



Daily Announcements for Monday, March 25, 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!**

Seniors-if you ordered a senior class photo, would like to purchase one or simply view the photo, please come by room K5 or stop by the prom ticket.

Contact: Ms. Gray grayjenn@pcsb.org Room K-5

There will be an Athletic Signing Day on Thursday, March 28th at 1:00p.m. in the Media Center.

Any student-athlete who is committed to a college or university to play their sport should stop by Ms. Overall's office to sign up for Athletic Signing Day.

Please see Ms. Overall by Friday, March 22nd.

Contact: Ms. Overall overall@pcsb.org

The Kona Ice truck will be here every Thursday right after school through April. The prices range from \$3.00 to \$6.00 and come in a wide variety of flavors. The Kona Truck is sponsored by the Florida Future Educators.

Contact: Ms. Hoch hochj@pcsb.org Room J-1

The Black Student Union, 5000 Role Models, and AVID are hosting their first annual HBCU college visit to Bethune-Cookman University on Tuesday April 9th. The cost to attend is ONLY \$10. If interested see Mrs. King in B7 to get a permission slip. The first 50 students will be welcome to attend. Money and permission slips are due Friday, March 29th.

Contact: Ms. King-VanRiper king-vanriperc@pcsb.org

The **Cougar Book Club** will be reading *Girls Made of Snow and Glass* this month. It traces the relationship of two young women doomed to be rivals from the start. Only one can be queen, while the other must lose everything unless they both can find a way to reshape themselves and their story. If you are interested, sign up in the media center as soon as possible. The meeting to discuss the book will be afterschool on **March 28th in the media center.**

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

Interested in taking the ASVAB? Sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in taking the ASVAB can sign-up in the guidance office this week. Countryside will host the ASVAB on March 20 at 8:15am.

Attention students interested in Summer Dual Enrollment at SPC, the online permission application will open on March 4th and end on April 19, 2019. Log onto SPC website to learn more about this opportunity.

To all seniors, please bring a copy of your College Acceptance Letter to Ms. Santiago, in the Guidance Office so that we can acknowledge your achievements at the upcoming College Signing Day on May 3, 2019 during 3rd period in the auditorium.

Contact: Ms. Santiago santiagok@pcsb.org

Seniors you can pick up your senior ID card in the front office during both lunches and after school.

Learn about Florida prepaid tuition plans

The open enrollment period for the Florida Prepaid College Plan is underway. The Florida Prepaid College Plan allows families to lock in college plan prices and prepay the future cost of college tuition and fees. Through March 2, Florida Prepaid is celebrating its 30th anniversary by making enrollment **FREE**. Use the promo code **30 YEARS** to save \$50. The enrollment period will close **April 30, 2019**. College savings plan resources are available at www.pcsb.org/prepaid. Learn more and apply at the [Florida Prepaid website](http://www.pcsb.org/prepaid).

Directions to apply for Early College can be found at the following link on our website <https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/10410>

Graduation fees will be collected during both lunch on Tuesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$45.00 and we accept cash or check (**checks will be accepted until April 26, 2019**). If you are paying by check, please make the check payable to Countryside High School.

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 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.

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 Media Center

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

Monday, March 25 - There will be a Take Stock in Children meeting during 5th period in the Media Center. Students with passes are required to attend.

Contact: Ms. DeGarmo degarmoca@pcsb.org

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Thursday March 28 - Cougar Book Club will meet after school in the Media Center. The book is *Girls Made of Snow and Glass*

March 29 - Report Cards available on FOCUS

April 4-6 -The Music Man, a drama presentation, April 4-6 at 7 p.m. Matinee 2 pm on 4/6
Tickets: Students and Seniors \$10 General \$12.

Contact: Mr. Saienni saiennig@pcsb.org

Monday, April 8 - Senior graduation announcements will be delivered during both lunch periods.

Contact: Mr. Straub sraubs@pcsb.org Room D-5 727-724-1487

Friday, April 19 - No School for students

Friday, April 26 - PROM (*The Great Gatsby*) will be held at the Safety Harbor Spa from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Ticket sales begin March 20, 2019. Pick up permission form from the main office.

See website for more information, ticket prices and necessary forms at

<https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/10406>

Contact: Ms. Gray at grayjenn@pcsb.org or Ms. Coners DeRosa at connersk@pcsb.org

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

Wednesday, May 1 - Senior Signing day in the auditorium during third period. Make sure to submit your college assistance letters to Ms. Santiago.

Contact: Ms. Santiago santiagok@pcsb.org Guidance Office

Friday May 3 - Senior Breakfast at Safety Harbor Spa from 7:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m. Tickets prices are \$25.00 - cash only. Ticket sale dates to be announced

Contact: Mr. Straub straubs@pcsb.org

Thursday, May 23 - Graduation will be held at Tropicana Field at 11:00 a.m. More information in the spring. Please go to our senior page for more information <https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/6081>

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

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, 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

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
727-724-1487

(as of 3/5/19) 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 INFORMATION

Graduation will be 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
 - 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.)
Checks will be accepted until April 26, 2019, then only cash will be accepted.
Graduations fees paid on Tuesday and Fridays during both lunches by the front office.
 - Graduation fees can be 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. **Checks will be accepted until April 26, 2019, then only cash will be accepted.**
7. 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 Lonnelle Alexander at alexanderlo@pcsb.org
All obligations and fees must be paid by cash or money order. **Checks will be accepted until April 26, 2019, then only cash will be accepted.**

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Potential senior fees for 2019 graduates - info subject to change	
Cap and Gown - Make check made payable to Herff Jones.	Varies by package
GRAD Bash	SOLD OUT
Graduation Announcements - Make check made payable to Herff Jones.	Varies by purchase
Graduation Application Fee Checks accepted until Friday, April 26, 2019.- Make check made payable to Countryside High School.	\$45.00
Outstanding obligations (textbooks, library books or other fees); Checks will only be accepted for fees \$30.00 and up; otherwise, you must pay by cash or money order. After Friday, April 26, 2019, all obligations and fees must be paid by cash or money order. If you want to attend PROM, Senior Breakfast or GRAD Bash, all obligations must be paid to attend the event.	Fee varies if owed
PROM	See PROM article in this newsletter for ticket prices.
Senior Breakfast - cash only	\$25.00
Yearbook - Checks accepted until Friday, April 26, 2019- Make check made payable to Countryside High School.	SOLD OUT

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Seniors you can pick up your senior ID card in the front office during both lunches and after school.

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

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