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Principal's Message



Dear Families and Community Members of Dixie M. Hollins High School,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our Dixie families and friends to the 2019-20 school year and express how happy and excited I am about our school, what we have accomplished, and what we are planning to accomplish. I firmly believe that by working together as a team, parents, teachers, staff, students, and our community will enable us to reach all of our goals and be the best public high school in the state of Florida.

This newsletter has been put together by our students and staff to provide information about our school, programs, and events at our school. Our focus this year and theme is "Together We Rise!" in everything we do from athletics, academics, building facility, and student achievement. By working together we will rise to the challenge and reach our goals. When working together, collectively, everyone pushing and pulling in the same direction—all of us—students, teachers, staff and school get better. We rise.

Our mission to be the best is driven by a desire to provide the best learning opportunities and the best educational experience and environment we can for our students. In the past two years we have completely renovated our Academy of Entertainment Arts and Culinary Academy. We are finishing a large construction project in renovating our old Adult Education Center to a new state of the art Student Center. The student center will be the "Hub" of activity and feature state of the art furniture, interactive media, computers, college and career information, games, and a fully functional café that will rival any Starbucks in our area! We are truly putting our students at the center of our attention and focus.

We can only be good as our collective talents working together. It is important that you know that parents/guardians and our community are an integral role in making our school the best it can be. I have never been more confident that if we can continue to work together for the greater good of all students—together we will rise.

See you at the top!

Robert C. Florio



Haley Vetter

By Charles Reardon

She's co-captain of the Swim Team. President of National Honors Society. President of Academic Team. Vice President of Interact Club. Vice President of Student Council. A representative for the senior council. She's in the Cambridge program. Sound exhausting? "It can be at times," Haley said, "but in the end, it's worthwhile."

Haley Vetter officially started in the Cambridge program her sophomore year. She's taken a variety of classes from AICE General Paper to AICE Global Perspectives. How does she keep up with all her classes and extracurriculars? Staying focused. She works on homework in between the break times when she's not involved with her extracurriculars.

Haley is curious; she likes to learn. The Cambridge program has let her explore her curiosity. "Part of what makes Cambridge special is the flexibility it offers. It allows exploration of different topics in ways that aren't usually available at the high school level such as AICE Marine Science AICE Thinking Skills or AP Research. These have provided opportunities to explore and see what I like and figure out who I am."

Haley also loves the diverse people she has met in the program and believes it has helped her expand socially as well as academically. "Coming from a small middle school, I've gained so much more perspective on the world. Cambridge is really preparing me for the future."

A.E.A. Spotlight



Lazara Arcia

By Autumn Johnson

Lazara Arcia is a senior in the Academy of Entertainment Arts. She won a Scholastic Award as a freshman for her first film “Super Mega Lactose Intolerant.” This is a huge accomplishment. Students at other schools often submit for years before they win an award. However, in the AEA it’s not unusual to win at least one before you graduate. This has become a fact. With the guidance of your teachers, critics of your classmates and extensive rubrics many projects coming out of those doors are awards winners. Despite her huge win freshman year that wasn’t her greatest accomplishment.

Lazara is from Cuba and has been in America on a green card for eight years. Her first accomplishment was becoming proficient in English. She was afraid that she wouldn’t be accepted into the AEA program because of her mediocre English. However, her low self-esteem was put to rest when she was accepted and became a Rebel.

“I feel like everything that I learned in [AEA] was an accomplishment.” It was because of AEA she learned to overcome her fear. Because of her thick accent she was often afraid to speak to others and spent her first two years alone. “I didn’t talk to anyone because I was scared I wasn’t going to be able to say things the right way and people would make fun of me. I was so lonesome. I let my fear become more powerful than my desires to socialize and have friends.” It was when Mr. Pineda started pairing his students in groups that Lazara found her best friends (pictured above): Treonna Johnson, Jade Harmon, and Autumn Johnson.

Lazara’s future is a little blurry at the moment, but one thing is clear. She plans to become someone of importance, attend FAMU, and make all those who helped her proud.

CULINARY Spotlight



Courtney Touchette

By Kylie Vetter

Courtney Touchette, a senior in the culinary program has found volunteer opportunities and worked with well-known chefs throughout her high school years. Not many people get the chance to work beside a role model so early in their career, but culinary gives students a creative outlet to help prepare them for the food service industry. Prior to graduation, many students receive industry certifications including SafeStaff, ServSafe and Prostart, and are already on their way to a successful career. Courtney said, “The program means both a stable future and a job doing what I love.”

Courtney has participated in three culinary competitions. Her first competition was the regional levels of Skills USA. For that competition, students had to bake a scone, cookie, a puff pastry dessert, and frost/decorate a two-layer cake in three hours. She placed third and had the opportunity to move on. Her second competition was the consecutive contest, States for SkillsUSA in Pensacola, competing with the top culinary students in the state of Florida. Courtney had to frost and decorate a cake, make three shapes of bread, scones, and a spritz cookie all in a limited time while being judged. The most recent competition was “Best Grilled Cheese”. Courtney, along with three other students, Mary Jane Bowman, Steven Issari, and Anya Rajic prepped, assembled, and cooked 50 prosciutto crusted grilled cheeses on sourdough with a sun-dried tomato pesto with mozzarella, asiago, provolone and white cheddar cheese on top of arugula salad. Dixie placed 1st and won Judges’ Choice as well as People’s Choice, and earned \$500 for their program.

The culinary program contributes to many programs on campus and off. They run concession stands at the boys’ basketball and football games and feed the homeless at Pinellas HOPE alongside NHS. They hold fundraisers throughout the year selling Pumpkin Rolls around Thanksgiving and Christmas Cookie Platters. They help to provide food for many staff meetings and staff lunches. But one of the biggest things the program has accomplished is giving students a reason to come to school every day. Among rigorous core classes, students look forward to culinary where they can thrive in a safe and welcoming environment. The culinary program is like a family to Courtney and many others, allowing students to share their talents and learn how much they are capable of. Courtney said, “Some students have sports, some have music, but I have culinary.”

LET'S GO!



A listing of *home* games so you can come show your **REBELS** support
DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Varsity Soccer Schedule

Preseason		
Nov. 5	Northside (girls)	8
Nov. 8	Boca Ciega (girls)	8
Regular Season		
Nov. 11	Osceola	6-8
Nov. 20	Pinellas Park	6-8
Dec. 2	Northeast	6-8
Dec. 6	St. Pete	6-8
Dec. 10	Gibbs	6-8
Dec. 11	Boca Ciega(girls)	6:30
Jan. 16	Keswick - senior night	6-8

Lady Rebels Basketball

Nov. 19	Countryside	JV/V	6:15/7:30
Nov. 20	Northeast	JV/V	6:15/7:30
Nov. 25	Seminole	V	7:00
Dec. 5	Calvary Christian	V	7:00
Dec. 10	Boca Ciega	JV/V	6:15/7:30
Dec. 13	Anclote	V	7:00
Jan. 9	Largo	JV/V	6:15/7:30
Jan. 13	Gibbs	JV/V	6:15/7:30
Jan. 22	Pinellas Park	JV/V	6:15/7:30
Jan. 28	Mitchell	JV/V	6:16/7:30
Feb. 3, 4, 6	District Tourn	V	TBD

There are no home meets for wrestling so here is their schedule through January 22nd.

Wrestling

Dec. 4	JV Quad (NE, OHS, PARK)	Osceola
Dec. 6-7	Eastlake Invitational	Eastlake
Dec. 11	JV Quad (NE, EL, PARK)	Northeast
Dec. 14	Captain Archer Tourn	Charlotte
Dec. 20-12	Southside Duals	Bogie
Jan. 9	JV Quad (EL, SEM, GB)	Seminole
Jan. 10	St. Pete City Tournament	Northeast
Jan. 15	JV Quad (EL, OHS, CLW)	Eastlake
Jan. 17-18	Jerry Mita	P-Park
Jan. 22	JV Quad (PARK, OHS, SEM)	Seminole

Boys' Basketball

Dec. 12	Manatee	V	6:00
Jan. 7	Palm Harbor	JV/V	6:15 / 7:45
Jan. 8	Palmetto	V	7:00
Jan. 14	Largo	JV/V	6:15 / 7:45
Jan. 17	Boca Ciega	JV/V	6:15 / 7:45
Jan. 21	Indian Rocks	JV/V	6:15 / 7:45
Jan. 30	Countryside	JV/V	6:15 / 7:45
Feb. 7	Pinellas Park	JV/V	6:15 / 7:45

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Each month, two Dixie Hollins seniors are selected as Rotary Students of the Month. They are honored by the Rotary Club of Pinellas Park at a luncheon at Banquet Masters. Seniors with a proven record of high academic achievement, service/leadership/ involvement at DHHS, and volunteer service in the community are encouraged to see Mr. White for an application. Congratulations to Carly Lewis and Meredith Grimm for being the Rotary Students for the month of September!

Tis the season for FAFSA & college applications

- Juniors and Senior with a 2.0 GPA or higher are eligible to earn college credit with SPC's dual enrollment program. See you school counselor for details.
- **During the month of October, each grade level will participate in academic seminars to highlight graduation requirements, and other important information students need to know in order to graduate career and college ready.**
- October 18 - junior seminars
- October 21 - sophomore seminars
- October - freshman seminars (throughout the month)

Freshman Parent night will be Tuesday October 22 at 5:30 pm in our Media Center. Our Culinary Academy will cater dinner and school personnel will be on hand to answer any and all questions about your child's education and their future

Boys soccer practice will begin on Monday, October 21st. In order to participate, or even tryout, you MUST have your athletic paperwork completed and insurance purchased. This can be found online at <https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/166> or physically picked up in the attendance office. Please direct any questions to Coach Eriksen at eriksenz@pcsb.org.

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Play golf?

Come support our athletic programs at the
2019 Golf Tournament & Fundraiser

Saturday, October 26th

1:30 PM

Bardmoor Golf Club
8001 Cumberland Dr
Largo, Florida 33771

\$95.00 per player
Includes 18 holes of
Championship Golf

Have questions?

Email altr@pcsb.org for more info
Or to receive a registration form.

Students and Staff:

Are you a writer looking to get published? Do you have art or photography you'd love to see in print? *Rebelations*, Dixie's literary magazine, is accepting submissions.

Look for details on campus and email your submissions to zemaistat@pcsb.org



Don't forget to order
your yearbook. Go to:

balfour.com

TODAY!

The **Great American Teach-In** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 13th**.

Sponsored by Duke Energy since 1994, this is a special opportunity for you to visit our school and share what you know with a new generation.

You may stay for an hour or the whole day! The amount of time you volunteer is determined solely by your schedule.

Please contact altr@pcsb.org if you would like to sign up to speak to our students!

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