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## From the Principal

From the Principal,

We remain committed as a school helping prepare our students for the college and career of their choice. As the 2020-2021 school year concludes it is time to plan for our summer and fall sessions.

Our school will remain open in June and July for additional instruction through our Summer Bridge Program. A listing of the different program options is below and applications can be picked up from any of our offices or from our website:

BCHS Summer Bridge Options	Dates
<b>Algebra 1 Credit Recovery/Retake Preparation</b> - failed Algebra 1 EOC and/or earned a "D" or "F" in Algebra 1	June 21 - July 15
<b>ACT Math Preparation</b> - designed for returning high school students for college and university test prep	June 21 - July 15
<b>ACT English/Reading Preparation</b> - designed for returning high school students for college and university test prep	June 21 - July 15
<b>Credit Recovery Program (APEX)</b> - earned a "D" or "F" in a core course (English, mathematics, Social studies, or science)	June 21 - July 15

Our fall classes will resume on Wednesday, August 11th. We have begun adding our 21-22 schoolwide organizational items to help our families prepare for the start of the 21-22 school year. Please visit our website [www.pcsb.org/bocaciega-hs](http://www.pcsb.org/bocaciega-hs) to view the following items that are active links in the top right-hand corner of our homepage:

- Senior Fees, Activities, and Photo Timelines
- BLUE GOLD Yearlong Calendar
- Bell Schedule
- Parent and Community Involvement Meeting Opportunities
- Athletic Coaching Contact and Season Start-up Information
- Family Resource Guide
- Orientation Opportunity for Our New Families – June 14th-16th, 2021!

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

Sincerely,  
Michael P. Vigue, *The Boca Ciega HS Principal*

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# 2020 – 2021 Treasure Chest Yearbooks On Sale Now!!!

The 2020-2021 Treasure Chest yearbook has arrived and is for sale in the Media Center or front office. The cost is \$90.00 cash or money order. You can also pay online on our BCHS homepage with a credit card. Do not be left out of this memory keepsake!



## The Boca Ciega Perspicacious Pirates Academic Team

Who has the BEST Academic Team in Pinellas County? We do!! Please congratulate our brilliant Pirates on their fantastic season! Arrrrr!

- **Moderator/Coach:** Ms. Lisa Erasmus
- **Team Members:** Arlene Aslani, Morgan Luff, Evan Sandillo, Bryce Springfield, Tom Kelly

### END OF SEASON STANDINGS

2/11	Countryside	161
	Boca Ciega	193
2/18	Seminole	172
	Boca Ciega	194
2/25	Pinellas Park	105
	Boca Ciega	228
3/4	Tarpon Springs	124
	Boca Ciega	200
3/11	Osceola	154
	Boca Ciega	170
3/25	Gibbs	204
	Boca Ciega	110
4/8	Largo	220
	Boca Ciega	175

## Mystery Staff Recognition

By: *Anonymous Contributor*

Can you identify this scholar-athlete? Can you also identify which staff member is the mother of this young lady? Well, here goes:

- On Saturday, May 8th, this young lady, ran the 800 m at the State Finals in Tallahassee. Considering she is a freshman; this was a remarkable achievement.
- But wait, there is more to come. The next day found this athlete competing in soccer in Auburndale, at the State Finals for the Florida Youth Soccer Association, division 06 (meaning born in 2006 or later). There she helped lead her team to a State Championship.
- Oh yes, there is a bit more. June 9th this young lady will be with her team in Alabama competing in the Regionals. Ally also played on our own soccer team this year.

Hopefully by now you recognize the accomplishments of Ally Hendrikson, the daughter of Amy Krusemark, Mathematics teacher/department head at Boca Ciega High School. We at Boca Ciega High School are always proud when the children of our staff attend our school. We appreciate the hard work of Mrs. Krusemark as we do with all of our staff, and we congratulate her and Ally on this year's success.

## JROTC Ends Covid-19 Year

By *Baileigh Carrier, student at Boca Ciega HS*

This school year was an interesting year. We faced a lot of challenges this year with Covid and all of the effects that come with it. Although we had to deal with our new "normal", we had a couple of good events. We had field day, drill meets, toys for tots, and a couple other successful things going on. We wanted to end the school year on a high note. Our Food Drive benefits those in our community who are struggling. We continue ask for donations so if you have a can; bring it to school and let's get some good people some good food. Hopefully next year Covid will die down and we can have a lot more events and fun things to do. I expect next year to be a much better year than this school year was. Your help is appreciated.

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## JROTC Food Drive by Ja'Shayla Bell

Hello students, there's a food drive being held in the JROTC building. There are boxes around the school in the CWMP, Fundamental and Traditional offices. If you wish to contribute please bring canned goods or unperishable items, such as peanut butter or canned soup. Food banks accept dry and canned food donations. What does that mean? Basically, any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable - you can keep it in your pantry and it won't go bad. And remember, only donate food that hasn't reached its "sell-by" date yet.



## Counselors Corner

We're headed toward the final stretch, and we are pleased with all of the initiatives that we have implemented this year from Start with Hello to our new college acceptance display outside the Media Center. Registration and course selections for next school year are underway. Boca Ciega High School has a number of advanced opportunities to enhance the college and career preparation of our students. We encourage students and parents to consider the potential of this coursework as it enhances college preparedness and provides students with a validated skillset that improves opportunities beyond high school. These include: 20+ College Board Advanced Placement courses, courses that lead to Industry Certifications, and Dual Enrollment through St. Petersburg College and the University of South Florida. Many of our students enter college with numerous free college credits under their belts which significantly reduces the cost of college. Please make sure your student speaks to his/her counselor about these opportunities.

### FINAL REMINDER- ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We wanted to share a reminder about good attendance. Teenagers who attend school regularly are more likely to graduate and attend college. Good attendance also creates a habit that can carry over into work later. Consider these tips. Set expectations. Being out for even a day or two a month means losing valuable learning time. Tell your student that the only acceptable excuses are illness, family emergencies, or pre-approved college visits. Discuss Results. Point out that missing school means the student has to make up coursework. If he or she falls far behind, the student may have to retake courses.

*Finish Strong Pirates! As always, please come see your counselor if we can be of support to you!*

## Mentor News

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to each one of our wonderful mentors we have here at Boca Ciega High School. While this year has been challenging in so many different areas, mentoring has been no exception. Our mentors have gone above and beyond. Each one of our mentors have made memories, formed bonds and made life-long positive impacts with our mentees. Have a fabulous summer and I look forward to seeing all of our mentors and mentees in August!

If you are interested in learning about becoming a mentor for the 2021-2022 school year, please contact Mrs. McCraney at [mccraneyn@pcsb.org](mailto:mccraneyn@pcsb.org).



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## BCHS Work Experience Program

The BCBS Work Experience Program has several students in need of part-time employment. If you are familiar with a business that may be hiring, please email Tom Arneson (BCBS Work Program Coordinator) at [arneson@pcsb.org](mailto:arneson@pcsb.org). Thank you for your assistance.



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The BCCHS clothing would make a great gift! We offer the following:

- BCCHS Zip Up Hooded Sweatshirt Navy ..... \$25
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# COLLEGE CAREER CENTER

## Reminders from the College and Career Center

Make the Summer count and check out these free opportunities:

- Virtual workshops for rising juniors and seniors from the PATHe Counselors at USF St. Petersburg. (See flyer for details)
- Free Expert College Planning from Pinellas County Schools. (see Flyer for details)

Bookmark the College Fairs page on the PCS website for updates and event announcements. <https://www.pcsb.org/collegefairs>



## Track & Field Spotlight

Girls track and field was one to remember this year! Though smaller in number than usual, the Lady Pirates came up big for the 21 track & field season.

Congratulations to coach Cheryl Greene on being voted Track Coach of the Year by her peers! Junior Niyah Mitchell broke Boca Ciega High School girl's 300-meter hurdles school record that was set back in 2017! Niyah also made her first trip to the State competition, which was held at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.



Freshman sensation Ally Henrikson, also competed for the first time ever in track and field and made it to the state competition as an 800-meter runner! Even though Ally placed far from what she desired, making it to state as a freshmen was a great feat on her part.

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The Lady Pirates brought home multiple trophies throughout the year, earning the District runners up trophy and taking the 1st place trophy at St. Pete High's John T. Memorial track meet.

Kudos to Coach Samantha Weeks for doing an excellent job training the distance runners. Several of them, along with the sprinters, made it to the Regional competition in Punta Gorda. Boca Ciega had a representative in every event at the Regional competition except for the shot put, discus, long-jump/triple jump and pole vault. Way to go Pirates!!!

## Looking For A Fun Sport To Do In The Fall?

Looking for extracurriculars to pump up your college applications? Looking for a way to make new friends? Cross country is the sport for you! Whether it is the athletic, academic, or social aspect, joining cross country is a great choice. You don't need any experience at all! Cross country creates a family bond between all of the girls that are on the team. Each girl supports each other- on and off the course. Lifelong friendships form through this sport and the support leads to amazing success, not only as individuals, but as a team as well! Along with the family bond, cross country allows you to qualify for a multitude of scholarships and stand out when applying to colleges, internships, and/or jobs.

The cross country team believes anyone is capable of participating in this sport and doesn't believe in denying anyone the opportunity to be on the team. If you have any questions, email Coach Weeks at [weekssa@pcsb.org](mailto:weekssa@pcsb.org). We hope that you come out this summer and train with the team!

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## Good News From The BCBS CWMP!!

BCBS's Center for Wellness and Medical Professions is very proud of the Class of 2021. Ninety-eight of them passed their health care industry certification examination. Forty-six of them passed Florida's Certified Nursing Assistant examination. Many local companies, including home care agencies, long-term care facilities, and mental health agencies have already visited the school to recruit these students. The new CNA's are:

Hatixhe Pashollari, CNA	Gage Whitehurst, CNA	Cassandra Castellon, CNA	De'Tron Gipson, CNA	Mila Lazarevic, CNA
Samantha Patti, CNA	Josalyn Swain, CNA	Thuc Uyen Co, CNA	Roniyah Grayson, CNA	Linda Le, CNA
Damian Rosales-Estrada, CNA	Makayla Parkes, CNA	Zania Crapps, CNA	Lauren Haas, CNA	Chessidy Lester, CNA
Janeze Peters, CNA	Meisha Seay, CNA	Ana Maria Correa-Castano, CNA	Haley Helwig, CNA	Fathima Mohamed, CN
Callie Poznan, CNA	Shyla Samuels, CNA	Camryn Dacosta, CNA	Anabel Hoang, CNA	Mikaela Mongo, CNA
Darquasia Quarterman, CNA	Alicia Thompson, CNA	Christian Davis, CNA	Christopher Hristozov, CNA	Kalani Musgrave, CNA
Kira Saal, CNA	Marie Baptiste, CNA	Ty'Kira Davis, CNA	Raniyah Johnson, CNA	
Sophia Weaver, CNA	Rosabella Bedwell, CNA	Maleana Do, CNA	Na'Zyia King, CNA	
Ne'Ausha Quarterman, CNA	Evan Bohlander, CNA	Evan Steele Elliott, CNA	Tim Lam, CNA	
Carmella Schittino, CNA	Kira Butler, CNA	Jonathan Gerstmeier, CNA	Richardo Lawes, CNA	

The students who passed the demanding National Healthcareer Association's Certified Electrocardiographic Technician exam can now use the credentials, CET, after their name. They are now qualified to pursue jobs as EKG Technicians and Monitor Technicians. They might work in hospitals, cardiology offices, stress test labs, or ambulatory monitoring centers. The 52 new CET's are:

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Donovan Glover, CET	Tatiana Barrie, CET	Marissa Santos, CET	Na-Talia Mitchell, CET	Tyarah Dudley, CET
Taffrey Peterman, CET	Tom Kelly, CET	Kira Butler, CET	Janae Terrell, CET	Angelina Naing, CET
Raven Anderson, CET	Damian Rosales-Estrada, CET	Morgan Luff, CET	Cindy Dieu, CET	Daveon Washington, CET
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We wish them all the best of luck as they pursue more professional credentials. We look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.