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For the Parents, Students, & Community
January 2024

Principal's Message

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to providing
a first class
educational
experience...”

I hope everyone had a relaxing and peaceful holiday break. It’s hard to believe that this school year is already half over. We have enjoyed many successes here at SPHS both in our classrooms and in our many extracurricular activities. Specifically, we had four students who were named as National Merit Semifinalists and an additional eight students who were recognized as National Merit Commended students. In our athletic programs, Green Devils have excelled in football, volleyball, golf, cross country and swimming with all our Fall Sports programs advancing into the State Regional playoffs. Congratulations to our Girls’ Swim team who was the state runner-up. Our music and drama departments continue to produce superior performances this first semester. I am extremely proud of our students’ talents and efforts and I look forward to seeing what the spring semester brings.

I am asking that you please take a few minutes and read through all the valuable information provided in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns about your student’s preparation moving forward into second semester, please contact us.

Finally, I truly appreciate the parent support that is provided here at SPHS. It is one aspect that makes our school great. Please feel free to call if we can assist your son/daughter in any way as we provide our students with a first-class education!

Go Green Devils!
Darlene Lebo
Principal

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Mr. Bryant	All Seniors	Ext. 2017
Ms. Kaur-Barrett	All IB Students	Ext. 2018

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Ms. Miller	Last names A to G	Ext. 2061
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Dr. Hallas	Last names P to Z	Ext. 2063
Ms. Johnson	All IB students	Ext. 2060



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The School Board generally meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the conference hall of the administration building, 301 Fourth St. SW, Largo. The public is invited and may speak by signing up at the meeting. The meetings are televised Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. for two weeks following the meeting date on WPDS-Ch. 14, Bright House Cable Ch. 14, and Verizon Americast Ch. 14. For information, contact the board office, 588-6402, or information services, 588-6000. For more information about Pinellas County Schools, check out the website at www.pinellas.k12.fl.us.



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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Students of the Month. Sponsored by PTSA and Historical Kenwood.

SEPTEMBER:

Hannah Leavitt, Principal Lebo and Alexandra Deroche



OCTOBER:

Angelina Windham, Principal Lebo and Patrick Walker



NOVEMBER:

Randy Jackson and Bill Metelus



ART STUDENTS ADD FLAIR TO LOCAL RESTAURANT

After months of preparation, the St. Petersburg High School National Art Honor Society students have given St. Pete institution, Skyway Jack's, a much-anticipated facelift.

As part of a community-engagement project, art students designed murals for the fencing around the nearly 50-year-old restaurant on 34th Street South. They also repainted the restaurant's iconic sculptures out front. The new owner is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, so the pig is now bright yellow, and Humpty Dumpty and the rooster are yellow and black.

"I just wanted to let the kids come out and have some fun," said Darren Forte, owner of Skyway Jack's. "The place was looking kind of dull, so I just thought maybe they could paint it up and have a chance to express themselves."

Xavier Licudine, a senior and the club's historian, said he has enjoyed the planning aspect of the project. Prior to their first visit, the club members, comprised of about 80 2D and 3D artists, sketched and planned the murals. He worked on-site a total of four times after school.

"As a photographer, I've never really tried painting, so it's a new medium for me," Licudine said. "It's not my niche, but it's been really fun to explore and expand my capabilities with my classmates and clubmates."

According to Rachel Koral, the visual arts teacher at St. Pete High, each student in the honor society needs 25 art-related volunteer hours per year. For Skyway Jack's, the students created six murals, each with a different theme, but all-encompassing how the artists view St. Petersburg.

"We kind of spruced them up, so they have more street appeal because obviously, this is a much-loved restaurant to this area," said Elle Orchard, regarding the statues. "With the murals, we wanted to include different sports teams, local architecture and also the thoughts of the artists."

Forte and his staff plan to judge the murals and award the winning artist with a \$250 scholarship.

Skyway Jack's is located at 2795 34th St. S., St. Petersburg.



JROTC PROGRAM

SPHS has a new Air Force Junior ROTC program and is off to a GREAT START!! We have our initial 40 students already enrolled, with a goal of reaching 100 cadets by next year. Openings are available for 9th-12th graders interested in sharpening life skills to prepare for future challenges. Whether your child is college bound, headed into the work force, or planning on joining the military, this program is designed to prepare students to become productive members of society after graduation. There is no obligation to join the military, however, if your child is interested in serving their country, the SPHS AFJROTC program will offer students a head start on becoming LEADERS of tomorrow. If interested, please contact Lt Col Tomaseski (TOMASESKID@pcsb.org) or CMSgt Fowler (FOWLERF@pcsb.org)



2023-2024 TRADITIONAL BELL SCHEDULE

Blocks	Periods	Start/End
1/2	1	7:25-8:12
	2	8:17-9:09*
3/4	3	9:14-10:01
	4	10:06-10:53
5	5	10:58-11:45
LUNCH		11:45-12:15
6/7	6	12:15-1:02
	7	1:07-1:55

- IB schedule will continue to be on a 3-day rotation
- Students in block classes MUST remain in class for both periods.
- There is ONE school wide lunch.

2023-24 REPORT CARD SCHEDULE

End of the Grading Period	Report Cards
Dec. 21, 2023	Jan. 18, 2024
March 8, 2024	March 28, 2024
May 29, 2024	June 4, 2024



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VOLUNTEERS

We hope you enjoyed a safe, restful winter break! For all current volunteers: *It is very important to record your volunteer hours.* Go to focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/ and log into your account to add your hours. If you cannot, please send your hours to Kanesha Howard howardkan@pcsb.org and she will record them for you.

We continue to have a need for Take Stock in Children Mentors. TSIC is an initiative of the Pinellas Education Foundation that offers students the opportunity to secure a scholarship for college tuition or technical training. TSIC candidates must meet with a trained mentor at least 15 times over the course of the school year and have additional criteria they must meet. If you are interested in mentoring, please contact Kanesha Howard, at 727-893-1842 ext. 2331.

- All volunteers must be in the PCSB database and complete a background to volunteer for any PCSB event. You must complete an electronic volunteer registration form at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration. Please upload your driver license or a legal photo ID. DO NOT use a mobile device.
- If you are an existing volunteer but need to reactivate your profile, please use a Google Chrome browser and go to <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>. Again, do not use a mobile device. Enter your user name and password:
 - **User ID** would be V.last name,first initial. Example: v.smithb (all lower case and no spaces)
 - **Password** would be your last name and birth year. Capitalize only the first letter of your last name and no spaces followed by your four-digit birth year. Example: Smith1990. Common last names may have additional characters or symbols as part of the user ID.
- We do need volunteers for spring sports, mentoring, assisting staff with filing, and other tasks.

For questions, please contact Kanesha Howard, College and Career Readiness Coordinator, at 727-893-1842, ext. 2331 or howardkan@pcsb.org.

We are grateful to all our SPHS volunteers and mentors!



St. Petersburg High School invites you to become a Business Partner. SPHS believes that partnerships transform the educational landscape for student success. Business partnerships can significantly impact student success by meeting the diverse needs of the school, students, parents, and the community. The College and Career Center (CCC) aligns instructional practices, provides resources, parent and community engagement to ensure each student graduates with a plan and navigational skills to support their postsecondary path.

Involvement can be accomplished in many ways:

- Talents- Providing time for employees to volunteer in schools as a career guest speakers and job fair events
 - Treasures - Providing financial contributions to schools or special events, scholarship opportunities for students and teachers or donation of equipment/materials for use in the classroom or school
 - Time - Internships, mock interviews, school volunteers, mentors, and tutors
 - Incentives -donations for student achievement, good behavior and attendance
- If you would like to become a Business Partner with SPHS, please contact Kanesha Howard, College and Career Readiness Coordinator, at (727) 893-1842, ext. 2331.

TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP

College Scholarship Opportunity for 6th to 9th grade students!

Pinellas Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Scholarship candidates must attend a Pinellas County public middle or high school and have the aspiration to attend college or technical school but not the financial means. *Proof of eligibility will be reviewed with the application.*

2023-24 APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

To learn more about this life-changing program and apply, please visit <http://www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic>.



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MEDICATION INFORMATION

All students that plan to carry and self-administer an inhaler, epi-pen, pancreatic enzymes, or diabetic medication must have an Authorization to Carry Form per PCSB medication policy. Physician and parent signatures are required. The forms are available in Student Services, room 1-135, or contact the school nurse.



PTSA

PTSA would like to thank all the parents who donated food, goodies, and raffle items for the staff at SPHS. The entire staff enjoyed the holiday fun during the last week of school before the break!



FREE LUNCH

Lunch is free for all students this school year. Any additional meals or snacks can be purchased. We also have a cold food cart and snack food cart outside the café building that is opened every day. The café is trying to feed as many students as we can with great selections.



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GRADUATION DAY for class of 2024 is May 18th at Tropicana Field, 8:00 am.

PINELLAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, numerous scholarship opportunities are available to high school graduating seniors in the Pinellas County Public School system. Students only need to fill out one application to match their needs and future interests with nearly 100 scholarship opportunities. **The 2023-2024 scholarship application is now open. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2024.** If you have any questions, please contact alex.buell@pinellaseducation.org.

BRIGHT FUTURES: The Florida Bright Futures website opened on October 1, 2023 and ALL seniors are asked to register. ONLY seniors should apply by going to: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. Please take advantage of this free money to pursue educational opportunities.

REMEMBER: NO APPLICATION = NO FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES MONEY

VOLUNTEER/WORK HOURS: The Florida Bright Futures application opened for seniors only, on October 1st. Please apply at: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. The application process takes about 7-8 minutes to complete. Volunteer hours or work hours can be submitted through Profferfish. Students can log on to CLEVER and then click on Profferfish. For more information on Profferfish visit <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/40036>. Appropriate test scores and GPA are also necessary to qualify for Florida Bright Futures.

SAT AND ACT: Please visit the following test websites to register:

- SAT: www.collegeboard.com
- ACT: www.actstudent.org

HIGH SCHOOL OR CEEB CODE: 101530

TEST PREPARATION: SATPractice.org and www.khanacademy.org

CREDIT RECOVERY: Credit recovery via edmentum is available after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2-3pm for ALL STUDENTS. Athletes should check with their counselor regarding credit recovery that aligns with NCAA eligibility requirements.

COLLEGE VISITS: Juniors and seniors looking for their "perfect fit" for higher education are encouraged to take college visits. They should go to the Front Office to pick up and fill out a TDE form PRIOR to the trip. Proof of the visit must be provided to the Front Office upon return to receive an excused absence. A total of 4 "College Days" are allowed. For IB students, please pick up your TDE from Ms. Norton in the IB Office.

PSAT FOLLOW UP: All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders took the PSAT in October; the scores are available now online and can be accessed following these directions:

- Go to studentscores.collegeboard.org.
- Click "Sign Up" under the Sign In spaces.
- Input your personal information under "Create Your Student Account."
 - Once students have set up their College Board account, they will need to log in to the account to access score information. Students should enter their username and password (at studentscores.collegeboard.org). They will be redirected to their SAT Suite of Assessments score-reporting portal, with their most recent test showing first.
 - If their most recent test is missing, they can use the "Missing Scores" link to update their personal information and provide their access code or student ID that will match their scores to their account.
- When students log in to their College Board account, they will be taken to a dashboard (entry) screen that includes their scores, links to SAT practice, AP and core course work, and information about Student Search Service and career profiles.
- The first thing they will see on the dashboard is their most recent scores. The total score for PSAT/NMSQT ranges from 320 to 1520. It is the sum of their Math section score added to their Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section score. When students click "View Details," they will be taken to their detailed score reports.

DUAL ENROLLMENT AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

St. Petersburg College offers college classes to qualified high school students in Pinellas County at no cost to the student. These courses allow students to earn credits toward a high school diploma and a college degree at the same time. Dual enrollment course grades are recorded to the student's high school transcript and his/her permanent college transcript. Therefore, students must give their best performance in dual enrollment coursework because the resulting grades can greatly impact post-secondary education opportunities, scholarship opportunities, and financial aid eligibility.

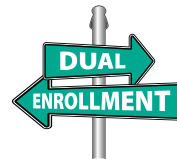
Courses on the Dual Enrollment Approved Course List are available on SPC campuses and some local high school campuses. Dual enrollment courses that are offered by a credentialed instructor at a student's high school must be taken on the high school campus.

To take Dual Enrollment classes through SPC during the first semester, students must:

1. See their school counselor to see if they qualify
 2. Get directions to obtain an SPC ID number (share with counselor)
 3. Take the PERT, SAT, or ACT prior to obtaining permission to take dual enrollment courses
 4. Students eligible for on-campus Dual Enrollment courses will have an opportunity to register for on-campus dual enrollment courses (for the 2024/2025 school year) during the in-house registration in the month of February. Please see your School Counselor for more information regarding eligibility requirements for Dual Enrollment.
 5. Obtain a completed Dual Enrollment Permission Form (for off campus classes)
 6. Register for the class(es) through the SPC Dual Enrollment Office (for off campus classes) no later than the last day of school
- To be eligible to take an academic dual enrollment course a student must have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0. To be eligible to take a career dual enrollment course, a student must have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0.

EARLY COLLEGE/EARLY ADMISSION: Students who are interested in being a full-time Early College or Early Admission student must complete the application and submit to the Early College Program office no later than **2:00pm on February 10, 2024.**

Full-time Early College or Early Admissions students must follow steps 1 – 3 listed above to enroll. Interested students should visit the SPC website at www.spcollege.edu for more information.



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DUAL ENROLLMENT AT PINELLAS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

High school students attending Pinellas Technical College (PTC) can be dual enrolled in post-secondary courses – tuition free! These courses give students credits toward a high school diploma and a career technical certificate at the same time. Hours completed at PTC may also transfer as credit hours to local and state colleges.

Courses are available on both the Clearwater and St. Petersburg campuses. Following is a list of classes currently available on each campus:

CLEARWATER CAMPUS

Accounting Operations
Administrative Office Specialist
Automotive Service Technology
Cabinetmaking
Commercial Foods/Culinary Arts
Computer Systems & Info. Tech.
Cosmetology
Digital Design
Electricity
Electronic Tech.
Machining Technologies
Medical Administrative Specialist
Medium/Heavy Duty Truck & Bus (Diesel)
Network Support Services
Web Development
Professional Culinary Arts and Hospitality Technology

ST PETERSBURG CAMPUS

Accounting Operations
Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing
Automotive Service Technology
Building Construction
Commercial Photography
Cosmetology
Drafting
Electricity
Facials Specialty
Medical Administrative Specialist
Nails Specialty
Network Support Services
Pharmacy Technician
Plumbing Technology
Practical Nursing
Television Production
Welding Basic

Dual enrollment students will be present in the same class as adult students; therefore, a higher level of maturity, independence, and initiative is important for student success.

Students who are registered for dual enrollment courses will have three grades per semester recorded on their high school transcripts. Therefore, students will need to work hard and commit to academic excellence as they perform at their best with the required PTC coursework. Please keep in mind that the resulting grades can greatly impact post-secondary education opportunities and/or scholarship opportunities.

To take Dual Enrollment classes at PTC during the fall and spring semester, students must:

- Be at least 16 years old and entering their junior or senior year in high school.
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.0, or 2.5 GPA for medical-related programs.
- Show responsibility through high school attendance and behavior.
- Obtain a Dual Enrollment Application from their high school counselor.
- Return a completed application to their high school counselor, with all necessary signatures; once the PTC counselor has received the application, the student will be contacted regarding a shadowing date.
- For more information regarding dual enrollment, please contact the Clearwater campus at (727) 538-7167 or the St. Petersburg campus at (727) 893-2500.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING SCHEDULE

Tutoring Times are from 2:00-3:00 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Tutoring locations are below.

SUBJECT	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Math	Fish, room 1-202	Rozell, room 1-117	
Science	White, room 4-215	Downing, room 4-204	White, room 4-215
English/Reading		Walker, room 4-303	
Social Studies	Krummerich, room 5-119	Hyypio, room 5-304	Beam, room 5-308
Credit Recovery	White, room 4-215	White, room 4-215	White, room 4-215
ACT Read. Test Prep.	Alexander, room 1-146	Alexander, room 1-146	Alexander, room 1-146

*Students, please speak with your teachers to see if they offer lunchtime or after school tutoring in their classrooms beyond the names listed above. If not, all students can attend the sessions listed above to receive tutoring help.

DONATIONS WANTED FOR ART PROGRAM

The art classes are seeking donations for our sculpture art program. We will take ANYTHING you have at home that you don't want or need. Examples: Broken things like plates, mirrors and computer keyboards. Bits and baubles, pieces and parts, beads, small toys, bric-a-brac, dolls, board game pieces, newspaper, magazines, wood and fabric scraps. It should all fit in a small box or grocery bag. Label it with "McMurry" and drop it off in the front office.

NO~SO~WE~EA YEARBOOK NEWS

- 2023-24 yearbooks are on sale at yearbookforever.com for \$85.
- Parents, please tell your students if you buy them a yearbook so they will know to pick it up at the end of the school year!
- If you are a business and would like to support the yearbook, you can purchase an ad online or by contacting Mrs. Flanigan at flanigana@pcsb.org.
- **SENIORS**
 - Don't forget to choose the pose you wish to see in the yearbook (online at cady.com) to avoid the default studio selection.
 - **The last day to be photographed for the yearbook is December 31.** Please book your session at Cady.com
- **Senior Parents:** The last day to purchase an ad for your senior is February 29. Please go to yearbookforever.com to purchase a tribute. Email flanigana@pcsb.org for assistance.
- **Senior Parents:** Yearbook wants your senior's baby picture! Please send a picture of your senior as a 1-3 year-old to flanigana@pcsb.org by December 31.

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2023-24 STUDENT CALENDAR

- Jan. 15, 2024: MLK Jr. Day - No school for students.
- Feb. 16, 2024: No school for students (*possible hurricane make-up day)
- Feb. 19, 2024: No school for students
- Mar. 8, 2024: End of third quarter
- Mar. 11-15, 2024: Spring Holidays – No school for students
- Mar. 29, 2024: No school for students
- April 26, 2024: No school for students
- May 27, 2024: Memorial Day – No school of students
- May 29, 2024: End of fourth quarter. Last day of school. Students released 2 hours early.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

It is with great pleasure that the St. Petersburg High School Administration and Staff in conjunction with the St. Petersburg High School Alumni Association host a ceremony to honor the following 2024 inductees to our Athletic Hall of Fame. The following people will be inducted on Jan. 19, 2024 before the varsity basketball game in the gym.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

- Alexandria Calhoun Class of 2017
- Elbert Gardner Class of 1967
- Dana Harrington Class of 1991
- Max Loden Coach
- Michael M.J. Maguire Class of 2011



STUDENT NEWS

- Our 12th grade student, **Pavel Bulko**, is currently undefeated for SPSHS' wrestling team. He is 12-0 with 11 pins at the time of press. He was also named SPSHS's Most Outstanding Wrestlers at the Osceola Duals. Congratulation!
- SPHS Football Cheer had 2 seniors selected for the Pinellas County All -Star Football Game to represent SPSHS and cheer on the South County Team. **Amaya Aikens** and **Kendal McCurdy** were chosen based on their skills, leadership and academic achievements. Kendal McCurdy was awarded the Highest GPA Award in the South during halftime of the game on December 13th at Countryside High School. This was the second year in a row that SPSHS Cheer was awarded this. We couldn't be prouder of our student athletes!
- We have a big athletic accomplishment. **Jeff Jones**, 11th grader, recently won the first inaugural PCAC Player of the Year award for football. This includes all teams in the county and is only given to one player.

Not only is Jeff an outstanding football player, but he is model Green Devil in the classroom and in the community. Great job Jeff!

- Junior, **Ava John**, won first runner up in the Tampa Bay Times Science Fiction and Fantasy writing contest with her short story "Terms of Agreement." She was presented with the award by author Rick Wilber at Tombolo Books in St. Petersburg with a crowd of family, friends, and faculty in attendance.
- In October staff of the *Palmetto & Pine* newspaper club and *NoSoWeEa* yearbook attended the Florida Scholastic Press Association Workshop at USF in Tampa. Out of over 500 student journalists across the Tampa Bay area, St. Pete High School journalism brought home four awards. **Ava Johns** (11) won 3rd place in poetry, **Ella Connelly** (12) won 3rd place for Hand-Drawn Illustration, **Paloma Welch** (12) and **Maysie Rollins** (9) won 1st place in News Writing, and **Olivia Moore** (12) won 1st place in Tik Tok Challenge.

SPEECH & DEBATE NEWS

The weekend of January 9th, the Speech and Debate Team competed at Academy of Holy Name in Tampa. Several students competed. **Zoe Sullivan** competed in Dramatic Interpretation and brought home 3rd place. Please congratulate her and the following students who competed this past weekend: **Cameron Temple**, **Zoe Sullivan**, **Thomas Gross**, **Joseph Shideler**, **Arthur Oganisyan** and **Matthew Pentolfe**.

A special thanks to Mr. Aziz for judging and acting as assistant coach. GO GREEN DEVILS!

Next month the SPSHS Speech and Debate team and the Ethics Bowl team will be competing for the regional title again. We won many times in the past representing SPSHS at the National Ethics Bowl Competition in UNC Chapel Hill. We will compete on January 27th. Special thanks to Mr. Aziz, our Ethic Bowl Co-Coach.

EARLY CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Parents requesting early check-out of their student can call the school at 727-893-1842, ext. 2306 for the student to get a Permit to Leave slip. This alleviates any wait time for you when you come to pick up your student. If you come in, please understand that we do need time to get your student for you. Please allow at least 30 minutes. This will give the school the opportunity to look up the student's schedule and send for them to meet you in the main office. Parents, it is important that we check the driver's license of anyone picking up your student early from school; this is done to ensure the safety of your child. After 1:30 pm there will be no permission to leave slips written, due to the time constraints of using the proper method of getting your child from class before school is dismissed.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Thank you to all the parents who are using the car line to drop your students off in the morning and to pick them up in the afternoon. Student safety is our number one priority and using this designated area ensures that all students are out of harm's way.

Please DO NOT enter the Student Parking Lot or the Faculty Parking Lot to drop off your child. Please do not stop on 5th Avenue and let your child out of the car.

The safe drop-off and pick-up locations are the car circle by Devil's Drive on 27th St. off 5th Ave. and 28th St. and 7th Ave.

Thank you so much for your cooperation! Working together we can keep St. Pete High safe!

ABSENCES

If you are absent from school, a doctor's note, phone call (727-893-1842 Ext. 2008), or written excuse from the parent must be emailed to StPetersburgHS.Absence@pcsb.org within 48 hours of the absence. The email should include the student's name, reason for absence, and parent's telephone number. A parent may excuse five days in a semester; further absences cannot be excused without a doctor's note. Absences should be for the following reasons: student illness, family emergency, death in family, medical appointments, and religious holidays.

Note: The Florida Legislature has enacted requirements that schools report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) the names of students who fail to satisfy the attendance requirements. This refers to students who accumulate 15 unexcused absences (excludes out-of-school suspension) within 90 calendar days. Students who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be INELIGIBLE for driving privileges.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Did you know that if the school sends you a letter it will NOT be forwarded to your new address? If you've recently moved, please do the following to change your address:

1. Go to www.pcsb.org
2. At the top of the page on the right side click on Login
3. Click on FOCUS (Student Information).
4. Type in the Parent User Name and Password.
5. On Left hand side click on Student Reservation and complete the change of address.
6. Email your two proofs of address to fowlerti@pcsb.org or meltonp@pcsb.org; acceptable proofs of address include a copy of a lease and a utility bill (electric, water, cable) or two utility bills

If you should have any issues/questions please give us a call at 727-893-1842, ext. 2008.

COLLEGE VISITS FOR SENIORS

Do you plan on visiting a college? If so, you must stop by the Guidance Office in room 1-221 and pick up a College TDE form. You will need to have all your teachers and a parent/guardian sign the form; return it to room 1-221 three days prior to your visit. Make sure to read the directions on the TDE. You will need to bring back a letter on letterhead from the college you visited, stating the date you attended. The letter will need to be turned in to room 1-221 within two days of your return. Your absence will then be corrected. College visits do not count as an absence for exam exemptions.

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NEW PATIENT SPECIALS



SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION – CLASS OF 2024

Senior year is full of events and activities that we don't want anyone to miss! Make sure you have joined the remind text group. Seniors, you will also be added to a Class of 2024 Teams Page as an active student at the start of the year. Please make sure you check that page at least once a week as it is the easiest place to communicate information with you all at once. Information will also be posted on the school website under the senior tab as it is released throughout the year. Don't miss out on anything!

SENIORS – REMIND TEXTS

Seniors and their parents can join the following "Remind Text Groups" to get information sent out directly to your phones. Don't miss important information throughout the year. Please join the group attached to the starting letter of your last name.

Please text/send the following group code to the number 81010

- Last names starting with A-D @agfhfa
- Last names starting with E-J @ghh8d96b
- Last names starting with K-O @f64dfg4
- Last names starting with P-Z @g499d4C

SENIORS - GRADUATION NEWS

Please note that we do not have the graduation date yet. District usually releases around December. As soon as we know, we will let you know.

Payment of your dues can begin now online or in person once school starts. If you are on campus, you can bring in exact cash or check made out to SPHS. The easiest way to pay, will be to use the direct link that will be posted on the school website and is also below. I will also post it on the Class of 2024 Team and around school. The online option will allow you to pay by credit card.

Your dues cover all MANDATORY costs. These cost include, but aren't limited to the following:

(any items listed below are for the graduates to keep)

- Cap, Gown and one tassel
- Medallion to be worn at graduation
- Diploma Cover
- Yard Sign
- Graduation Ceremony

If you pay any time after the start of semester 2, the cost will go up to \$125.00.

Any questions please speak to Mrs. Anderson in room 1-124 or you can email andersonand@pcsb.org.

To Pay Online: <https://pcsb.retrak.net/High-Schools/st-petersburg-high/sphs-senior-class-dues/>

Seniors please make sure you have filled out the measurement form online if you haven't already done so. This is how we will order your cap and gown so without one completed, yours will not be arriving at the same time! You can access the form by scanning this code.

Senior Class of 2024 Information



PROM 2024

Juniors and Seniors should join us at the Coliseum for **A Starry Night** Prom on April 19th, 2024 from 8:00pm - Midnight. Tickets will go on sale on March 27th. Prices will be as follows:

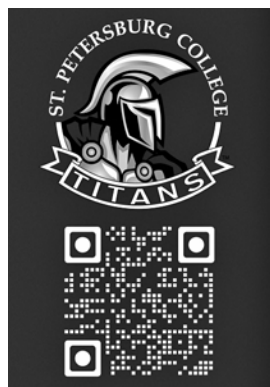
- March 25th – April 5th - \$40.00
- April 8th – April 12th - \$50.00
- April 15th – April 19th - \$60.00

Guests will need to be juniors, seniors, or not over 20 years old before April 19th. All guests will be required to have a completed guest form prior to students purchasing tickets.

There will not be any tickets sold after 2:30pm on April 19th. Tickets will not be available at the door.

CLASS OF 2024- SENIORS ONLY!!

- Tickets go on sale **January 8th - January 26th** in room 1-124-Limited tickets sold on first come, first serve basis. Do not wait! Tickets are non-refundable.
- The cost is **\$162.00** per person and includes the bus ride there and home, plus entrance to both Universal Parks and all entertainment in parks
- The date of Grad Bash is April 26th, 2024
- You must ride the bus with the school-no individual cars allowed
- Information sheet/Permission Slip will be given out when you purchase your ticket
- There is a Universal Studios Dress Code. If you have any questions about that, it will be given out with ticket purchase.
- To buy a ticket-you must pay Senior Dues first and have no obligations
- Tickets can be purchased by exact cash or check made out to St. Pete High



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THEATRE NEWS

This year's District 4 Thespian Festival representatives represented SPHS proudly!!! One of our Critic's Choice nominations may be elected to represent the District 4 at the State Competition this Spring Break in Tampa!!

Congratulations to this year's SPHS Thespian District representatives!!!

These are the Individual Event (IE) Results

SPHS 22- Superior is the highest award,

SPHS 23- Excellent is the second highest award.

SPHS 3- Critic's Choice denotes the best in the ENTIRE DISTRICT IV FESTIVAL!!!!

SPHS 2- Critic's Choice Honorable Mention denotes second best in the ENTIRE DISTRICT!

Critic's Choice award winners perform during the closing ceremonies for the ENTIRE FESTIVAL!

Monologue:

- **Taliya Smart** - Superior
- **Savanah Walker** - Excellent

Duet Acting:

- **Rein Uy & Jocelyne Lioe** - Excellent
- **Bryan Shedden & Luke Faykas** - Superior
- **Gavin Gershon & Ellie Papataros** - Superior – Critic's Choice Honorable Mention

Ensemble Acting:

- **Abby Weidenfeller, Savannah Walker and Ava Masi** - Superior

Solo Musical:

Dance (1):

- **Addy Ball** – Excellent

Playwriting (1):

- **Zoe Sullivan** - Excellent
- **Taliya Smart** – Superior – Critic's Choice
- **Hope Meister** – Superior – Critic's Choice Honorable Mention
- **Ellie Papataros** - Superior
- **Newton Arcilla** - Superior
- **Jocelyne Lioe** - Superior
- **Abigail Weidenfeller** - Excellent

Duet Musical:

- **Rein Uy & Newton Arcilla** - Superior
- **Abigail Weidenfeller & Gavin Gershon** - Excellent
- **Ellie Papataros & Jocelyne Lioe** – Superior - Critic's Choice

Small Group Musical:

- **Damien Schwerin, Rafael Faraci, Cayden Toronski** - Excellent
- **Lucy Raunch, Ava Masi and Taliya Smart** - Superior

Large Group Musical:

- Baseball – **Vasallo & Aresnault** – Excellent
- **Noah Vasallo, Vincent Arsenault, Addy Ball, Rein Uy, Newton Arcilla, Cayden Toronski, Rafael Faraci, Damien Schwerin, Hope Meister**

Pantomime:

- **Bryan Shedden & Gavin Gershon** – Superior – Critic's Choice

In other Theatre News, the New Year rings in the 40 plus year tradition of GoldFever, a school-wide contest lip syncing, dance competition that often host other groups including teacher groups. Everyone is welcome so mark your calendar, Friday January 26th at 7pm in the Auditorium. Tickets go on sale January 19th through gofan.co! Get your tickets soon, this event sells out every year!! It's not too late to compete in the small group category, for independent groups see Ms. B for info. If you are a recent graduate or alumni please email Ms. Broughton if you are interested in judging GoldFever 2024, BLOCKBUSTER Movies!! GO GREEN DEVILS!!

The New Year and the spring will bring lots of other performances opportunities including Freshmen Follies, IB Theatre Performance Showcase, and the Spring Musical in April. What musical you ask? The title will be announced soon, aka next year!! The show dates will April 11th, 12th and 13th Mark your calendars for a classic!

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