

Reminders from Ms. Parris, Principal

- Monday, October 26th – Faculty and Staff Professional Day. No Classes for Scholars
- Principal Let’s Chat and PTSA Virtual Meeting, Thursday, November 11th at 5:30 PM
- Parent Questionnaire: <https://tinyurl.com/Parent-Questionnaire-Oct2020>
Please take a moment and complete the Parent Questionnaire.

Family and Engagement Webinars

October 20 **Community Resources- How Can We Help? [Register Here](#)**

Pinellas County is resource rich but navigating the broader system of services can be challenging. Courtney Covington of Personal Enrichment for Mental Health Services (PEMHS) will provide practical tips for helping parents get connected to critical services such as financial assistance, food and mental health services.

October 27 **Digital Parenting- How to Stay Ahead [Register Here](#)**

Did you know 40% of children in grades 4-8 chatted with a stranger online? In this webinar, we will dig deep to learn what kids are doing online and the impact this has in their lives. We’ll give you the knowledge you need to start talking internet safety with your children as well as tools you can implement at home to keep your children safe and secure online.

Change Phone/Email Contact Information

Our school district requires accurate contact information to send parents phone calls and emails about:

- Emergencies or severe weather.
- School or district events.
- Special application opportunities.

To update your phone and email address:

1. Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username and password. If you do not have a parent ID or forgot yours, please contact Meadowlawn MS Main Office at 727-570-3097, ext. 2000 for assistance.
2. Select the option: “Change Phone and Email Address Only”
3. Enter your child’s name and date of birth or student ID number, and update your phone number and email address.

Curriculum and Scheduling Info (Mr. Blanco, Assistant Principal of Curriculum)

Progress reports are posted Focus. Please encourage your child speak to their teacher about any missing work. Report card schedule for the 1st grading period is as follows:

SECONDARY (GRADES 6-12) STUDENTS				
Mid Period Report <small>(for those students needing a mid-term report- see note below)</small>	End of Report Period	# of Days	Final Grades and Comment Codes Due in FOCUS	Report Cards Distributed
Thursday September 17, 2020	Friday October 23, 2020	44	Friday - 4:00 p.m. October 30, 2020	Tuesday November 3, 2020

School Operations (Dr. Gordon, Assistant Principal of Operations)

- Our school safety and sanitizing procedures are in full swing. We are practicing **social distancing** in all areas of the school this includes **one directional hallways and stairways**. Each hall has hand sanitizer, and all classrooms are equipped with a **sanitizing station**. We have also implemented **staggered class transitions and dismissal** to minimize the number of students moving at one time. At the end of each school day, all classrooms are disinfected and sanitized.
- **Please remind your scholar to wear their mask so that it covers their mouth and nose. Also remind them to stay six feet apart from their classmates as they move through the hallways.**
- Please remind all scholars that have been issued a laptop to store it in their book bag when not in use. This will reduce the chance of damage and costly repairs that take time and leave the scholar without a device.
- **We have received the remainder of the devices for students. We will be setting up a procedure to distribute them to scholars. Please be on the lookout for corresponding paperwork to be filled out by parents.**

School Expectations (Mr. Wicks, Assistant Principal of Athletics, Activities and Behavior Management)

- Athletics for the middle schools will not be until semester 2 with three truncated seasons (volleyball; basketball, cheerleading; track). Please begin preparing ahead of time. In order to try out, all athletes will need an athletic physical within the last year on file with the school. Athletic eligibility is having a minimum GPA of 2.0 from the previous semester. Since our sports will not be until semester 2, this means that the GPA requirement is based on their semester 1 grades (not quarters). If grades are in question, it is time to begin working to make gains. Take advantage of the ELP tutoring program before school for PCS scholars and after school for Face to Face scholars.
- Congratulations to the 2nd period classes of Ms. Daigle, Ms. Craske, Ms. McNaught, Ms. Lee and Ms. Putkonen for winning the Pink Out Challenge earlier this month. These scholars received their Kona Ice reward last Friday.

The best keys to great behavior are going to class right away and being highly involved and interactive during class. As a parent or guardian, please check Focus for your scholar's grades and discuss with them. **Great Behavior + Great Student Interaction = Great Grades**

Technology Updates (Ms. Putkonen, Media and Technology Specialist)

Computer Forms Need Signatures

- **We have received the remainder of the devices for students. We will be setting up a procedure to distribute them to scholars. Please be on the lookout for corresponding paperwork to be filled out by parents.**
- If your child did not receive a form, but needs a computer, please have them check their Focus Messenger for a note from Ms. Putkonen. I have many scholars who still have a device checked out from last Spring that needs to be returned before I can send them home with a new device. Please send these devices to school with your child so that they can return it - (face-to-face only).
- If they borrowed a desktop and they are a face-to-face student, please reach out to Ms. Putkonen directly to arrange for drop-off of the desktop computer. Her number is 727-570-3097, extension 1030.

Meadowlawn Virtual Library

- With our library now open, both virtually and in person, scholars can now check out books from school and from home! If your child wants to check out physical books, they still can! They just need to log into Destiny.pcsb.org and search for the book they want and then place it on hold. When the book is ready, I will send them a message on Focus and reach out to the family to arrange a pickup.
- Face-to-face scholars can come and shop for books in the library between classes, or before or after school.

Family and Community Engagement (Ms. Covington, Family and Community Liaison)

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