

Senior Meeting Written Agenda

March 8, 2021

- Complete the FAFSA! <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. SPC is hosting virtual FAFSA events to assist families in completing the FAFSA on March 25th. Go to <https://fafsa-fill-it-out.heysummit.com/> to sign up.
- Bright Futures Information – Students should be working on Bright Futures requirements if they plan to submit an application for the scholarship. There are three different levels, handout provided and posted on the website. It is very important that students take the SAT and/or ACT if they are planning to apply. They should also be completing their community service hours. Application is now currently open.
<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome>
Bright Futures will not accept SAT and ACT scores from the school district. For students' scores to get to Bright Futures, they need to list a public Florida postsecondary institution to receive their test score. If they do that, it should also be sent to the Florida State Test Repository where Bright Futures will be able to retrieve them.
- Upcoming SAT Dates:
 - May 8, 2021 – Registration Deadline April 8th
 - June 5, 2021 – Registration Deadline May 6th
- Upcoming ACT Dates:
 - **April 17, 2021 – Registration Deadline March 12th**
 - June 12, 2021 – Registration Deadline May 7th
- Scholarships – Keep checking the scholarship opportunities regularly.
 - Additional Scholarship opportunities through Pinellas County Schools website. <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/376>
- College Applications – Many schools have already opened their college application period. It is important that students check the websites for the schools they are looking at on a regular basis for updates and deadlines.
 - Students are allowed 3 college visits in their senior year. Those visits must be requested ahead of the visit and documentation from the school must be provided upon return. Students can obtain the request form in the office (Student Services) or on the guidance website under the “Seminar Presentations & Resources” section.
 - Most colleges and universities are hosting VIRTUAL TOURS this year. Contact the school of interest for more information.
 - If your student has questions about applying to college, please be sure they see their guidance counselor quickly so as not to miss important deadlines.
- Transcripts for College
 - We will begin taking “Final” Transcript requests on Tuesday 3/23 when we return from Spring Break. To request the transcripts, please EMAIL Ms. Valdes at valdesc@pcsb.org.
 - In the Subject line, please put “FINAL TRANSCRIPT.” In the body of the message, please put the student’s full name (no nicknames), their 52# (student ID), the full name of the college(s) being requested, and their admission(s) addresses. If you are sending to a specific campus (ex. SPC) please also provide the campus. The cost for final transcripts mailed or electronic is a flat \$2 fee per transcript. There are no Common App sends during the summer so if the school does not accept FASTER or SPEEDE (in-state, public schools only) then we cannot send electronically. Please email & check with me ahead of requesting if you are not sure if the school accepts these methods.
 - These transcripts will go out after graduation and will include 2nd semester credits and graduation information.

- Decision Day 2020-21:
 - Seniors need to see Mrs. Reitz upon acceptance and commitment to their university, college, technical school or military

- Virtual Classes (FLVS/PVS) – Many students are taking virtual courses to meet their online requirement and also because they selected the courses. It is imperative that students keep up with the coursework, so they are not withdrawn from the virtual course. All coursework has to align with the number of release periods. Students need to work diligently on their S2 virtual school classes. The deadline to have classes complete is no later than May 26th, 2021.

- Exam Exemptions –
 - Reminder, that consistent with School Board Policies, students may exempt a course for which they have an A or B both marking periods (2nd marking period being anticipated). Attendance is not a factor for exam exemptions for Semester 2 of the 2020-21 school year. Second semester they can exempt up to ALL that qualify (minus EOC and AP courses). **Q3 and provisional Q4 grade must stay a B or above on approved exemptions.**

- Attendance and Grades – It is important to check FOCUS and Canvas regularly. Student attendance and grades are monitored by the administration. Any student that is noted to have multiple absences or failing grades will be monitored and conferences will be scheduled to ensure that students stay on track to graduate. If you have any specific concerns regarding your senior, please be sure to contact your student’s administrator or counselor.
 - Daniel Schmittiel – APC – Alphabet A-G
 - Krysta Nymark – Counselor - Alphabet A-G
 - Julie Finley – AP Fundamental – Alphabet H-O
 - Twila Jackson – Counselor – Alphabet H-O
 - Mark Robertson – AP Athletics, Activities and Facilities – Alphabet P-Z
 - Elley Polizzi – Counselor – Alphabet P-Z

- **Graduation Date and Time:** June 2, 2021 – 3:45pm
 - Tropicana Field
 - Cap and Gown: can be purchased at <https://www.balfourfl.com/>. If you have any questions, contact Balfour at traditions@balfourfl.com.
 - Additional graduation expenses for venue, grad programs, senior breakfast, grad bash, etc. will be determined in January – Seniors will be notified by Mr. Kontrick

- **Senior Activities:**
 - TBD

- Join PTSA and Senior Scholarship Opportunity – Please join PTSA - \$6.00 per member

- Advertise with Us – Banners and other advertisements – see home page OFHS website