



## Daily Announcements for Thursday, January 17, 2019

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

*(Dates are subject to change)*

*Stay alive, don't text and drive  
Attend Today. Achieve Tomorrow*



*Senior Information can be found below!*

**Graduation for Countryside High School is May 23, 2019 at 11:00  
a.m. at Tropicana Field!**

Attention Juniors!

Do you have a 3.0 grade point average? Are you interested in exploring your future professional career while earning high school and college credit during your senior year? Do not pass up the opportunity to apply for the district-wide **Executive Internship Program**. Information and applications can be found online at the Executive Internship Program website ([www.pcsb.org/eip](http://www.pcsb.org/eip)), or contact your school counselor for more information. The application deadline is Friday, February 1. Apply now for an outstanding professional learning experience.

Seniors, the Career Center Scholarship is now open and is due Feb. 28th. Three seniors will be awarded \$1,000. You need a min. 3.0 unweighted GPA to apply. See your School Counselor for an application.

**Graduation fees** will be collected during both lunch on Tuesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$45.00 and we accept cash or check. If you are paying by check, please make the check out to Countryside High School.

Seniors who have participated in high school / youth sports are encouraged to apply for the Clearwater for Youth Scholarship that is due Jan. 18th. Its award is valued at \$10,000. See your School Counselor to pick up an application or visit our website.

Contact: Ms. DeGarmo [degarmocapcsb.org](mailto:degarmocapcsb.org)

**The 2019-2020 FAFSA form is available**

Seniors please fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) soon. Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply.

Seniors, there are many **scholarship opportunities** available to help you pay for college. Deadlines are nearly approaching. Please see your School Counselor for specific scholarship applications.

Poetry Workshop on every Monday during both lunches in the Media Center.

Contact: Mr. Morea and Ms. Loy-Brussow [loy-brussowa@pcsb.org](mailto:loy-brussowa@pcsb.org)

### **DRESS CODE**

Countryside High School will be following the Pinellas County Code of Contact Dress Code.

Please go to the following link for more information <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/15060>

**Peer 2 Peer** is looking for 30 students wishing to serve as peer mentors for the 2018-2019 school year. Please see Ms. Alexander for the information packet and application during lunch.

**Open Mic Mondays** is slowly getting participants and the audience loves it. Please go to the media center to sign up. You can sing a song, read a poem, or play an instrument during your lunch on Mondays in the media center. You can perform as many weeks as you would like.

Contact: Ms. Amiot-Priso [amiot-prisoj@pcsb.org](mailto:amiot-prisoj@pcsb.org) Media Center

### **New Year! New Yearbook! New vision! NEW LOWER PRICES on ads and yearbook!!**

Yearbooks for 2018-2019 school year are \$60.00, check or cash are accepted. Checks are to be made payable to Countryside High School.

Ads are a great way to recognize your special 2019 graduate. This year we have lowered the ad prices so everyone can afford them.

See CHS website <https://www.pcsb.org/countryside-hs> for ordering ads and yearbooks or directly to [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com). Countryside's school order number is 17261.

Contact: Jack Yongue 727-724-1485 or email at [yonguej@pcsb.org](mailto:yonguej@pcsb.org)

**Youth in Government** meets every Thursday in Room M-1.

**Wednesday, January 16** - There will be an interest meeting for the Prom Fashion Show Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> after school in room I-4. If you are a junior or senior and are interested in participating in this fun tradition, come to the meeting.

Contact: Ms. Coners [conersk@pcsb.org](mailto:conersk@pcsb.org) Room 1-4

**Wednesday, January 16** - The Black Student Union will be having a meeting today after school in B7 to begin planning the spring activities. ALL students are welcome to attend.

Contact: Ms. King-VanRiper [king-vanriperc@pcsb.org](mailto:king-vanriperc@pcsb.org) Room - B-7

**Thursday, January 17** - Mandatory meeting for girls and boys tennis at 2:00 p.m. in H9.

Contact: Mr. Hernon [hernons@pcsb.org](mailto:hernons@pcsb.org) and Kasie Ivory [ivoryk@pcsb.org](mailto:ivoryk@pcsb.org)

**Friday, January 18, 2019** - There will be a Take Stock in Children meeting during 3rd period today in the media center. Be on the lookout for your student pass.

Contact: Ms. DeGarmo [degarmoc@pcsb.org](mailto:degarmoc@pcsb.org)

**Saturday, January 19** - Students and Staff, please join us on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> between 4:00p and 8:00 p for a fundraiser at the Countryside Chipotle to support the senior class Grad Bash trip. Simply tell the cashier you are from Countryside High School and your purchase will count toward our goal. If we get 300 persons to participate in the fundraiser, the senior class gets 33% of all sells. Tell your friends and family, see you there!  
Contact: Ms. Alexander [alexanderlo@pcsb.org](mailto:alexanderlo@pcsb.org)

**Tuesday, January 22** - We will be hosting an Advanced Placement & Dual Enrollment Informational Session on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in the auditorium and concourse from 6:00pm-7:30pm. From 6:00pm-6:45pm, parents and students will be in the auditorium for a presentation about what advanced placement and dual enrollment classes are about, the benefits of advanced placement and dual enrollment classes, and the specific ones that we offer at Countryside HS. From 6:45pm-7:30pm, parents and students will go to the concourse and explore the different advanced placement and dual enrollment classes that we offer at Countryside HS. Flyer on our website <https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/10375>

**Thursday, January 24** - The US Army will be bringing their Army Adventure Semi "The Mule" on campus for students to tour during both lunches. It will be parked in the bus-loading zone. The students will be going outside to the bus loading zone exiting I wing. Officer Comini and Officer Steele will be outside supervising the area. The Army adventure Semi is a 60ft, 30-ton tractor/trailer asset with a self-contained simulation system. It possesses two Oculus Rift Virtual Reality Systems, A M4 Laser-Shot Simulator, the Apache Flight Simulator, and the EOD Interactive Robotic Arm Simulator. The AS1 comes with two touch-screen computers complete with career navigation capabilities, Static displays, and Army leadership, educational and career opportunities videos.  
Contact: Patti Muscaro [muscaroe@pcsb.org](mailto:muscaroe@pcsb.org)

**Sunday, January 27** - Hack the SAT seminar by a former Countryside High School student, Elliot Shreffer at the Countryside Public Library. Flyer on our website <https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/10374>

**Wednesday, February 6** - Senior class photo during at 9:15 a.m. period in the gym. Students will be released via intercom.  
Contact: Ms. Gray [grayjenn@pcsb.org](mailto:grayjenn@pcsb.org)

**March 11- March 15** - Spring Break

**Saturday, April 6** - GRAD Bash - Please go to our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/10347> for more information. If you are interested in going, the deadline for payment is March 5, 2019.  
**Grad Bash Online Payment Link:** <https://pcsb.revtrak.net/High-Schools/countryside-high/#/f/countryside-hs-grad-bash-2019> or go to our CHS homepage click on Online Payments.  
Contact: Ms. Alexander [alexanderlo@pcsb.org](mailto:alexanderlo@pcsb.org)

**Friday, April 26** - PROM  
Contact: Jennifer Gray [grayjenn@pcsb.org](mailto:grayjenn@pcsb.org) and Kim Coners [conersk@pcsb.org](mailto:conersk@pcsb.org)

**Tuesday, April 30** - Cap and Gown delivery during both lunches

**Thursday, May 23** - Graduation will be held at Tropicana Field at 11:00 a.m. More information in the spring.

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

## **Resources**

**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. The link to this site is

<https://www.pcsb.org/ecounselor>

## **Kahn Academy**

Pinellas County Schools is joining the national effort to expand SAT test practice opportunities to all students. The College Board and Khan Academy developed *free* SAT practice tools to create a world-class, personalized experience to help all students prepare for the SAT and college-level courses. Students can use the Khan Academy site 24/7 to get personalized practice for the SAT. The site provides students with instant feedback on their progress through thousands of SAT practice questions that range in difficulty based on each student's demonstrated skill level. The site also provides predicted score outcomes, full-length practice tests, and interactive questions and videos. Make sure your student is taking advantage of this important resource. Sign up today at [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org)

## **EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM**

ELP (Extended Learning Program) runs Monday thru Thursday from 2:35 - 5:35 p.m. each day. During ELP, students can take a course in APEX if they earned a D or an F in the course and they are trying to recover the credit and/or improve the GPA. In addition, students have the ability to improve their practice in the ACT and SAT, have Math and English/Reading tutoring, or a structured and supervised environment to complete homework. Please contact Mr. Bernstein, [bernsteinb@pcsb.org](mailto:bernsteinb@pcsb.org), if you have any questions. Please see flyer sent on Peachjar for more information. This can be found on the homepage of our website. <https://www.pcsb.org/countryside-hs>

## **REMIND - Valuable Information for Guidance and Cougar U**

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](mailto:degarmoca@pcsb.org)

## **GUIDANCE**

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

Class of 2022 send text to: 81010 message: @48b2c6

## **COUGAR U**

Class of 2022 send text to: 81010 message: @cougaru22



# Dates to Remember for CHS Seniors 2018-2019

Senior Adviser – Steve Straub [straubs@pcsb.org](mailto:straubs@pcsb.org)  
727-724-1487

(as of 1/9/19) another update coming soon!

Please keep checking this site for additional information though out the year.

**Graduation will be held on May 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Tropicana Field.**  
**Graduation information listed below**

## GRADUATION INFORMATON

Graduation will held on May 23, 2018 at Tropicana Field from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There was a senior assembly held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 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](http://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](http://www.herffjonestampabay.com)
  - Graduation announcements are an extra fee.
2. **Graduation Fees** - \$45- Check or Cash (Checks made payable to Countryside High School.)  
**Graduations fees paid on Tuesday and Fridays during both lunches by the front office.**
  - Graduation fees can by paid by cash or check (checks would be payable to Countryside High School.
  - This fee covers the venue site at the Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg and other costs related to the ceremony.
  - 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 Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 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 2019 at the graduation rehearsal held in the auditorium of Countryside High School. Tickets are not required to attend graduation at Tropicana Field, 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 and Senior Breakfast, 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](mailto:alexanderlo@pcsb.org)

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**Interested in a Scholarship - Check out our Website <http://pcsb.org/Domain/6368>**

**Scholar Diploma Designation** - Please go to <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/1690> for more information.