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## From the Principal

The BCBS Community,

As the second quarter of instruction for the 2019-2020 school year continues, we encourage all students to take full advantage of our FREE after school Extended Learning Program (ELP). ELP occurs every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school in room 4-101 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Our first semester classes will conclude in mid-January this year. During our semester one exam week we will follow a regular bell schedule with two exams per day:

	Tuesday, 1/12/21	Wednesday, 1/13/21	Thursday, 1/14/21	Friday, 1/15/21
7:10-8:35	Period 2 review	Period 1 review	Period 2 exams	Period 1 exam
8:45-10:10	Period 4 review	Period 3 review	Period 4 exams	Period 3 exam
10:20-11:45	Period 6 exam	Period 5 exam	Period 6 makeups	Period 5 makeups
11:55-1:20	Period 8 exam	Period 7 exam	Period 8 makeups	Period 7 makeups

Please call Ms. Aguilera at 893-2780 ext. 2008 if you do not have access to FOCUS for your child's schedule, grades, and attendance. Thank for all you do for our students. We are proud of the efforts of our students and the efforts of our dedicated staff.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Vigue

*Principal of The BCBS*

### Principal

Michael P. Vigue

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### Our Vision

The Vision of the Boca Ciega High School is 100% Student Success.

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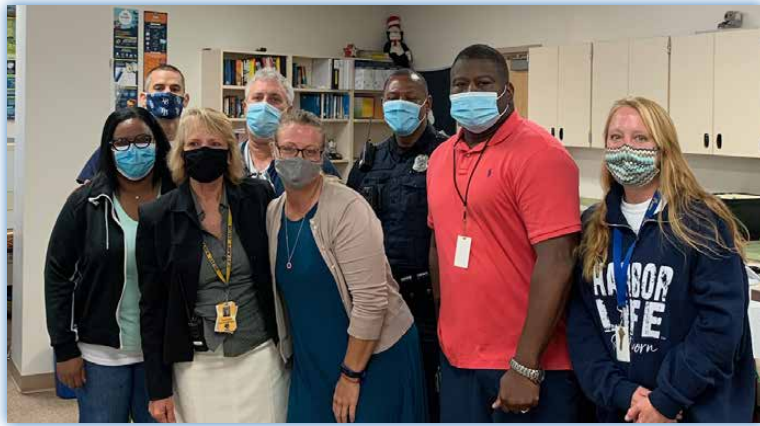
## Support Employee of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS to the CWMP office manager, **Ms. Simmons**, for being named the **BCHS SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR!**



## Emerging Teacher of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS to BCBS AVID teacher, **Mr. Laksono**, on being named the **BCBS EMERGING TEACHER OF THE YEAR!**



## Teacher of the Year

CONGRATULATIONS to BCBS AVID teacher, **Ms. Goode**, on being named the **BCBS TEACHER OF THE YEAR!**

## BCBS Take Stock In Children

Have you ever thought about being a mentor? The BCBS Take Stock in Children program is in need of mentors for our students. It is only a 30-minute commitment for a minimum of 15 sessions per school year, which is roughly 30 minutes every other week.

Please contact Mrs. McCraney, Family & Community Liaison at [mccraneyn@psb.org](mailto:mccraneyn@psb.org) or (727) 893-2780 ext. 2045 for more information on how to become a mentor today!

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## What Are the College and Career Centers?

Located in five PCS High Schools, The College and Career Centers are the hub of information and support for students and families.

Working in collaboration with school counselors, the College and Career Center teams provide assistance to students to help navigate college and career search.

VISIT PCS webpage for more information - <https://bit.ly/37J7YrK>

WONDERING WHERE TO BEGIN TO EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE? ASKING YOURSELF QUESTIONS CAN HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHO YOU ARE AND WHERE YOU WANT TO GO.

- **What are some things you feel you do well?**  
Think about the talents you already know you have, and ask friends and family what they think you're good at. You might be surprised by what they say.
- **Who do you look up to?**  
The people you admire — whether they're celebrities, historical figures or people you know personally — can tell you something about who you are and what you value. Consider what it is about them you like and whether those qualities are worth reaching for.

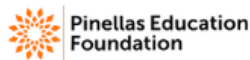
GO TO BIG FUTURES FOR MORE QUESTIONS -

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VISIT THE BCHS COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER -

- Located in the Media Center Rm 1-086
- Available during school hours & lunch bell from 1:30 to 2:30
- Virtual meetings available for MyPCS Online students.

For more information contact College and Career Center Manager Ms. Julia Long - [pcs.longju@pcsb.org](mailto:pcs.longju@pcsb.org).



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## Counselors Corner

### DON'T LET MONEY PREVENT YOU FROM PURSUING COLLEGE!

59% of Florida high school seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) qualify for a Pell Grant, one of the largest forms of federal aid available to low-income students. But Florida ranks 34th in the nation for FAFSA completion. Last year, fewer than 50% of Florida's public school students had completed the FAFSA by June 30, 2020. According to FCAN estimates, high school graduates in Florida leave behind over \$100 million in Pell Grants each year because they do not complete the form. **DON'T LET THIS BE YOU!**

The sooner you complete the FAFSA the better. All graduating students should complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA. If a student is considering starting classes this summer they will also need to do the 2020-2021 FAFSA.

### WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE FAFSA

- FSA ID for both the student and the dependent student's parent/stepparent.
  - ◊ CREATE at [www.fsaed.gov](http://www.fsaed.gov)
- Your Social Security number.
- Your alien registration number (if you are not a U.S. citizen).
- Your 2017 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable.)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable.)
- Parents' date of birth, Social Security number, marital status, and date parent was married, divorced, or widowed.

Once you have these items you are ready to submit your FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

### WHAT IS BCHS DOING TO HELP!

We are hosting FAFSA FRIDAYS, where seniors/early graduates/parents can register to for a one on one FAFSA appointment with Mrs. Forbes. The link is on the left side of our BCHS Homepage.

### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating students should also submit their applications for Florida Financial Aid (including Bright Futures) and the Pinellas Education Foundation Application. Students should complete this by December 1st.

- Florida Financial Aid Application- [www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org)
- Pinellas Education Foundation Scholarships- [www.pinellaseducation.org/initiatives/multiple-pathways/scholarships/](http://www.pinellaseducation.org/initiatives/multiple-pathways/scholarships/)



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## Girls Cross Country 2020 Season in Review

The Lady Pirates' cross-country team has had an outstanding season in 2020 and it's not over yet. The girls started the season with a bang, winning the Pirate Invitational and Boca Ciega's own Emma Polinsky led the team with a first place overall finish. At the prestigious FLRunners Invitational meet the girls team placed an impressive 9th overall in a highly competitive field of over 50 teams.



The St. Pete City Championship was another highlight for the girls team placing 4th overall. Sophia Bruce was 9th overall at the race followed by Emma Polinsky in 12th with amazing personal best times.

The girls had an impressive finish at the 16 team Pinellas County Athletic Conference championship race placing 5th overall, the highest team finish for the Pirates in 6yrs. Sophomore sensation Sophia Bruce turned in an outstanding top 20 finish at the meet. And runners 2-5 had great finishes to cement the top 5 finish. Facing a District championship race where only the top 3 teams would qualify, and our girls went into the race ranked 4th and pulled off a miraculous 3rd place finish at districts to qualify for the regional championship for the 2nd year in

a row. Bruce once again led the team with an amazing 2nd overall finish. Teammates Polinsky, Julia Pierce and Ariana Warner were recognized for their top 15 overall finish. At the deadline for this article the girls were preparing for the regional championship race in hopes of qualifying for the state championship. Stay Tuned.



## Boca Ciega High School Masking It Up for Breast Cancer Awareness

Thank you so much for your support and thoughtfulness for "Masking UP for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Your donation will make sure that underserved women in our county will be provided mammograms screenings by St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation-Mammogram Voucher Program.

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There are a limited amount of books that will be ordered so ***DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!***

Books can be purchased online on our Boca Ciega home page with a credit card or you can purchase with cash or check with Ms. West or the bookkeeper's office during school hours.