

2018-2019  
Parent Academy  
Fall Catalog



*Pinellas County School District*



# 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 academy catalog focuses on three key pillars:

**Student achievement-** workshops provide information and strategies for parents to support their child at home.

**Parent advocacy-** workshops provide information and strategies to help parents advocate for their child.

**Personal growth-** workshops build parent confidence and provide them opportunities for personal growth.

## 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/PCSFallParentAcademy>. 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



## **504 & ESE Accommodations: "Leveling the Playing Field"**

How do I identify and select appropriate instructional and assessment accommodations for my child? This workshop focuses on the guiding questions that 504 and IEP teams must consider when selecting accommodations based upon the data and the individual needs of the learner. Participants will receive a link to the Florida Dept. of Education Accommodations Guide 2018 4<sup>th</sup> edition. A review of categories and sample accommodations commonly used will be explored.

When	September 11, 2018
Where	Webinar
Time	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## **Culturally Responsive and Connected: Strategies for Supporting Diverse Learners at Home**

In this session, participants will examine ways to be intentional in helping culturally diverse students gather, process, store, and retrieve/apply academic content. Specifically, we will explore ways to engage learners through 6 M's of Culturally Responsive Instruction©: Meaning, Models, Monitoring, the Mouth, Music, and Movement.

When	September 20, 2018
Where	Maximo Elementary 4850 31 <sup>st</sup> St. So. St. Petersburg Florida, 33712
Time	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## **Industry Certifications Can Save Parents Money**

In the 2017-18 school year Pinellas County middle and high school students earned over 13,400 industry certifications in a wide variety of technical skill areas – Information Technology, Construction, Automotive Mechanics, Cyber-Security, Health Occupations and more. These certifications can save money on tuition when students attend a technical or state college. Additionally, certifications can give graduates an advantage in the job market when seeking that very first high paying job.

When	September 24, 2018
Where	Webinar
Time	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Register	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

# Student Achievement



## Parenting Skills for Academic and Social Achievement

This session will offer insight to your child's attraction to social media and gaming. Participants will understand the importance of parental knowledge of these technologies and how they affect self-esteem, and focus. Learn ways to set boundaries and expectations.

<b>When</b>	<b>September 27, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Campbell Park Elementary 1051 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South St. Petersburg, FL 33705</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## Simple Starts to Growing Young Readers

Help your beginning reader have fun with words! This workshop will offer simple starting points and activities you can do at home with your child to enhance reading, word knowledge skills and keep your child excited about learning! Join us for simple steps and resources to set the stage for successful reading experiences!

<b>When</b>	<b>October 8, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
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## Pathways to Middle School Acceleration

Parents and guardians will gain insight into options for middle school students who are interested in Advanced Courses.

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## Take Stock in Your Bright Future

When students and parents think about college and continuing education after high school, one major concern is how to pay for it. During this session, we will focus on two major scholarship programs in Florida- Bright Futures and Take Stock in Children. We will provide an overview of the eligibility requirements and process for both programs.

<b>When</b>	<b>October 16, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## College, Career and Technical College

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.

<b>When</b>	<b>November 13, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Pinellas Technical College 6100 154<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Clearwater, FL</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

# Parent Advocacy



## School Safety and the Sandy Hook Promise

Because of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, a number of safety measures have been put into place in Pinellas County Schools, which will result in changes to the daily operations of our schools. We will be discussing these changes and fielding questions. We will also be discussing our new partnership with the nonprofit organization, The Sandy Hook Promise and what that means for PCS students, staff, and families.

<b>When</b>	<b>September 10, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## Public School Advocacy Part I

Maximizing public education funding and increasing local control can affect the education of your child, school staff salaries, and facilities when enacting changes in laws. This workshop provides a wealth of knowledge about public school dollars and what parents should know to better advocate for their child.

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## Helping Parents Understand the IEP Process

Participants will receive information on the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) processes to include, interventions and requirements, the Federal Special Education Law, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Evaluation Processes, and Individual Educational Plan (IEP) Development.

<b>When</b>	<b>October 1, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## Bullying and Harassment- What Parents Need to Know!

Parents will receive valuable information on what bullying and harassment is and the differences between teasing, conflict and bullying. Tips will be discussed as to how to recognize and respond to bullying as well as prevention and intervention techniques. Characteristics of the child who is victimized and the child displaying bullying behaviors will be discussed and how families can work with the school to ensure safety for their child. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers.

<b>When</b>	<b>October 4, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

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## Public School Advocacy Part II

Public School Advocacy Part II workshop is a deeper look into policy and laws that affect public education funding. Over the past decade, public school dollars have dwindle tremendously. Learn how you can advocate for students, teachers, schools and community.

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<b>Where</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
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## PCS Resource Fair

A one stop shop of community resource information for our PCS families. Browse tables with representatives from community agencies, childcare providers and more. School/sports physicals and adolescent vaccinations will also be offered.

<b>When</b>	<b>October 13, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Thurgood Marshall Middle School 3901 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL 33711</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>9:00 AM- 11:30 AM</b>
<b>Register</b>	<b>NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY</b>

## Navigating the Enrollment Process

General overview of enrollment, District Application Programs and other School Choice Options (i.e. Special Assignment Requests) through a Student Assignment website demo with key dates highlighted.

<b>When</b>	<b>Release November 1, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Recording</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## Resource Navigation for Families of Children with Disabilities

Participants will gain knowledge of school, district and community based resources. This presentation will approach topics of Problem Solving, Steps for Advocacy, Parental Rights, and links to learning opportunities and supports for families and persons with disabilities.

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<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
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# Personal Growth



## NAMI

Six-session program designed for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral difficulties. NAMI helps parents understand the illnesses that are causing those behaviors and the critical role families play in the treatment.

<b>When</b>	<b>September 12 , 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Hosted by Great Exploration Children's Museum</b>
<b>Call</b>	<b>Sarah Miller -727-826-0807</b>
<b>Register</b>	Email: <a href="mailto:sdmiller@nami-pinellas.org">sdmiller@nami-pinellas.org</a>

## Youth Mental Health

This introductory course provides general Mental Health knowledge and emphasizes the importance of early intervention. This course will increase awareness and provide an overview of Mental Health as it relates to the school environment. This course will provided some suggestions on what to do in the event that concerns about a student arises.

<b>When</b>	<b>October 9, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Webinar</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>

## Parental Understanding of Social Media Use and Gaming

This session will focus on understanding and motivating your child to be academically competent and socially accepted while setting clear boundaries and realistic expectations on use of social media and gaming. Understanding distractions, lack of focus, irritability, and other mood issues: development and hormones, or ADHD?

<b>When</b>	<b>December 10, 2018</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Citizens Alliance for Progress – Union Academy 401 E. MLK Jr. Drive Tarpon Springs, FL 34689</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Register</b>	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy">https://tinyurl.com/PCSFallParentAcademy</a>



# Resources

- Pinellas County Schools- Get Engaged in Education- <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/433>
- Pinellas County Schools Parent Academy Resources <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/26534> - view PowerPoint files, handouts and recordings from Spring 2018 Parent Academy sessions
- Download our free mobile Pinellas County Schools app in the Apple or Google Play stores- search for **“Pinellas County Schools”**
- 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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