open at 6:45 AM.
- Parking fee for visitors will be \$10.00 per car. (Car pool if possible) Use Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, & 7 to park.
- ALL bags and purses will be checked by Tropicana Field Staff upon entry into the Stadium.
- NO BALLOONS, FLOWERS', BANNERS, UMBRELLAS, STROLLERS, OR AIR HORNS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE STADIUM
- All guests are expected to behave in a dignified manner to honor the Graduates.
- Handicapped Services Information
- *Individuals needing handicapped services may use the driving loop in front of Tropicana Field for drop off only. Use Gate 4 for entry.
- <u>*No wheelchairs will be provided by Tropicana Field Staff—individuals needing this</u> service must bring their own.
- *Emergency rescue services will be available at the stadium.



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Pirates Baseball Earns First District Title in 27 years!

I remember one day last summer when we were holding a practice late in the afternoon and two questions came up in the conversation among coaches: What are we going to do with all these new freshmen players? And how are they going to be able to perform under pressure? Little that we knew, we would be in for a big surprise.

Now fast-forward to February this year. Twelve freshmen made the team. Two of them became pretty much everyday players and four of them started games as pitchers. In the end, all of them made noticeable contributions to the team. That was only the beginning.

Although we experienced two great seasons in 2013 and 2014, we never got to experience the success of 2015. We had great players in those years, but somehow we always fell a little short. We knew that we could compete but never thought that we would go undefeated in the district 10-0 without much of a challenge from the other teams. Perhaps the biggest moment of the season came in the last game for the District Championship when the team quickly fell behind in the first inning only to come back in epic fashion to win its first district title in 27 years. Yes, 27 years! A lot of things have happened in the world during that time. Even our school looks completely different to the way it did in 1988.

This was a special season for that reason and more. Many of these new kids had never experienced this level of competition before, and they found themselves many times in the middle of tough competition somehow finding a way to respond. Our seniors, juniors, and sophomores also provided strong leadership to make all this possible. We don't know what will happen during the regional tournament; all we know is that the competition will be a lot tougher. However, no matter what happens, this group of proud pirates will never forget the 2015 season. They have demonstrated that great things can be accomplished when you become one and play like a team. This will be the testament of this baseball season...One for the books.

Mr. Orlando L. Martinez Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach







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JROTC Pirate Parrot News

As we approach the closing of the 2014-2015 school year, it is time to look back and appreciate all the hard work put in by our students, teacher, parents, and pirate community. Our JROTC program experienced a huge amount of growth this year, and had an even larger amount of accomplishments to show for it. Our mission in JROTC has remained the same for over 100 years, "To motivate young people to be better citizens," but who doesn't mind winning?

We have multiple teams that have competed throughout the year. Our Raider Fitness and Drill teams competed in the State Competition this year. For raiders, our female and mixed teams fought through a vigorous day of sweat and tears. Hard work truly paid off. Both teams went home with some trophies and our females ended up placing 5th overall, which is a huge accomplishment here in Florida. This month, our drill teams went on to compete in states. Through commitment and dedication, they too took home an outstanding amount of accolades. Female unarmed squad placed 5th overall. The male unarmed squad placed 2nd overall.

The Pirate Brigade can also take a step back to overlook the success of our rifle team this year. With all first year shooters, our rifle team placed second in districts and will go to compete in the state rifle meet this month on the 25th of April. The rifle team even got to try their hand in a Civilian Marksmanship Program Regional Championship. So, they packed up all their gear and drove 10 hours to Anniston, Alabama. It was a humbling experience to see where we are and how far we can go in the upcoming years.

Recently, we hosted our JROTC Field Day. It was definitely one to remember. We had numerous amounts of parent volunteers and student involvement. This student-led organization planned, prepped, and executed a day full of games, food, and healthy competition throughout the Pirate Brigade. When everything was said and done, there was a ton of positive feedback from each and every student who had the opportunity to participate. We are definitely looking forward to seeing just how great Field Day can be in the future!

On May 7th, we will be holding our National Awards Day Ceremony in the Main Auditorium. This is an event where we take time to recognize exceptional cadets for their work that has made the school year such a success. Our younger cadets get their time in the spotlight and the senior cadets get to formally pass down the responsibility they've held near and dear.

Thank you to any and everyone who has helped make this year as successful as it has been. Our JROTC program would like to the send a special thank you out to our principal Mr. Vigue and faculty here at The Boca Ciega High School. We could not have done it without all of your support. We are extremely excited for next year. We can only go up from here pirates!

Treasures Are A Keepsake!!!

The 2014-2015 Treasure Chest Yearbooks will be arriving in late May. There are a few left and they are going fast. To make sure you get one of this year's memory makers- you can still pre-order with Ms. West with a check (only until May 8th) and cash or money order for \$85.00. When the last one is sold- they are gone! Don't be left out- pre-order today with Ms. West in Building 1 Room 69.

Junior-Senior Prom

Attention all Juniors and Seniors.

This year's prom is on Friday, May 22, 2015 at the Gulfport Casino. The theme is "Arabian Nights" and we are transforming the venue into an enchanting oasis of dancing, great food and memories to last a lifetime.

Tickets go on sale Monday, May 3 for \$50 per person. Cash and Money Orders only.

To bring a date that does not attend the BCHS- you need to pick up and complete a form from Ms. West in Building 1 Room 69.

All student obligations must be paid before you can purchase a ticket.

Boca Ciega HS Sports



Cross Country Team Begins Sign-Up For 2015 Season.

Do you like running? Can you run long distance? Are you looking for a varsity or JV sport to join for next year? Any male or female interested in being on next year's boys or girls cross country team needs to email Coach Hoge or stop by room 50 in building 1 before or after school for information. A cross country race consists of a 3 mile run. A sign up meeting will take place in late May, stay tuned for more information. Contact Coach Hoge at hogem@pcsb.org.





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