

Daily Announcements for April 19, 2018



Check back often for updates and/or changes

<http://pcsb.org/countryside-hs>

(Dates are subject to change)



Stay alive, don't text and drive

Attention Seniors!!!! The On-Track Senior Shirts ARE IN! They will be distributed in front of the main doors during both lunches on Friday 4/20. Only those that are currently on track and that signed for the shirts last semester may receive a shirt.

Contact: Mr. Whitaker whitakerf@pcsb.org

Attention ISTEM Students -

If you are planning on attending the ISTEM/CCT Senior Banquet, please submit your invitation to Mr. Siemion in B-2, along with payment for any guest you are bringing no later than **Friday, April 27** in order to be able to attend. Remember that this is where you receive your medal to wear to graduation.

Contact: Mr. Siemion siemionm@pcsb.org Room B-2 and Ms. Clausen clausenk@pcsb.org

Graduation Announcements

Seniors - If you purchased graduation announcements and did not pick them up on April 10 when Herff Jones was on campus, please stop by the front office during lunch or after school and see Ms. Mency. Please remember to bring ID.

Contact: Ms. Mency mencym@pcsb.org

PEER CONNECTORS

We are very fortunate that all students that applied to become a Peer Connector were accepted into the program. Acceptance letters were distributed on Wednesday, April 11. If you did not receive your acceptance letter, please see Mrs. Vroman in the front office.

Contact: Ms. Vroman vromanc@pcsb.org

Registration for summer dual enrollment courses is now open. If you are interested in taking a summer dual enrollment course, please see your counselor ASAP. Courses are filling up quickly! The registration deadline for summer dual enrollment is April 27, so see your counselor now!

FAFSA APPLICATION

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www.FAFSA.gov

Attention seniors

If you have any pictures you would like to see featured in the senior video for senior breakfast, please send them to csideseniorvideo@gmail.com. Contact: Mr. Shellgren shellgrenb@pcsb.org

PTSA CHS T-Shirt Design Contest

Design next year's PTSA CHS School T-Shirt and win \$75.00 gift card to the retailer of your choice. Flyers with more information can be found on the front office counter and on our website under the tab *Get Engage* then "PTSA".

ECounselor - Is open 4-9pm, Monday through Friday. It is staffed by professional school counselors and is an opportunity for students and parents to ask questions after hours and get assistance. Types of issues that can be addressed are college & career planning, financial aid & scholarships, graduation requirements, advanced academic coursework, etc.

Poetry Club

The Poetry Club will now be called the Creative Writing Club. It will admit prose writers of all genres (novelists, short story writers, essayists, etc.) as well as poets. Meetings will be held in Mrs. Brussow's classroom, M-1B, during first lunch on Wednesdays and after school on Thursdays. Mr. Morea will be the advisor.

Summer Bridge Reservation is now open - <https://reservation.pcsb.org>

For more information go to www.pcsb.org/summerbridge

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook! This year has a brand new look that the Yearbook staff is very excited about it. Time for preorders is running out and it is the only way to guarantee your copy. Purchase your yearbook online or from Ms. Scott in J6.

Yearbooks can be purchased online through the Countryside High School website.

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?event=general.displayLanding&jobnumber=17261>

All seniors currently active in a Florida Virtual course, the deadline to complete the course is May 4, 2018.

Sign up today to receive text updates from the guidance department on valuable information pertaining to colleges, scholarships, financial aid, etc. See your teacher or stop by guidance to obtain the code. Contact: Ms. DeGarmo degarmoca@pcsb.org

Class of 2018 send text to: 81010 message: @dfffa84

Class of 2019 send text to: 81010 message: @bf9d42

Class of 2020 send text to: 81010 message: @9hafc7

Class of 2021 send text to: 81010 message: @f694bf



The **Kona Ice Truck** will be here on both Tuesday and Thursday through the month of April. The truck will be parked in the student parking lot ready to serve you. The price of the ice cups range from \$3.00 - \$5.00. This is sponsored by the Florida Future Educators.

April 17 -18 - Herff Jones will be on campus to take class ring orders. Cash, check, money order, and credit cards will be accepted. All that is needed to place your order is a deposit of: \$80.00 for Utrium rings, and \$125.00 Gold, Extreme Aurista and Extreme Silver rings. Extra order forms can be found in the front office.

Contact: Herff Jones 727-545-3288 www.herffjonestampabay.com

April 19-21 - Don't miss the upcoming Spring Musical, Nonsense: The Mega Musical. This show-stopping musical will make you laugh, sing and want to jump up dancing! The theatre department at CHS is alive and strong!

Nonsense: The Mega Musical

April 19-21, shows at 7pm with a 2pm matinee on April 21.

Tickets \$12 adults \$7 senior citizens and students

Monday, April 23 - Peer Connectors meeting in the Media Center during both lunches. The meeting will be brief. Please bring your volunteer opportunity form with you.

Contact: M. Vroman vromanc@pcsb.org front office

Thursday, April 26 - The next book for the Cougar Book Club will be The Nowhere Girls. It's about three misfit girls coming together to avenge the rape of a fellow classmate and in the process transforming the lives of everyone at their high school. If you are interested, sign up in the media center as soon as possible. The first 5 people get a free copy of the book. We will meet afterschool on April 26th in the media center to discuss the book.

Contact: Ms. Amiot-Priso amiot-prisoj@pcsb.org

Friday, April 27 - Senior Breakfast will be held at Countryside Country Club from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tickets sales begin on Monday, April 16 and end of Thursday, April 26, 2018. The ticket price is \$25.00, cash only! All obligations must be paid, and permission forms must be filled out and signed by your parent to purchase ticket.

Contact: Mr. Straub straubs@pcsb.org Room D-5

Saturday, April 28 - **CHS SENIORS ONLY** -If you have paid and are participating in Grad Bash, students must be at Countryside High School by 3:45 p.m. for a 4:30 p.m. departure on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Students will return to Countryside High School at 4:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Students will be transported via a Martz Charter Bus. Breathe analyzer and general search before boarding the bus will take place. Permission form and agreement form, field trip permission form and dress code is on the website.

- Due to transportation and a negotiation of ticket costs, there will be absolutely **NO REFUNDS after Friday, March 9, 2018**. Thank you for your understanding. Please plan accordingly. The cost to attend is \$120, this amount includes the cost of a ticket and transportation on a commercial carrier, and convenience service fee of 3.61%, which will be applied at check out.

Contact: Ms. Alexander alexanderlo@pcsb.org

Tuesday, May 1 - For those seniors that have ordered their cap and gowns, they will be distributed during both lunches. If you have not ordered your cap and gown, late order forms can be found in the front office.

Contact: Mr. Straub straubs@pcsb.org 727-724-1487

Wednesday, May 2 - Senior College/Military Signing Day during 3rd period.

Please bring in a copy of your acceptance letters to Mrs. Clausen so that we can recognize your accomplishments on our College Board as well as at College Signing Day.

Wednesday, May 16 - Graduation at Tropicana Field @ 5:30 p.m. More information to follow our CHS Website <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/25792> More information below.

Contact: Mrs. Straub straubs@pcsb.org 727-724-1487

Summer Locker Assignment and Lock Sale

Seniors - Monday, July 30, 2018

Juniors - Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Sophomores Wednesday, August 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day

1. On your locker assignment day, you can purchase a lock or use a Countryside High School lock from previous years as long as the number on the back of the lock is a V70 or V638.
2. If you have a previously purchased a Countryside High School lock, you must bring your lock and combination with you on your locker assignment day. You will be asked to put the lock on your locker immediately!
3. If you need to purchase a lock, it is \$4.00 - cash only! Exact cash is appreciated!
4. If you will not be able to attend your locker assignment day: You can have a friend/parent/other relative get your locker assignment for you.
 - ☞ Your friend/parent/other relative will need a signed letter from you giving them permission to get your locker assignment. **Locker assignment is final. No changes will be made.**
 - ☞ They must bring your lock and combination to the locker assignment day.

Interested in a scholarship - check out our website <http://pcsb.org/Domain/6368>

Dates to Remember for CHS Seniors 2017-2018

Senior Adviser – Steve Straub straubs@pcsb.org
727-724-1487
(as of April 17, 2018)

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Graduation will held on May 16, 2018, at Tropicana Field from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There was a senior assembly held on Friday, November 10, 2017, where information about cap/gowns, graduation announcements, and the gold Application for Graduation was distributed. If you did not receive this information or have lost it, please stop by the front office of Countryside High School and pick up this packet of information.

There are two separate fees for graduation.

1. Cap/Gown, and Diploma Cover - Varies with package you choose. Please, see order form.
 - Please, contact Herff Jones on how to order your cap and gown.
 - Contact Information for Herff Jones :
 - Phone: 727-545-3288
 - Website: www.herffjonestampabay.com
 - E-mail: herffjones2@verizon.net
 - If paying by check, the check would be made payable to Herff Jones. You can also order online at www.herffjonestampabay.com
 - Graduation announcements are an extra fee.
2. Graduation Fees - \$45- Check or Cash (Checks made payable to Countryside High School.)
 - Graduation fees can be paid by cash or check (Checks would be payable to Countryside High School.) Checks will be accepted until May 1, then cash or money order only.
 - This fee covers the venue site at the Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg and other costs related to the ceremony.
 - Please, turn in the \$45 graduation fee and gold graduation application to the school's bookkeeping office.
 - Extra gold forms can be found in the front office.
3. Every senior must fill out the Gold Application for Graduation form whether you are walking or not. If you did not receive the gold form in the senior assembly on Friday, November 10, 2017, please stop by the front office for the form.
4. Required Dress for Countryside High School graduation:
 - Men must wear a collared dress shirt (preferably white) with a necktie (preferably dark), socks (preferably dark) and dress shoes, and dark trousers (no jeans or casual pants allowed).
 - Women should wear a dress that is not visible at the gown's neckline, cuff or hemline. Pantsuits are acceptable. Purses should be kept with parents.
Gowns look much nicer when they are pressed. Faculty and staff will check each student for appropriate attire, appearance and demeanor. No paraphernalia, such as corsages, etc., may be worn on the gown.
5. Information about parking, the appropriate entrance to use, and other misc. information will be distributed in early May 2018 at the Graduation Rehearsal held in the auditorium of Countryside High School. Tickets are not required to attend graduation, and there is no limit to the number of guests who can attend.

6. If you have any obligations such as textbooks, library books or other fees owed to the school, you must pay by check (payable to Countryside High School), cash or money order. Checks will only be accepted for fees \$30.00 and up; otherwise, you must pay by cash or money order. After May 1, all obligations and fees must be paid by cash or money order. If you want to attend PROM or Senior Breakfast or GRAD Bash, all obligations must be paid to attend the event. If you want to find out if you have any textbook obligations, please contact Lonnette Alexander at alexanderlo@pcsb.org

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Contact: Ms. Mercy mencym@pcsb.org

Cap and Gowns Distribution

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College Acceptance Letters

Attention seniors: as your college acceptances roll in, please bring in a copy of your acceptance letters to Mrs. Clausen so that we can recognize your accomplishments on our College Board as well as at College Signing Day this spring!

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Scholar Diploma Designation

If your student is pursuing a scholar diploma designation, in addition to meeting the 24-credit standard high school diploma requirements, they must also pass the Biology 1 EOC and the US History EOC. If your student has not taken and/or passed these assessments yet and wishes to pursue the scholar diploma designation, then they must contact their guidance counselor to schedule a date and time to take these assessments. You can check to see if your student has taken and/or passed these assessments using FOCUS. Upon logging in, you will access their Test History under the My Information tab. Here you will see all standardized tests taken by your student over the years. Clicking on the arrow next to the assessment will provide additional information. A "P" indicates your student has passed this assessment. If you do not see either of these assessments, please have your student contact their guidance counselor as soon as possible. Students **MUST TAKE** these EOC's to graduate, but they **MUST PASS** them to qualify for the scholar diploma designation. Please, visit our website for additional criteria on the scholar and merit diploma designations.

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Senior Breakfast pictures needed for video presentation

If you have any pictures you would like to see featured in the senior video for senior breakfast, please send them to csideseniorvideo@gmail.com.

Contact: Mr. Shellgren shellgrenb@pcsb.org

Transcripts

Transcripts can be requested from the Records' Department, which is located in the guidance counselors' hallway. If the transcript is for a Florida Public Institution, it will be electronically sent. Otherwise, the student picks up the transcript(s) and mails them. A desk is located outside the records office with transcript request forms. Fill out the form; then, see Ms. Johnston to process the request and pay any fees. The first request for a transcript that is electronically sent is free. Or a student may choose to have their transcript printed for them to pick up from the records clerk at no charge. There is \$1 fee for each thereafter.

For *graduating students*: Final transcript requests will be processed by Mrs. Canfield; her office is located in the hall behind the AP Office. You can arrange for pick up or have it mailed (you will need to provide the mailing address of the institution). Please remember, final transcripts will be available for pick up or will be mailed *after final grades are posted*; this should be mid-June. See Mrs. Canfield after April 1 to fill out the request.

Yearbook Sales

You can order your yearbook online through Herff Jones at www.yearbookordercenter.com

Yearbooks are available for sale online from August 2017 -April 2018 or until we run out.

Note: The prices are the same online, but Herff Jones does charge a minimal online convenience fee to process the order. Personalization will occur free of charge for students who order online. Remember, yearbooks will sell out, and we only have a limited number of overrun copies available upon delivery of the yearbook. Be sure to reserve your copy.

Contact: Remy Scott scottrem@pcsb.org or phone 724-1485 Classroom is J-6



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Potential senior fees for 2018 graduates - info subject to change	
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GRAD Bash	\$120.00
Graduation Announcements - Checks made payable to Herff Jones	Varies, by purchase
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Senior Breakfast	\$25.00, cash only
Yearbook - Checks accepted until May 1, 2018.- Check made payable to Countryside High School	\$65.00, after May 1 cash only