Good morning TSHS Families,

The first day of school is approaching soon and we are very excited to welcome our students and families back to campus for a successful school year.

In preparation for the first day of school on August 10, outlined below are important school information and reminders for all TSHS students. Please review and maintain for reference. You may also find this information plus more on our school’s website – [www.pcsb.org/tarpon-hs](http://www.pcsb.org/tarpon-hs).

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Administrative and Guidance Clerk

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Principal’s Secretary

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* Mrs. Miller [millermax@pcsb.org](mailto:millermax@pcsb.org) Ext. 2007

Student Records and Registration

* Ms. Watts [wattsla@pcsb.org](mailto:wattsla@pcsb.org) Ext. 2008

New Student Orientation – Tuesday, August 1 @ 6 p.m.

Orientation is designed for all incoming 9th grade students and families as well as any new student to campus this year (grades 10. 11 or 12).

Auditorium doors will open for meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. with our event starting promptly at 6 p.m. Following our presentation, you will have opportunity to tour campus and meet our athletic coaches and representatives in the courtyard.

Students will have opportunity to purchase a lock (for $6.00) and secure their locker assignment.

Student schedules will be posted in Focus. Students may print their schedule and bring it with them as they tour campus to locate their classrooms.

Back to School Reminders

\*TSHS Student Expectations & Guidelines for Success\*

* Arrive to school on time and ready for learning.
* Be prepared with supplies and materials.
* Bring a charged laptop to school each day.
* Dress for success following the TSHS Student Dress Code.
* Actively engage in class discussions.
* Seek advice and help from trusted staff.
* Report all concerns of misconduct or safety matters to teachers or staff.
* Always show responsible behavior in class and on campus.
* Be respectful to all others on campus – friends, classmates, teachers, and staff.
* Be resilient when faced with challenges.
* Seek support from school counselors and administrators when questions or needs arise.
* Check Focus grades weekly and participate in after school tutoring for questions, test prep and help with assignments.
* Actively engage and own progress in classes.
* Ask questions about college, career, and military opportunities.
* Have fun and show Sponger Pride!
* Join clubs and extracurricular activities.

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Suggested School Supplies

* Spiral notebooks
* Folders
* Pens
* Calendar or planner
* School issued – laptop \*all students in grades 9 -12 will be issued a school laptop for them to take home. Students electing to not to take them home may keep them in school for check out each day. Additional information will be shared during the first week of school. By Sept. 1st, all students will be issued their laptop.

Student Back to School Forms

This year, all back to school forms are available online. When you log into Focus, you will be prompted to electronically complete/submit the forms. Also, parents have opportunity to link a student to your parent portal. See the image featured here.

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Student Schedules

* Student schedules will be posted in Focus.
* On the 1st day of school, homeroom assignments will be posted for students on the office and gym windows plus cafeteria.
* Student schedules will be distributed in Homeroom on Aug. 10.

TSHS School Spirit Shop – Sponger Gear!!

* <https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/florida/tarponsprings/tarpon-springs-high-school>

Locks and Locker Assignments

* Locks will be available for purchase for $6.00 at Orientation. Students will have opportunity to select their locker as well.
* Students may also stop by the office this week to purchase a lock if they prefer. Locks will continue to be on sale throughout the school (before school, during lunch or after school in the bookkeeping office)

TSHS Student Dress

All TSHS students shall come to campus dress appropriately and ready for learning. The focus is for all students and staff to promote a positive, respectful, and safe learning environment.

**Students are encouraged to wear:**

* Shirts or blouses which cover the midriff, back, sides and all undergarments always including bra straps.
* Shorts, skirts, divided skirts, dresses, and culottes are allowed. \*mid-thigh length or longer
* Pants, trousers, shorts must be secured at the waist and cover undergarments.
* Clothing, jewelry, tattoos shall be free of the following: profanity, violent images, suggestive wording, sexually suggestive phrases or images, gang like symbols, alcohol, tobacco, or drugs including advertisements for such.
* Safe footwear of student choice
  + No skater shoes, bedroom slippers, roller skates
* For gym class, weightlifting class, students must wear tennis shoes \*safety.

**Students are not permitted to wear:**

* Spandex pants without proper outer garments covering hips.
* Yoga pants without proper length shirt covering hips.
* See through or mesh clothing: shirts, blouses, dresses, or pants.
* Bandanas
* Clothing traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear.
* Clothing not properly buttoned, zipped, or fastened.

Students who are out of dress code will be offered the opportunity to call home for a change of clothes.

PCS policy 5500.04: <http://go.boarddocs.com/fl/pcsfl/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CBVMH75B4948>

Arrival and Dismissal – Car Circle

Daily arrivals to campus for car riders take place in the circle drive in front of the school’s administration building. To help alleviate traffic lines, we kindly request that all cars drive up to the yellow curbing for drop off. Please refer to the photo as a point of reference:

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Bus Circle

The bus circle remains in the front driveway (north of our campus) by the cafeteria.

Student Parking Lot

Student drivers are expected to affix their school issued parking tag from the rear-view mirror while on campus. Once students arrive on campus, they are not permitted to leave without a Permit to Leave issued from the front office. Parent permission is required for a PTL. In addition, students who misuse or overuse the PTL may be subject to student discipline or revocation of student parking privileges.

In addition, during school hours, students are not permitted to visit their cars without permission from their assigned administrator.

Campus Security

We value the importance of maintaining a safe and secure campus. It is important to ensure the safety and security of our staff and students. During the school day, all campus gates are secured and monitored. Students who arrive AFTER 7:25 a.m. are expected to sign in the front office, obtain a pass to class then enter campus. Also, ALL visitors to campus are expected to sign in at the front office as well.

We encourage students and staff to report ANY and ALL elements of misconduct or safety concerns using the simple reminder – “if you see something, say something”…

@ TSHS, we have many opportunities for students and families to share concerns:

* Report to their teacher or trusted adult on campus
* Report to the office (principal, administrator, counselor)
* Report to SRO’s
* Use anonymous reporting – [www.saysomething.net](http://www.saysomething.net)
* Use anonymous reporting – [www.getfortifyfl.com](http://www.getfortifyfl.com)
* Scan the anonymous reporting – restroom concern QR code

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**UBER Eats – Door Dash – Grub Hub, etc.**

As convenient as the 3rd party food delivery option is unfortunately, it poses a safety risk to our campus, students, and staff. These deliveries will not be permitted to campus at any time.

**Class of 2024 Senior Events and Activities**



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Senior Class Sponsor: Mr. Dupuis and Graduation Coordinator: Mr. Armstrong

Seniors Parking Space Painting Party August 7 @ 6:30 a.m.

Senior Parking Space Painting Party

\*Please download and complete the forms for participation. Additional fees apply for the painting of the space ($25.00). Admin approval required on all graphic designs. Students opting not to paint their parking space, the fee for parking tags are only $6.00. Please download/complete the required forms for purchase (drivers’ agreement as well as vehicle registration). Parking is on a first come, first serve basis.

Additional Dates for the Class of 2024

Schedule Senior Photos (@ cady.com) December 1 \*on or before to be included in yearbook

Order Cap and Gown February 1 \*on or before

Senior Fees Beginning August 10 thru semester 2.

* Senior Picnic March 8 @ Sunset Beach
* Grad Bash 2024 April 26 @ Universal Studios
* Senior Breakfast May 1 @ Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club
* Graduation Ceremony May 2024 TBA

Senior photos are scheduled with our school photographer Cady Studios. Please visit Cady’s website for more information – cady.com for in studio photos. We also have (3) additional dates that are conveniently located on campus for senior photos. Please refer to the dates below:

Senior Photo Info – additional dates for photos.

Sept. 6 Senior Road Show #1 \*on campus opportunity to have senior photos taken.

Nov. 11 Senior Road Show #2 \*on campus opportunity to have senior photos taken.

Dec. 2 Senior Road Show #3 \*on campus opportunity to have senior photos taken.

Jan. 9 Senior Road Show # 4 \*yearbook photo only

Cap/Gown orders and Senior Fees may be paid on the school’s website homepage – “online payments” and follow links to Senior Fees for payment and receipt.

Field Trip slips are required for Senior Picnic, Grad Bash, Senior Breakfast and Graduation.

School Picture Day Information

School Picture Day is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5. All students will have the opportunity to take their photo with the option to purchase them. All photo orders will be processed through our school photographer, Cady Studios weblink. This weblink will be distributed to students on picture day. In addition, all students will receive a free school photo ID card.

The timeline for school pictures for students in grades 9 – 11

Sept. 5 Underclassmen Photos

Oct. 17 Underclassmen Photos (RETAKE DAY)

\*\*\*please visit Cady Studios website for additional information: [home.cady.com](http://home.cady.com)

We are very excited to welcome our students and staff back to campus for the new school year.

Please be sure to review the back-to-school information with your student ahead of the 1st day of school. Also, please visit our school website – [www.pcsb.org/tarpon-hs](http://www.pcsb.org/tarpon-hs) for additional information.

Thank you and as always, GO SPONGERS!!!  
Mrs. Fatolitis