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From the Principal

The BCHS Community,

It is an important time of the year for our students to remain academically focused. Below is a listing of the many different assessments that are of great importance to our students:

Timeline	Assessment Type	Format
3/3	In-school SAT for all 11th graders + 12th grade reading students	Students test in regular classrooms full day
3/9-3/10	NCR ACT for all 11th and 12th grade reading students	Students test in regular classrooms full day
4/7	FSA Writing for 10th graders	Students test in computer labs for one ½ day session
4/8	FSA Writing for 9th graders	Students test in computer labs for one ½ day session
5/3+5/4	FSA Reading for 10 graders	Students test in computer labs for two separate 90-minute sessions
5/10+5/11	FSA Reading for 9th graders	Students test in computer labs for two separate 90-minute sessions
5/17+5/18	NGSSS Biology EOC	Students test in computer labs for one ½ day session
5/19+5/20	NGSSS US History EOC	Students test in computer labs for one ½ day session
5/24+5/25	FSA Geometry EOC	Students test in computer labs for two ½ day sessions
5/26+5/27	FSA Algebra I EOC first time students	Students test in computer labs for two ½ day sessions
May	AP College Board Exams	Students in all AP courses will paper/pencil test or digital format
5/25-5/28	Semester 2 Exams for seniors/early graduates	90-minute exams during regular bell schedule
6/4-6/9	Semester 2 Exams for grades 9-11	90-minute exams during regular bell schedule

As our seniors prepare for post high school education and careers, our returning underclassmen have already selected courses for the 2021-2022 school year. All of these course offerings are listed on our website for your review (on the left side of the homepage) and we will plan to distribute drafts of these course selections to all students toward the end of April.

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, The BCHS

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Announcent For BCHS Seniors: Senior Fees

Senior fees are \$130 and are payable by cash, check or money order (payable to BCHS) in the bookkeeping office. We also accept credit cards with an additional 4% fee. Credit card transactions can be done from the comfort of your home by visiting pcsb.org/bocaciega-hs. Look for "online payments".

Graduates must have all obligations met before paying grad fees. Please call the bookkeeping office at ext: 2012 if you are not sure if you have an obligation. Senior fees cover the cost of cap, gown, diploma, diploma cover, tassel, medallion, the graduation ceremony and senior picnic should it be allowed.

Congratulations to all of our 2021 graduates!



COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

More Spring Reminders from the College and Career Center

SENIORS

If you are in range of earning a Bright Futures Scholarship and need to increase you SAT or ACT score sign up for an exam soon. Reminder to turn in your Community Services hours to Mrs. Forbes.

Exam Dates at Boca Ciega HS -

- SAT - May 8, 2021 Saturday Register - 4/8/2021 Late Registration - 4/20/2021
- SAT - June 5, 2021 Saturday Register - 5/6/2021 Late registration - 5/18/2021

Register at SAT.org

- ACT - April 17, 2021 Saturday.... Register -3/12/2021 Late Registration - 3/26/2021
- ACT - June 12, 2021 Saturday Register - 5/7/2021 Late Registration - 5/21/2021

Register at ACT.org

Check College Board and ACT websites for additional dates at other test locations.

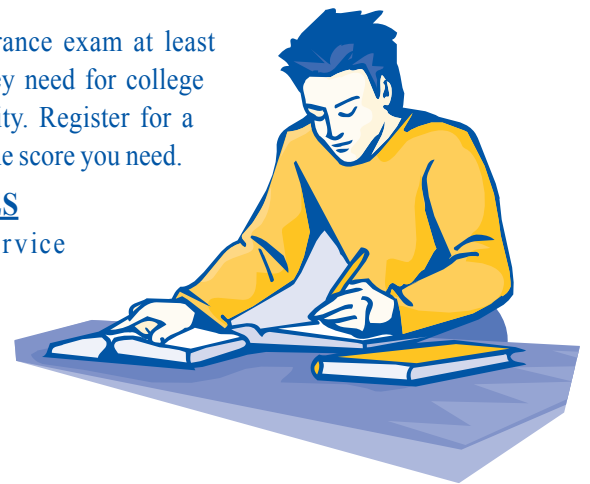
JUNIORS

Most students take a college entrance exam at least two times in order to get the score they need for college applications or Bright Futures eligibility. Register for a May or June exam and practice to earn the score you need.

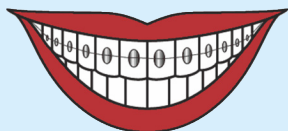
FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES

Visit the PCS Community Service page to view Community Service requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships and check out the list of category ideas for potential Community Service projects.

Visit <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/3554>.



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The BCHS 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 (BCHS Work Program Coordinator) at arnesont@pcsb.org. Thank you for your assistance.



Early Grads Celebrated by Math Teacher

As the first semester drew to a close, Mr. MacDonald's Probability and Statistics Class held a celebration in honor of three early graduates. On the left of both pictures is Azariya Chambers (on the left in each picture below), and Katelyn Crooks (on the right in each picture below) were very happy with their recognition. Paige Bukoven was also recognized but was not present.

Math instructor Mr. Macdonald told the girls, "We are proud that you are graduates of BCBS, and we wish you the very best as you begin the next chapter in your lives."



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Counselors Corner

2021 SCHEDULING UPDATES

The counseling team has finished completing course requests for next school year. If your child is a MyPCS student or was absent when these meetings occurred the information was emailed to their R2.D2@pcsb.org email which they can access in Clever. **All students and parents are encouraged to review their course requests by going to the course request tab in FOCUS.** Students will however be able to adjust their requests with their counselors through March 10th. In order to submit a course request change students and parents must email these requests to their respective counselor:

Fundamental Program	Ms. Woods	woodsai@pcsb.org
Medical Program	Mrs. Love.....	lovejo@pcsb.org
Traditional Program (Last name A-L)	Mrs. Banks.....	banksp@pcsb.org
Traditional Program (Last name M-Z)	Ms. Reiss	reissc@pcsb.org

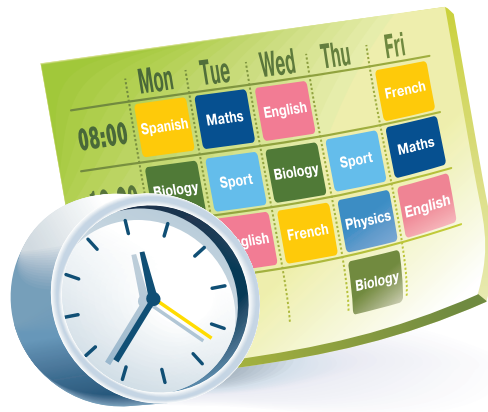
Please feel free to contact your son/daughter’s school counselor if you have any questions regarding this process.

Also, as a reminder, students who have selected Dual Enrollment courses must have all the qualifications in FOCUS (SPC ID number, GPA, and test scores) by the end of May. If this information is not in FOCUS by May students will be removed from the Dual Enrollment courses and moved to another course.

Eligibility for the Dual Classes is as follows:

SPC Off campus and BCHS DE English Composition I + II, American National Government, World Religions, and USF DE Intro to Education and Intro to Diversity for Educators:

- 3.0 unweighted cumulative GPA
- AND PERT reading subtest score of 106 or higher
- AND PERT writing subtest score of 103 or higher
 - OR ACT reading score of 19+ and ACT English score of 17+
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New PTC Certification

The 3rd year Allied Health students in the Center for Wellness and Medical Professions are excited about the opportunity to complete the EMT-Emergency Medical Technician Certification program at Pinellas Technical College-St Petersburg Campus. The program is offered to students during their 4th year. Transportation is provided for program participants.



Memories are the BEST!

The 2020 -21 Treasure Chest Yearbook is on pre-sale for \$70.00. The price increases to \$90.00 on March 1, 2021.

Go to the Boca Ciega High School website and use the link in the bottom right hand corner if you wish to prepay using a credit card. If you wish to pay with cash, check or money order you can see the BCHS bookkeeper to the bookkeeper, or English teacher, Ms. West.

There are a limited number of yearbooks being sold this year- **so do not be left out!** Email Ms. West (westlo@pcsb.org) with any questions.

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The BCHS School Store

The BCHS School Store is open for business. Our store offers clothing items, school spirit items, helium balloons, backpacks and school supplies.

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

- BCHS Zip Up Hooded Sweatshirt Navy \$25
- BCHS Hooded Sweatshirt (Blue, Pink, Gold, Grey)..... \$20
- BCHS Short Sleeve T-Shirts (Blue, GREY)..... \$10



The Boca Ciega Perspicacious Pirates Academic Team

Moderator/Coach:
Ms. Lisa Erazmus

Team Members:
Arlene Aslani, Al Fahad, Morgan Luff, Ben Nong Evan Sandillo, Bryce Springfield, Kobie Whit

STANDINGS

1. **Practice Match** - against Northeast HS – BYE as they had no team to compete
2. **Pre-season Match 1** - against Lakewood HS – 1/28 – SCORE: 132-131 (BCHS)
Players: Arlene Asllani, Morgan Luff, Evan Sandillo, Bryce Springfield
3. **Pre-season Match 2** - against Palm Harbor HS – 2/4 – SCORE: 170-170 (TIE)
Players: Arlene Asllani, Evan Sandillo, Bryce Springfield

Please congratulate our brilliant Pirates on their success thus far.
More to come in future editions of the Pirate’s Parrot

Tips About Volunteering From Marie Schwartz, The Ceo and Founder of TeenLife Media

CONSIDER WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN

Volunteering is a great way to figure things out about yourself. If you’re thinking of becoming a surgeon, it would be helpful to find out now that just working at a blood drive makes you queasy. Volunteering is also a way to meet professionals in a field that interests you. If the law intrigues you, for example, considering volunteering at an organization that advocates for underserved populations or works on issues like housing rights. You might be stuffing envelopes, but you’ll have a chance to network with lawyers and other advocates.

BE CREATIVE

Just because you’re interested in science or technology, doesn’t mean you’re limited to volunteering in a traditional STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) setting. The community theater group, for example, might value your ability to create special effects or to get Peter Pan to fly. And be open to learning new things. You might start out in theater tech and then discover the intricacies of sound engineering, or, heck, that you’d rather be on stage than backstage. That’s the beauty of community service—it will help you discover a whole new community.

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” — Audrey Hepburn

Questions? Stop by the College and Career Center located in the Media Center.



Squeezing Out Success

The Boca Ciega Varsity Wrestling Team, despite all efforts by COVID-19 to put the squeeze on the season going 17-5, and having one of its best dual seasons since 2014. Hats off to the JV Wrestling Team as well for going 15 – 2 on the season. Both teams were phenomenal!

Wrestler Marcus Garrett hit a milestone not achieved by many, by reaching the 100-win mark over his 4-year career. Marcus will sign a letter of intent to Wrestle at Central Baptist College (CBC) in Conway, Arkansas.

Wrestlers Jabari Dunbar and Lamond Landrum will also sign letters of intent to wrestle at Arkansas Baptist College, right up the road from CBC. A little know Black history fact, Arkansas Baptist is the only Historically Black JUCO in the nation and is coached by Roosevelt Hadley, the only Black coach in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Jalen Fox-Harrington who was ranked 14th in the state in 2A will sign his letter of intent to play football and wrestle at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens. Nicholas Clark also received a scholarship to be team manager at Central Baptist College.

After so much success we are already looking forward to next season. We took a hit financially, however, because of the restrictions put on fundraising due to Covid. Should you wish to assist us through a donation you can do so through a check or money order written out for **Boca Ciega Wrestling**. We have a plethora of needs to help us prepare for next year so any support is appreciated.

I am proud of each and every wrestler for their hard work and accomplishments this year. I wish them much success and will miss those who will be moving on dearly. On to the next chapter!!!

Coach Toby Alvarez

Congrats

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The Ly Family

The district psychiatrist for Boca Ciega HS, Mrs. Amelia Neal, would like to tell you a story about the “Ly Family”.

Let me introduce you to the **Ly family**....

The father, **Mental Ly** is the wise, head-of -household. He has helped the family members strengthen their minds against negative thoughts, focus, and be mindful of their day and lives as it is, and not how they wished it could be. From him, the family has learned mental fortitude and the importance of effective decision-making, rationality and problem-solving.

Emotional Ly, the mother, is very in tune with the emotions of her family. She can accurately identify emotions and assists everyone with regulating/calming the internal state. She engages the family in breathing, mindful moments, yoga, and discussion to help with expression of stressors so that those stressors can be dealt with appropriately and positively.

Social Ly, the big sister, is the social butterfly of the family. She has great interpersonal skills and engages in meaningful connections with others who are like-minded and for her good. She is a great conversationalist, never interrupts, listens attentively, has good feedback and always looks people in the eye when they are speaking. She maintains a good balance in her friendships and relationships, never making it all about

her or the other person. She is assertive, yet generous, and is mindful of the needs of others. She is a people-person.

Physical Ly is all about the health and fitness of his body. He is mindful of what goes in and how it relates to his performance and functioning. Being the son of the family, he is responsible for helping dad around the house and he wants to keep his body in tip top shape for the year-round athlete that he is. He exercises regularly, does not abuse any substances, drinks plenty of water and gets an adequate amount of rest each night for optimal performance the next day. He loves to eat, but instead of being crazy about it...he eats what he likes in moderation. His body is his tool and he provides the necessary fuels and attention it needs to function properly. Last, but certainly not least is the dog,

Spiritual Ly. The apple of the family’s eyes! She reminds her family members to treat others as they want to be treated. When they shower her with love and attention, she does the same for them and vice versa. When they ignore her and don’t attend to her needs, she responds in kind. Through her the family has learned to put out to the world what they expect in return.