



# OVERVIEW

The mission of Parent Academy is to provide parents, families and the community with the necessary tools and skills to support students academically, socially, and emotionally, while building a cornerstone to a healthier and safe community.



Our 2018 spring catalog focuses on three key pillars:

- 1) Student achievement- workshops provide information and strategies for parents to support their child at home
- 2) Parent advocacy- workshops provide information and strategies to help parents advocate for their child
- 3) Personal growth- workshops build parent confidence and provide them opportunities for personal growth

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## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

If you are interested in attending one (or many!) Parent Academy workshops, please register by clicking [here](#) or type the following into your browser <https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy>. For webinars, the meeting link will be sent to the email address you are using for registration. Some community events require separate registration or you are welcome to just drop in. Refer to the workshop description for specific information.

- Dates, times and locations are accurate at time of publication; courses listed in this guide are subject to change. Please pre-register and any updates will be sent via email.
- All Parent Academy courses are free of charge and designed for parents, caregivers and community members. Students are welcome to attend along with their families if appropriate.
- For questions, contact Sheila Kane, Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, at [kanes@pcsb.org](mailto:kanes@pcsb.org) or 727-588-6000 x1846

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## MINDS IN MOTION: THE LINK BETWEEN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

There is a myriad of research that proves that students need adequate amounts of physical activity throughout the school day- not only does it prevent obesity and obesity-related issues, but they perform better academically. Participants in this session will understand the benefits of physical activity and explore ways that our students experience movement throughout the day.

When	<b>February 12, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Citizen Alliance for Progress (CAP Center) - 401 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689</b>
Time	<b>7:00—8:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## ELEMENTARY FSA (Florida Standards Assessments) PREP

This workshop will help prepare parents on what to expect on the FSA assessment and how parents can support their child at home. This workshop will focus on FSA reading and Math.

When	<b>February 13, 2018</b>
Where	<b>North Shore Elementary 200 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FSA (Florida Standards Assessments) PREP

Sitting at home you can join this webinar! This webinar will provide students and parents with information about the FSA assessments for Grades 6-8. Participants joining this webinar will be given a general overview of the FSA assessments and additional resources and tips will be shared to help better prepare for this year's tests.

When	<b>February 26, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Webinar Information will be forwarded to your email after you have registered</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE PLANNING AND EOC

Sitting at home you can join this webinar! Participants in this webinar will understand the basic State of Florida graduation requirements, state diploma designations, Pinellas County Schools Graduation Pathways, Course Requirements and State Assessments. In addition, participants will have a greater understanding of how to prepare their students for EOC (End of Course) exams.

When	<b>February 22, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Webinar</b> <b>Meeting link will be forwarded to your email after you have registered</b>
Time	<b>6:00—7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## PERSONALIZED LEARNER PATHWAY (PLP): Taking Ownership of Your Path to Graduation

This session will show parents and students the recently released PLP for Pinellas County high school students. You will be shown what the PLP is, how to access it, and how you can use it to make sure the path to graduation is accessible to your Pinellas County student. This session will also be offered on May 8 (see below).

When	<b>February 15, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Largo Middle School – 155 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Largo, FL 33771</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## CLEVER: Taking Ownership of Your Learning At Home

Clever is the new sign-on system for students to access resources for learning at home. Parents login to the webinar and learn about all the valuable resources to support student learning at home.

When	<b>March 1, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Webinar</b> <b>Meeting link will be forwarded to your email after you have registered</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

From application to admission, participants will learn how to apply for admission to a university and what the admission requirements are to get into State Universities. Understand how applications vary from one college to the next but what is the list of “common data points” – admissions information that a majority of schools compile. In addition, participants will know about the various scholarships, and financial aid opportunities.

When	<b>March 13, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Cross and Anvil 1207 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue St. South, St. Petersburg FL, 33705</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## HOW TO TRANSITION YOUR CHILD FROM CASUAL REGISTER TO FORMAL REGISTER LANGUAGE AT HOME TO FORMAL REGISTER– LANGUAGE AT SCHOOL

This workshop will provide parents strategies to help their student transition from common language at home to school language. Many students/parents do not know how to connect the language to the success of their child.

When	<b>March 22, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Fairmount Park Elementary 575 41<sup>st</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## EQUIPPING HISPANIC STUDENTS AND PARENTS WITH SCHOOL TOOLS AND STRATEGIES

This workshop will provide Hispanic parents strategies to help their student transition from common language at home to school language. Many students/parents do not know how to connect the language to the success of their child.

When	<b>April 12, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Hispanic Leadership Council 612 Franklin St. Clearwater, FL 33756</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## COLLEGE, CAREER, AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Participants will learn about the dynamic courses and programs offered to middle and high school students as they explore career opportunities and develop basic career skills. Important information about career academies, industry certifications, college credit, dual enrollment and much more will be shared during this session.

When	<b>April 26, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Pinellas Technical College 901 34<sup>th</sup> Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33711</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## SUMMER BRAIN GAIN

Sitting at home you can join this webinar! This workshop helps families in supporting children at home to prevent learning loss over the summer. Goals of the session include understanding how important it is for students to remain engaged in reading and math, while still having fun!

When	<b>May 1, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Webinar Meeting link will be forwarded to your email after you have registered</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
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When	<b>May 8, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Meadowlawn Middle School 6050 16<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33733</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

# PARENT ADVOCACY

## NAACP PARENT ADVOCACY WORKSHOP- Helping Families Bridge the Gap

Workshops on: Parents/Teachers, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Conflict Resolution and Understanding the IEP/504 process. Keynote speaker: Rich LaBelle. Free Childcare and Free Breakfast.

When	<b>Saturday, February 17, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Enoch Davis Center – 1118 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. St. Petersburg, FL 33705</b>
Time	<b>10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<b>For more info call 727-504-3149</b>

## INTERNET SAFETY

Parents will be made aware of the five main risks when children are online (Inappropriate Content, Online Privacy, Sexting, Online Sexual Solicitations, and Cyberbullying), given some proactive strategies to use with their children to minimize the risk, and some tools to help parents manage all of the family devices.

When	<b>March 5, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Carwise Middle School 3301 Bentley Dr, Palm Harbor, FL 34684</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## 504/EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE)

Sitting at home you can join this webinar! Participants of this workshop will learn about 504 eligibility, reevaluation, and accommodations and learning strategies for their child to promote learning. Parents will have a better understanding of process and procedures, and McKay Scholarship opportunities.

When	<b>March 8, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Webinar Meeting link will be forwarded to your email after you have registered</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

# PARENT ADVOCACY

## ANGER MANAGEMENT

This workshop equips parents with tools and strategies to address anger that leads to disruptive behavior. The facilitator will share practical methods that students can use to de-escalate their own actions at home and school.

When	<b>March 19, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Lakewood Elementary School 4151 6<sup>th</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705</b>
Time	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## TRUE COLORS: DISCOVERING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING STYLE

We all have special traits in our personalities that make us unique. This workshop will help you understand why you and your child think, act, and feel the way you do, and learn ways to communicate better with each other and school personnel.

When	<b>April 5, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Ridgecrest Elementary School 1901 119<sup>th</sup> St. North, Largo FL, 33778</b>
Time	<b>6:00 -7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES

Research studies support the common-sense notion that when certain protective factors are well established in a family, they build family strengths and a family environment that promotes optimal child and youth development. Parents, providers, teachers, grandparents, and community members will have an opportunity to share their experiences and ideas on the many ways that can help children grow up safe, strong, and happy.

When	<b>April 19, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Campbell Park Elementary School 1051 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg FL 33705</b>
Time	<b>6:00 -7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

# PERSONAL GROWTH

## BABY TALK

Dinner! Families! Fun! For parents and caregivers of children ages 0 to 5 years of age. Parents & Families will learn how to support the social-emotional readiness of infants/toddlers. Fun activities to promote early brain development and bonding. Get ready to learn, ready for school, ready to go! Nationally recognized speaker—Dr. James McHale, USFSP Family Study Center. Free licensed childcare, 1 month Great Explorations membership, books, activities and more.

When	<b>February 22, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Pinellas Technical College 901 34<sup>th</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg FL 33711</b>
Time	<b>5:00 -8:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://secure.qgiv.com/for/jwbopc/event/787671">https://secure.qgiv.com/for/jwbopc/event/787671</a>

## FAMILY FINANCIAL LITERACY

Activate your Financial GPS...control the direction of your money. Navigation of financial literacy concepts can increase the chances of achieving those short-term and long-term financial destination goals. April is National Financial Literacy Month! Let's travel using that financial GPS to establish and maintain healthy financial habits that could improve your economic destination.

When	<b>April 9, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Citizen Alliance for Progress (CAP Center) - 401 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689</b>
Time	<b>7:00 -8:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

## HEALTH EATING/FAMILY ZUMBA NIGHT

This workshop focuses on healthy living and daily exercises that will promote a healthy life style. Participants will have an opportunity to enjoy an intro to Zumba. Please come dressed to have fun.

When	<b>April 23, 2018</b>
Where	<b>Largo High School -410 Missouri Avenue, Largo, FL 33770</b>
Time	<b>6:00 -7:00 p.m.</b>
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSParentAcademy</a>

# RESOURCES

- Pinellas County Schools- Get Engaged in Education- <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/433>
- Download our free mobile Family Engagement app in the Apple or Google Play stores- search for **“PCS Family Engagement”**
- Career Source Pinellas- <https://www.careersourcepinellas.com/> Many workshops available on topics such as career development, job search and computer skills
- Pinellas County Library Cooperative- <http://www.pplc.us/libraries.shtml> Find links to all the library websites and the hundreds of programs and events hosted each month to broaden knowledge and personal growth
- Florida Department of Education (DOE) Family Involvement <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/family-involvement-links.shtml>



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