

# October 21, 2022 IMPORTANT MESSAGES





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https://www.pcsb.org/pinellas-sec



Click on CHECK MY POINTS

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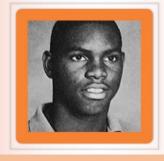
#### HISTORY OF S.A.V.E.

In April of 1 High School in North Carolina gathered at a party. A carload of young men from a rival school showed up armed and looking for trouble. As teens panicked, 17-year-old Alex Orange stepped forward. Alex, a fullback on the West Charlotte football team, was a young man who looked out for other people. Alex told the intruders this was no place for violence. Sadly, shots were fired and Alex fell to the floor. Surrounded by shaken friends and schoolmates, Alex lost his life to gun violence.

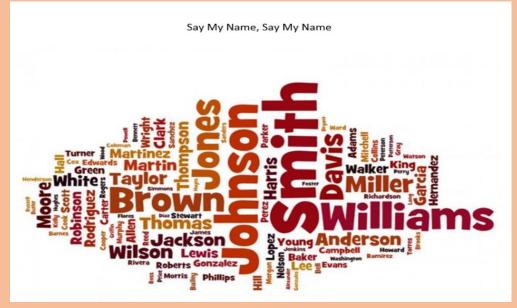
The following week, students returned to school mourning yet another young life lost too soon to violence. Joining together in their grief, they vowed that something was going to change, and change for the better! The group formed students against violence everywhere (SAVE).

In 2017, SAVE and Sandy Hook Promise combined efforts to collectively expand their reach and sustain their work on educating and empowering young people to help prevent gun violence - <u>BEFORE</u> it happens. There are now thousands of SAVE Promise

Clubs across the country.







Why does it matter that we call students by their correct names? Names no matter how chosen gives a person a unique identity even when that same name is commonly used by others. Some names may have privileged use within a group or family i.e., Peaches, Pumpkin, Princess. Some names are terms of endearment that may only be appropriately used by significant others or intermediate family members i.e., My Boo. These are some reasons why it's important to use the name assigned to the student on their enrollment documentation and not assume having permission to deviate from the name on record.

When is it ever ok to call a student, "sweetie, baby, love muffin, etc.?" The answer may be never, but it is a practice that is commonly used by some who think it is acceptable to substitute a legal name especially when the student's real name has been forgotten. I once heard an educator say, "I can't remember all their names. There is only one of me and hundreds of them, so they are all sweeties."

Other reasons educators may deviate from the name on record is when a student is commonly called by a nickname. Some nicknames may be given and accepted by the student not because they like it but because it has become common place. When a large-sized student is called, "Tiny or Big [insert initial], how do you know that the student wasn't being picked on by peers and has internalized the verbal abuse by playing along with the use of that name?

When does phonetic correctness supersede the student's pronunciation of their own name? Is Nevaeh = Ne-vay-eh or Ne-vie-ah? If the student says it's pronounced a certain way that is phonetically different from how you feel it should be pronounced, who is right? Do you ever disregard the challenge altogether and call the student a name that you feel more comfortable with or a shortened name? These compromises may be offensive even when the student allows it because they simply don't feel like educating another person on their pronunciation. My first-hand knowledge of this is from within my own name, Rangelo. Many times, I hear someone say rang-gah-lo? I have to correct them and say its Angelo with a R and its pronounced Ran-gelo. More than often, ever since I was a teen, it has become easier to just let them say, "Randy".

On a more controversial topic, is it acceptable to call a student whose gender on record is differently from the name that corresponds to the gender they want to be called? Some students may even ask to be called by preferred pronouns (e.g., she/her, he/him, they/ them, ze/hir) or plural (they/them) that are different from the ones that are reflected on the student's record. If the student is registered as a male and ask that you refer to them as female, do you comply? If the female student's name is Sarah and the student ask you to call him Steven, do you conform? is it a matter of a personal choice to comply with this request or is it regulated by school, district, or state policy? Know your obligations to your employer and make your informed decision.

What does this mean for Pinellas Secondary?

It is important that we know the postulates of the Minority Stress Model. The model posits that social situations and societal acceptance increase feelings of belongingness and acknowledgement and when these social factors are absent, they contribute to poor health outcomes such as higher rates of morbidity due to stroke, perinatal disease, and diabetes mellitus (Williams, D. R., Yu, Y., Jackson, J. S., & Anderson, N. B. (1997). Racial differences in physical and mental health: Socio-economic status, stress and discrimination. Journal of Health Psychology, 2, 335-351.)

When using names that make you feel uncomfortable take the time to ask for the preferred name and how to say it. Speak to a parent and/or administrator when unsure about gender issues, pronoun usage, and deviations from the student's name on record.

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# PSEC Goes Pink!



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Celebrate on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> with **Pinellas Goes Pink** as we encourage all employees to wear pink to raise awareness of breast cancer and the importance of routine screenings.

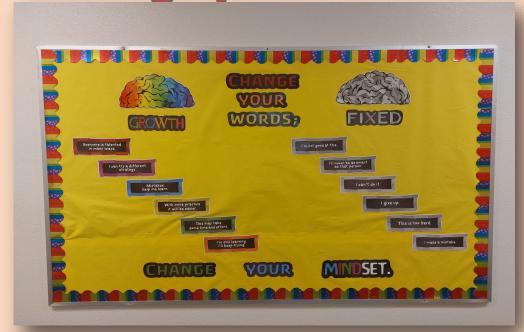




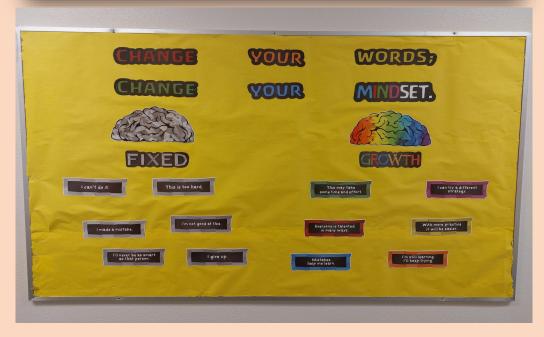


Ms. Eveland's Class– Created Bulletin boards!

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Through a partnership with Feeding Tampa
Bay, The Dunedin Healthy Harbor Community
Market provides fresh, frozen, packaged
and canned goods to the faculty, staff,
students, and the community surrounding
Dunedin Highland Middle School, FOR FREE!
The market is open to the public Wednesday
and Friday afternoons from 2-3:30 pm. To
have your order pre-packaged by our Chew
Crew, stop by the front office of the or
email Jenn Rossell for an order form.
We are excited to be open and serve the
Dunedin Community and look forward to
welcoming you to the Healthy Harbor!



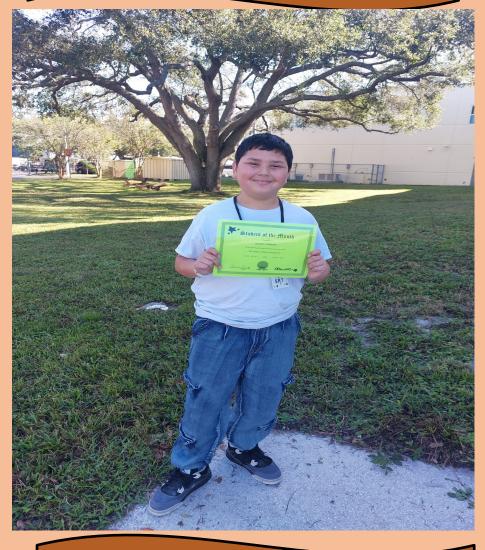


# STUDENT OF THE MONTH AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This school year, we are introducing a new program for PBIS Schoolwide called "Dress Down Friday." All students selected as winners for the student of the month will be able to dress down every Friday for the month they are being recognized. The students who earn our monthly attendance awards will also be able to participate in "Dress Down Friday" one Friday per month as designated. All students who earned this reward will be issued an armband they will receive on the designated Friday at check-in. The student will be given parameters on the dress-down day and must adhere to the parameters to be afforded the dress-down day opportunity. Our first "Dress Down Friday" will occur on Friday, September 1st. we will recognize our students of the month (who will be able to dress down every Friday for the month of September) and our attendance award winners (who will have an opportunity to dress down on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> only). Please encourage the students who are not in uniform to keep up the good work.

# Student of the Month

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** ~ Michael Yarberry



#### HIGH SCHOOL- Gianna Giuffre



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## News you can Use



#### **Bus Bulletin: Information Item**

Parents,

If your child rides a bus to school each day, you can keep updated on any issues by signing up for Bus Bulletin. Bus Bulletin will notify you by text, phone call or email if:

A bus is late.

A route has changed.

There has been an accident.

If your child rides a bus, please take advantage of this free service. Signup by going to <a href="http://busbulletin.com/parents/">http://busbulletin.com/parents/</a>

## **Important Dates**

November 19th-November 27th- Thanksgiving Holiday Week ( No School for students)

December 22nd- End of First Quarter



