



ROYALS
HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



HOLLINS

Happenings

Principal's Message



Dear Hollins High School Community,

At Hollins High School we believe in infinite possibilities, that high school is not the last stop but the first stop in student's journey to a rich, meaningful, and impactful life. We teach to inspire and ignite imaginations and prepare students for jobs and careers not yet imagined. Everything we do is in alignment to that purpose – as we continue to push and strive to maximize everyone's potential, administration, teachers, staff, students, and our parents – asking not "Why?" but "Why not?"

Why would we think we are immune to the adverse effects of listening to negative music and words and self-talk? Contrary to widespread belief the most powerful gadget in our world is not the iPhone in your pocket, *but the head residing on top of your shoulders*. What you put into it, what you consume, and what you talk to it about dictates the trajectory and the quality of life in which you will lead. Problems, difficulties, challenges, and struggles come to us all. How we respond in those situations determines the quality and success we will enjoy in our lives. And it is not about the amount of money and products we accumulate – it is about the peace of mind and happiness in which we live every day.

Mindset Matters. It is our school theme and mission and discussed in all that we do. If you have an attitude of *can-do* you *will-do*. **Conceive. Achieve. Believe.** Not as a pithy platitude to put on a T-shirt or poster, but as a commitment and belief that we are in control of our response to the situations that life gives us. If we focus on the two things we can control – our attitudes and effort – we can maximize our chance at success while eliminating the **"would've, could've, should've"** excuses which always lead to regret.

At Hollins, our mission is to be the best public high school in the state of Florida. That is a big, bodacious goal to which many may discount as wishful thinking. But our focus is not on what others think. Our focus remains on getting one day better by comparing ourselves not to another school or person, but to who we were yesterday. Are we striving, thriving, and surviving – moving one inch closer to our goal and better than the day before? If working to the best of our ability with maniacal pursuit on improving, then we are already successful.

We are always looking to partner with diverse people, parents, individuals, and students who share in that passion and desire to be their best – and make the impossible – possible. When you become a part of Hollins High School you will be a part of a school team working to prepare, educate and inculcate each student with the skills necessary to accomplish and achieve whatever they imagine.

Proudly,

Robert C. Florio

A.E.A. Spotlight

The AEA is selling t-shirts!



It's professionally designed, and shows Academy pride! Only \$20, Cash or check made out to HHS. See Ms. Rowe in Room 310 to place your order by October 6th.

Save the date! You are all invited to

THE BIG DAY!

Our Academy-wide exhibit, live performance, and award ceremony will be on the evening of **May 10th**.

The theme this year is "Time Warp."

Come see why we are the Academy of Entertainment Arts!

Join the
student text

Remind group

[@6a8382a](#)

For more updates and lots of fantastic content from BrandU, follow us on IG:

[@aeahollins](#)

Class of 2024 Reminders and Updates

Graduation fees of \$150 need to be paid by December (cash, check to HHS, or money order) in room 111 during lunch in order to buy fun event tickets like senior breakfast and grad bash.

o Includes cap & gown, diploma & cover, programs, medallion, security and Tropicana Field fees

Bright Futures Volunteer Hours Update

All grade levels must now log all their hours through Profferfish (an app through Clever).

Students should bring their charged laptops to school everyday.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Yearbooks can be ordered on www.buytheyearbook.com

**DIFFERENT WEBSITE
THIS YEAR!**

Before students can tryout and participate in a sport, parents/guardians must complete an Athletic Participation Packet, Assumption of Risk Waiver, and purchase School Insurance. You can find this packet at the school website. From there, go to the Athletic tab, scroll down to Athletic Participation, the packet & waiver are below the paragraph. Printed copies are also available in the Assistant Principal's Office or Coach Rivera's classroom. School insurance can only be purchased online at www.pcsb.org. Click on School Insurance and follow the prompts.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow Dixie Hollins High on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/mydixiehollins>

Follow [@hollinsyearbook](https://www.instagram.com/hollinsyearbook) on Instagram

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SENIORS

- **Senior breakfast will be on January 16th at the Don Cesar.** Tickets will be on sale in December.
- **Grad Bash is April 13th.** Tickets will go on sale February 5th.

Neither of these tickets can be purchased until Grad Fees are paid.

IMPORTANT DATES

ACT NCR Test (Reading and Math)	Oct 17-19
Senior Panoramic Picture	Oct 19
Homecoming Dance*	Oct 24
SPC Free Registration	Oct 27 th 9–11

FAFSA, Bright Futures Informational Meeting	Nov 8
FAFSA Registration Night	January 24
Grad Bash	April 13
Prom*	April 19

*If you have 5 or more absences in the semester, you cannot attend the dance.

FAFSA:

This year FAFSA opens in December. The FAFSA must be filled out for your child to attend college, university or technical college. You must create both a student ID/PIN and a parent .ID/PIN. Create an account/pin number at www.FAFSA.gov. Our FAFSA night will be **Wednesday January 24** where you and your parent can receive help on the FAFSA application.

SPC/St. Petersburg College:

Every year we hold an event to register for SPC and have the registration fee waived. Please encourage your child to apply. If they wait until Spring, they will have to pay the fee. If they decided on a different path, that's ok. SPC REGISTRATION OCTOBER 27 9AM to 11AM

Scholarships:

Many colleges offer their own scholarships so it's good to apply early. Pinellas County Schools posts a list of scholarships on their website at pcsb.org. Click on Students, then Financial Aid/Scholarships. You will see several links to various scholarship lists
Pinellas Education

Foundation has an annual scholarship application only for our county seniors that includes over 100 scholarships with one application. Apply at <https://pinellaseducation.org> and clicking on Apply for Grants and Scholarships.
OPENS SEPTEMBER 30
THROUGH JANUARY 31

Transcripts: are now requested through Clever on Naviance. Naviance is also the way to apply to colleges by linking it to the Common App. Instructions on Naviance.

LET'S GO!

A listing of *home* games so you can come show your **ROYALS** support

Var Football

All games are at 7:30 pm

Oct. 6	v. Cypress Creek	
Oct. 20	v. Boca Ciega	HOMECOMING
Nov. 3	v. Osceola	SENIOR NIGHT

JV Football

All games are at 7:00 pm

Oct 4	v. Lakewood
Oct. 18	v. Seminole

Volleyball

Oct. 3	v. Seminole	JV/V	6:30
Oct. 10	v. P. Park SENIOR NIGHT	JV/V	6:30

Cross Country

Oct. 10	PCAC	@Hammock Park	8:00 am
Oct. 19	City Meet	@ Crescent Lake	5:00 pm

Volleyball

Oct 3	v. Seminole	JV/V	6:30
Oct 10	v. P. Park (Senior night)	JV/V	6:30

Swim

Oct 4	v. Largo	@ Skyview Pool	6:30
Oct 7	v. Districts	@ Northshore Pool	all day

Bowling

Oct. 5	v. Gibbs	@ Ten Pins	3:00
Oct. 12	v. P. Park	@ Dunedin Lanes	3:00
Oct. 19	v. PCAC	@ Seminole Lanes	TBD

Girls Golf

Oct. 5		@Mainlands	3:00
Oct. 9 & 10	PCAC (location TBD)		8:00 am

Boys Golf

Oct. 52		@Mainlands	3:00
Oct. 9 & 10	PCAC (location TBD)		8:00 am

Did you know...

All tickets for athletic events must be purchased online at gofan.co

Type "Hollins" in the search box to bring up Hollins High School.

Scroll down to find the event you want and purchase tickets.

You will receive a QR code to show at the gate.



Pinellas Education Foundation

Inspired minds transform lives

The Pinellas Education Foundation is offering Jump Start Scholarships for graduating students who demonstrate financial need and meet the eligibility requirements. Recipients receive a 1-Year Florida Prepaid College Plan valued at over \$3,100 to attend a Florida public college, university, or career and technical college. To apply, complete our general scholarship application at www.PinellasEducation.org/Scholarships.

Jump Start Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

1. Students must show financial need in order to be eligible. Eligibility is determined by submitting one of the following documents: **1040 tax form for the 2022 or 2023 tax year, HUD, Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, or Foster Care Documentation**. The student's name must appear on the submitted documentation and it must be dated no earlier than 2023. If you're qualifying based on your 1040 tax form, your household income must be below the following thresholds set by the USDA:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$36,482
3	\$45,991
4	\$55,500
5	\$65,009
6	\$74,518
7	\$84,027
8	\$93,536

2. Students must be a US citizen or legal permanent resident. Finalists will be required to submit a social security number before receiving the award.
3. Students must attend a Pinellas County public school and be a Florida resident.
4. Jump Start Scholarships can only be used at a Florida public university, college, or technical school and finalists must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA). Eligible finalists will be asked to provide school enrollment and FAFSA documentation after submitting their general application. More information about the FAFSA can be found [here](#).



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS

The Pinellas Education Foundation provides over 100 different college and technical school scholarships to more than 300 high school seniors throughout Pinellas County, based on criteria established by the Foundation and sponsors. Varied as the sponsors who fund them, scholarships range in focus from the arts to science and math, sports, and community service. Many are based on financial need. Scholarships may be either one-time awards or renewable scholarships for students who continue to meet the scholarship qualifications throughout college.

To learn more about scholarships and to apply visit:
pinellaseducation.org/scholarships

Scholarship Applications are available from
Sept. 30, 2023 until Jan. 31, 2024

If you have any questions, please contact scholarship@pinellaseducation.org



**Pinellas Education
Foundation**














Bright Futures Hours

Must now be logged through Profferfish.



Parent and Student Quick Start Guide

Sign into your Profferfish account through your Clever

-  Find a volunteer organization. You can review approved organizations in Profferfish or find one on your own.
-  Contact the organization and let them know you are interested in volunteering and see if they are currently taking volunteers.
-  Once you have found an organization to volunteer at or if you have a paid work position, you will need to review our district policy and confirm that it meets the district requirements. You can review our district policy here: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/40036>.
-  Sign into your Profferfish account by going to your Clever account and clicking on the Profferfish icon.
-  Review Pre-Approved Volunteer and Business organizations to see if your organization is already listed.
 - If not listed, submit your organization for approval.
-  If it is listed, look at the Pre-Approved Volunteer and Work opportunities to see if it is already listed.
 - If not listed, submit your opportunity for approval.
-  Track your hours on our [Profferfish Hours Tracker](#) form.
-  Once you have earned your required number of hours, enter your hours in Profferfish, share your reflection and submit for approval OR if your agency supervisor is present, they can sign off on your device.
-  Parents will need to click on the thumbs up icon and sign. It will then be submitted to your counselor for final approval.