

Greetings Spartans,

Spring Break 2021 - March 15 - 19



# Spring Break Academic Challenges

The Pinellas County Schools Executive Leadership Team has put together a series of Spring Break Academic Challenges to help keep students engaged academically over the break as well as start preparing them for the end of the year testing. If you child is in the following tested courses, please encourage them to log on to CLEVER over the break to complete some of the exercises.

## **Encourage seniors to share college acceptance news**

Pinellas County Schools wants to celebrate our students' successes. We are creating a video montage that will feature our students' reactions to college acceptance news. For a chance to be featured, students can submit video clips at <a href="http://bit.ly/PCSaccepted">http://bit.ly/PCSaccepted</a>.

# **Summer Bridge registration opens March 23**

Summer Bridge programs will be face-to-face again this summer. Registration for Summer Bridge will begin Monday, March 23. Hiring will begin the same week, with options for teachers to work half of the summer program. Summer Bridge provides engaging activities to prepare students for maximum success when the next school year begins. Most elementary, middle and high school Summer Bridge programs will be June 21 to July 15. *New this year:* Transportation will be available. Programs are being revamped at all levels, with elective options at middle school programs. Learn more at <a href="https://www.pcsb.org/summerbridge">www.pcsb.org/summerbridge</a>.

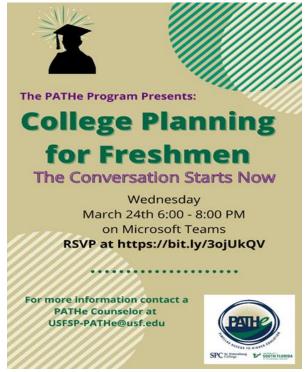
#### Virtual ESE College, Career & Life Fair

PCS is hosting the Spring Virtual ESE College, Career & Life Fair from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on March 25. The fair helps students with disabilities and their families plan for the future. The event for students in grades 8-12 provides information about financial aid, career training, job skills, college, supported living and more. Details are available at <a href="https://www.pcsb.org/esefair">www.pcsb.org/esefair</a>.

## Special event to help students prepare for assessments

"Ready Test Go: Mindful Test Taking" will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on March 31. The virtual event is for all PCS students in grades 6-12 and their families. The session will provide tips to study, ease test anxiety, handle tricky questions and more! For more information, families can contact Middle School ESE Specialist Andrea Schannen <a href="mailto:schannenledsingea@pcsb.org">schannenledsingea@pcsb.org</a> or High School ESE Specialist Katia Roussos <a href="mailto:roussosk@pcsb.org">roussosk@pcsb.org</a>. Additional information and a registration link are available at <a href="mailto:www.PCSB.org/ReadyTest">www.PCSB.org/ReadyTest</a>.

On *Wednesday March 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm*, the USF PATHe program will be hosting a **Freshmen Workshop** where we will discuss the value of a degree, higher education options, admissions criteria, and more. Please know that these workshops are open to anyone who is seeking information regarding making post-graduation plans, however we will use the Freshmen timeline as our model. Students and their families can register at <a href="https://bit.ly/3ojUkQV">https://bit.ly/3ojUkQV</a>.



Additionally, this semester the USF PATHe program will continue to offer their Planning Your PATHe sessions *every*Thursday from 6:00-7:00pm on Microsoft Teams. During these sessions, we answer specific questions that students and

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families may have about the college planning process. Planning Your PATHe registration is available at <a href="https://bit.ly/3nXB2Aj">https://bit.ly/3nXB2Aj</a>.