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HOLLINS HAPPENINGS

February is
BLACK HISTORY
Month



March is
WOMEN'S HISTORY
Month



April is
VOLUNTEER
Month
&
POETRY
Month

**POEM IN YOUR
POCKET DAY**
April 27th

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Teachers, Staff and Community Members of Dixie Hollins High School,

After adjusting to a shortened summer break and completing the first semester in December, we are in the middle of a full sprint to the end of the school year. Our focus theme for this spring semester is "Objects in mirror are closer than they appear" – as our seniors are slotted to graduate on Monday, May 15th at 5:30 at Tropicana Field. Our students, teachers and staff are diligently working to prepare for the upcoming FSA/EOC tests and ensure we are fully prepared. We are working hard and continue to improve our processes, facilities, and student achievement. We appreciate your support in getting your students to class on time and prepared to learn.



Administration

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Robert C. Florio

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Community Liaison

Joshua Estremera

Second Semester Exam Schedule (Grades 9-11)

	Fri., 5/19	Mon., 5/22	Tues., 5/23	Wed., 5/24
7:05-8:39	Period 2 review	Period 1 review	Period 2 EXAM	Period 1 EXAM
8:46-10:16	Period 4 review	Period 3 review	Period 4 EXAM	Period 3 EXAM
10:58-12:28	Period 6 EXAM	Period 5 EXAM	Period 6 makeups	Period 5 makeups
12:35-2:05	Period 8 EXAM	Period 7 EXAM	Period 8 makeups	Period 7 makeups

SAT DATES

03/11

05/06

REPORT CARD DATES

3rd QUARTER – March 31st
4th QUARTER – June 2nd

2016-2017 PCS Calendar

Monday, February 20

Monday, February 27

Friday, March 10

Monday, March 13-17

Monday, March 20

Tuesday, March 21

April 10-24

Friday, April 14

April 25-May 8

Non-student day (Professional Development)

FSA WRITING ASSESSMENT

End of third quarter

Spring Break Holidays (schools closed)

Non-student day (Professional Development)

Schools reopen. Classes resume.

FSA READING ASSESSMENT

Non-student day (Professional Development)

FSA MATH ASSESSMENT

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale. \$75 @ balfour.com

Don't wait--prices go up once the books arrive on campus.

Teachers and club sponsors - If you have not invited yearbook to document your class/department/program, time is running out. The deadline to close out yearbook is in March. Please email zemaitist@pcsb.org to let Mrs. Zemaitis when you are having a fun, hands on lesson or a club event

Baseball Home Games

03/03	NEHS	03/31	SLHS
03/10	OHS	04/10	LWHS
03/30	BCHS	04/25	LHS

Softball Home Games

02/28	CLW HS	04/04	SLHS
03/09	PPHS	04/11	NEHS
03/23	SPHS		

Flag Football Home Games

03/21	BCHS	04/06	CSHS
03/30	LHS	04/10	PPHS
04/04	GHS		

Track Competitions

All track competitions are currently being held away.

02/23	PPHS located at NEHS
03/07	LWHS located at NEHS
03/10	Ed Wells Invitational at CLW HS
03/23	NEHS located at NEHS
03/29	TSHS & BCBS located at PPHS
04/03	SPHS located at SPHS
04/06	PCAC located at CLW HS
04/17-04/21	DISTRICT located at CLW HS

Tennis Home Competitions

02/29	LHS
02/22	GHS
03/29	NEHS
03/21	TSHS
03/23	BCBS
03/28	OHS
04/04	CLW HS

GRADUATION is at Tropicana Field on May 15th!

- All seniors are encouraged to apply for Florida Student Financial Aid at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org.
- Students pursuing the Bright Future Scholarship are encouraged to complete their community service hours as soon as possible and turn in the required paperwork to Dr. Taylor in the guidance office.
- **Transcript Requests**
Students in need of a transcript for college or scholarship applications need to see Mrs. Rivera in the guidance office
- **Online Class Requirement**
Graduation requirements include successful completion of one online class in which high school credit is awarded. Opportunities to complete this requirement are available through Florida Virtual School, Pinellas Virtual School, or a few select courses on campus at Dixie Hollins.
- **Scholarship Information**
Please visit www.pcsb.org for a list of scholarships available. Click on the student tab, then Financial Aid and Scholarships. The scholarships are listed under Monthly Opportunities. Numerous scholarships are listed and may be based on need, merit, community service, and athletics.
- **Senior Obligations**
Seniors with financial obligations must submit payments (or return books, uniform, pay library fine etc) before graduation. Students with outstanding obligations will have their diploma withheld until it is satisfied.
- **Seniors-Graduation May 15**
All graduation course requirements must be completed before noon on Friday, May 12. To plan ahead, students taking classes on Florida Virtual School should have their coursework and exam completed by May 1.

Principal's Message Continued...



Attendance is the number one predictor of student success.

- Attendance to date is up 2.1% over last year – and our senior class is 7% ahead of last year at this time. We encourage you to encourage your student to be in school. With block scheduling, missing one day is equivalent to missing two days on a traditional schedule.
- Our Cambridge Academy had 73 families list us as their first choice – the highest number in the program's history. Our Academy of Entertainment boasts more total one and two choices in its history at 227.
- Last summer, we expanded our Culinary Academy and added a restaurant. We have been working diligently and are putting up the finishing touches, adding décor and student work.
- Our Academy of Entertainment Arts is scheduled for a complete makeover as soon as school gets out on May 25th with brand new classrooms in settings that are conducive to our Entertainment program. Digital Film, Music, Gaming/3D Design and Photography will all be housed in a building that will reflect the exquisite quality of work produced.
- Our February projected graduation rate is up 10% ahead of where we were this time last year. Our year-to-date attendance rate is up 2.1% from the same point last year. We are making progress in both and working in collaboration with our parents and students. We believe we will continue to improve and make gains in those areas
- ELP – our Extended Learning Project after school every Monday through Thursday to 4 pm in the Media Center has continued to grow in support and attendance. Students are afforded "one stop shopping" for all of their core academic needs. Math, Social Studies, English and Science teachers are there every day to assist students in homework, test preparation and study skills.

Greetings from Rebel Battalion!

The Rebel Battalion had a very eventful 1st semester. Here's a recap...



The first semester has been a successful one to say the least! On September 13, 2016 Our Rifle team competed in our first Tri-County Postal Rifle match against schools in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties. Our rifle team has significantly improved and placed 6th overall out of 19 teams. Our Rifle team is commanded by 1st Lieutenant Ethan Tinsley and Deputy Commander First Sergeant Audrey Shewmake.

On November 5th, 2016 our drill team hosted the first drill meet to start off the season. Overall, we took home first place with Heather Biasotti commanding Female Armed Platoon, Shannon Silk commanding Female Unarmed Platoon, Kaitlin Hempstead commanding Unarmed Squad, Nic Hilligoss commanding Male Color Guard, Max Price commanding Male Armed Platoon, Nic Garcia commanding Unarmed Platoon, and Adam Schipul commanding Armed Squad. All Commanders took first place in their event.

Veterans Day, November 11th, 2016 is an extremely meaningful holiday for the Rebel

Battalion. We participated in the filming of our own school ceremony, and attended the Veterans' Day ceremony at Bay Pines. We were given the honor again to post and retrieve the Colors during the ceremony of about 1,500 attendees.

On December 17th our Rebel Battalion attended the Toys for Tots event helping families in need during the holiday season.

Principal's Message Continued...



o SAT/ACT/PERT boot camps are available everyday as well to help any senior prepare for those tests to acquire a concordant score to graduate

- The FSA Writing test is at the end of this month starting on Monday, February 27th. Students will take the writing portion and then the reading portion in April for their English FSA score

- For these and all EOC tests, we ask that parents assist in getting their students to school on time, rested and ready to do their best

Five of our teachers – Ms. Kelly Maier, Ms. Suzanne Santarelli, Ms. Linda Rogowski, Ms. Samantha Wong and Ms. Brenda Hankin were recognized by the Commissioner of Education for the state of Florida, Ms. Pam Stewart, for having the greatest positive impact in student achievement in the entire state! What a tremendous honor! we are so fortunate to have these ladies and a committed teaching faculty on our staff committed to assisting our students in doing the best they can in and out of the classroom.

- JRTOC recently finished 2nd place out of a field of 33 teams in a multi-regional competition in Tampa – over 10 different cadets finished in the top five of their individual competitions.

- Our school has a new Head Football Coach – Mr. Dale Caparaso – Coach “Cap” as he is affectionately known has over 34 years of head coaching experience and has won four state titles during his career – his last stop was Spoto High School in Hillsborough County. Welcome Coach!

We have accomplished much and have more to do for sure – but with support from our community and the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers and staff – there is nothing we cannot accomplish together. Thank you.

See you at the top!
ROBERT FLORIO
Principal

DHHS Magnet & Academy News

Parent Meetings will be held once a month from 6-7 pm in the cafeteria.

March 2nd

April 6th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Greetings, if you're a registered volunteer and have not activated your volunteer account this year in the New Volunteer System can you please activate your account today. All inactive volunteers were deleted from the volunteer system on Dec 16th.

You may see if your account is here at the school or you can do it from your desktop at home. Using the Firefox browser go to: <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>

Enter your user ID and password, answer the questions, click I agree and you will be active in the volunteer system. As always, please don't forget to log your volunteer hours.

If you're having problems activating your account or you don't know your User ID or Password please call 727-547-7876 ext.2032.

*Also we are in need of mentors and volunteers. There are many ways to get involved in our Dixie Community.

Look Forward to seeing you on campus.

JOSH ESTREMER
Family & Community Liaison
5000 Role Models Coordinator