



## Dear Tech High Families and Community,

We have approximately five and a half weeks left of our school year. The days seem to be dwindling quickly. Now is the time to keep focused on your goals of achieving success in all your classes.

We have great news to share. Tech High School was selected by the Magnet Schools of America as the top New & Emerging Magnet School in the United States! This is an incredible honor we received. See story below.

Thanks for supporting your students and the school. We are all in this together and we are happy to be creating bright futures for our students every day because **We are...Tech High!**

**Mrs. Giancola**

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## Upcoming Events

- Ribbon Cutting of New Veterinary Building – May 17
- Senior Breakfast – May 21
- Award Presentation – May 21 at 12:45
- Senior Exams – May 27 – June 2
- Memorial Day – May 31 – NO SCHOOL
- Graduation – June 3 by invitation only
- Exams (non-Senior) – June 4 – 9
- Last day of school – June 9
- Report Cards electronically distributed – June 15

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## MESSAGE FROM PCS NEWSROOM



### Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School earns top national honor for offering an exemplary new magnet school experience

Magnet Schools of America has awarded Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School at Seminole the **New and Emerging Magnet School of Excellence Award**. This is the highest honor possible for a new magnet school.

The MSA Merit award was announced during a virtual conference on Friday, April 30. (Pictured Mrs. Giancola, Mrs. Petrulis and Mrs. Burcham react to the announcement.)

The New and Emerging Magnet School of Excellence Award shines a light on Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School's outstanding leadership, innovative curriculum, and community partnerships.

*"We are humbled to receive national recognition from Magnet Schools of America for the rewarding work we do every day. None of this would be possible without the support of our dedicated school team, top-notch teachers and community partners,"* said Principal Martha Giancola. *"We are committed to offering students opportunities to engage in their education and real-world experiences that prepare them for college and high-demand careers."*

Fondly called Tech High, Jacobson Technical High School gives students a challenging high school experience that prepares them for success in college, careers and life. At the countywide magnet school, students have opportunities to take advanced classes, earn industry certifications, participate in internships and take advantage of college dual enrollment.

Tech High offers students a choice of seven career programs: Commercial and Digital arts, Gaming and Simulation Programming, Building and Construction, Electricity, Marine Mechanics, Nursing, and Veterinary Science. The school integrates career and technical training throughout core classes, electives and extracurricular activities. Each student's schedule includes electives that are tied to their specific career path.

Schools that MSA ranks the highest in the "excellence category" are eligible to receive monetary awards. Tech High will receive a \$1,000 cash award sponsored by the Washington, DC Law Firm Hogan Lovells.

Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is a nonprofit education association dedicated to providing vision, leadership and support for innovative programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, access and excellence for all students.

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## Parent Conferences

If you want to setup a parent/teacher conference, Mrs. Rubin is using Teams to conduct these socially distant meetings. Please email her for an appointment. [Rubina@pcsb.org](mailto:Rubina@pcsb.org)

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## Exams

- Attendance is waived for exemptions. Attendance will not be counted against students for exam exemptions.
- Face-to-Face students may NOT take their exams online.
- Pass to release students after exams will be posted on our web site. Students will use this pass to leave campus early each day of exams. Please use form provided on web.

## Senior Exams

May 27 – June 2

Seniors may exempt all their final exams **IF** the senior has an A or B grade in the course for Report Period 3 & 4.

## Exams for Non-Seniors

June 4 – 9

Students may exempt up to 3 classes that have not previously been exempted in January AND have an A or B grade in the course for both Report Period 3 & 4.

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## Computer Returns

- Face-to-face students need to return the PCS computer that was issued to them. It can be dropped off at the front desk.
- MyPCS students will return their computers post-school at the front desk.
- The front desk has receipt forms to issue upon return.



## Volunteers Make Us Great

Mrs. Brantley wants to thank all her mentors for their outstanding help with supporting our students. You too can become a mentor! Please consider spending 30 minutes per week in support of one of our great scholars. Email: [brantleyk@pcsb.org](mailto:brantleyk@pcsb.org)



## Summer Bridge

Sign-up now for PCS' Summer Bridge. High school courses of **ACT Reading Prep; ACT Math Prep; and Algebra 1 Course Recovery & EOC Prep** are available. In-person courses will be offered June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 15 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday – Thursday at your zoned school (Tech HS will not have Summer Bridge). Transportation is available.

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## APEX Credit Recovery

If your child earned a D or F for the final grade of the semester, you should enroll your child in APEX Credit Recovery. Many academic replacement classes are available through this system. This service is available to

students who were not successful in a course and may take this online system in the summer to replace the D or F grade. Contact Amy Rubin at [rubina@pcsb.org](mailto:rubina@pcsb.org) to information on how to enroll.

**Mask**

Seems late in the requirement to wear masks to advise students to wear them properly. Most frequently, the nose is exposed, or the mask is work under the chin. If looks like we only have a few weeks left for this requirement. Let’s do the right thing and wear them until the end.



**SPC Summer of Success**

The Summer of Success (SOS) is a 6 week “introduction to college” for graduating seniors from Pinellas County high schools. High school seniors who are interested must apply and be accepted into the SOS program. Deadline to register is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Summer program is June 14 to July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Apply at: [www.spcollege.edu/sos](http://www.spcollege.edu/sos)

**Yearbooks**

The 2020-21 “Perceptions” Yearbook is now on sale for \$40. Visit [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) or see Mrs. Brewer in room 1-221 in the main building. If you or someone you know would like to place a personal dedication or has a business and would like to advertise in the yearbook, please contact Mrs. Brewer by email at [swartz-brewerh@pcsb.org](mailto:swartz-brewerh@pcsb.org)

**SPC Summer Bridge 2021**

Attention under represented males who will be graduating in 2021: Earn free college credit while exploring in-demand career fields through the SPC Summer Bridge program. June 1 – July 23, 2021. For more information <http://web.spcollege.edu/survey/31124> or call Dr. Keron Jean-Baptist at 727-341-4359 or Dr. Jennifer Dale at 727-712-5260



**PATHe - Attention sophomores and juniors!**

Join this FREE week of virtual workshops to get ahead in planning your college experience.

Additional details to: [stpetersburg.usf.edu/pathe](http://stpetersburg.usf.edu/pathe)



SPC St. Petersburg College UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA PINELLAS COUNTY

**STUDENTS**

**Session 1** June 15, 16 & 17      **Session 2** August 3, 4 & 5      1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**FAMILIES**

**Session 1** June 19      **Session 2** August 7      10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You are also invited to join PATHe in an open conversation with PATHe counselors about post-graduation plans on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, contact PATHe at [usfsp-pathe@usf.edu](mailto:usfsp-pathe@usf.edu) RSVP at <http://bit.ly/3nXB2Aj>

## Veterinary Program Expanding – Cats & Dogs

Tech High School's Veterinary program is working with Pinellas County Animal Control to host one dog and one cat for the week. During this time with our students, these animals will get special attention and behavioral training in anticipation of being adopted. Contact PCAC for adoptions at (727) 582-2600 or online at [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/).



Ayana takes a moment to entertain her feline friend.



Freshly bathed, Pluto, is a seven-year-old retriever mix. He loves to be scratched, snuggle on a lap and treats (maybe too many treats!) 😊

## MESSAGE FROM TECH HS PTSA

- PTSA will hold a General Meeting via Zoom on Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM if you are not a member of the PTSA but would like to attend please e-mail [ROJTHPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:ROJTHPTSA@gmail.com) and you will be sent a link to the meeting. We will be electing officers for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year.
- The PTSA needs your help, we are working towards earning School of Excellence again and we need your help. Please use this link to complete the survey by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Survey Link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqKKCHAXpG4LBP2ZfpO4f\\_f59Yj4SWDeTG--jElccDOUN67A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqKKCHAXpG4LBP2ZfpO4f_f59Yj4SWDeTG--jElccDOUN67A/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- Last call for **CoZzy Comfy Linens** if you missed purchasing in the fall you have an opportunity now, or if you love the sheets you purchased and want more use the link below to order. 1800 thread count; no shrinkage; anti-pilling; 18-inch deep pockets; ultra-soft and available in 12 colors. <https://www.cozzycmfy.com/online-store> Use School on-line code **Tech High PTSA 1 - 2020** during checkout.
- PTSA will be providing lunch on Friday for the teachers and staff but we know that if you want to drop off snack for the teacher break room I know they would enjoy the love.

Have a wonderful day  
Teresa Holley  
Tech High PTSA President 2020/2021

