

# Junior Jags Newsletter

Pembroke Pines  
Charter Schools  
Academic Village  
Middle School

## Administrative Team

### Principal

Peter Bayer

### Assistant Principal

Jennifer Diaz

### Guidance Counselor

Jenilee Abolafia

## **Our MISSION**

The Pembroke Pines Charter Community will provide a challenging educational foundation to prepare students for college success and responsible citizenship.

## **Our VISION**

Pembroke Pines Charter High School, in collaboration with students, parents, and the community, endeavors to create a challenging and supportive organization of lifelong learners. It is our vision to actively engage in a continuous process of intellectual, emotional and social growth that is unified in direction, yet diverse in approach and instruction.

A Cambridge Certified Center

September 2018

## **College      Citizenship      Community**

### **Welcome to the 2018-2019 School year!**

### **WE ARE AN 'A' SCHOOL!!!**

#### **What's New at AVM?**

We are delighted to welcome our incoming 6th graders, all of our new students, and their families to the Jaguar team!

The Jaguar Family is excited to welcome our new staff members: Lisa Bonawitz (Language Arts) , Janelle Lyon (Civics), & Dan Capiro (US History)

#### **Peace Week**

During Peace Week, the students at the Academic Village Charter Middle School participated in several activities for teach and educate our students the importance of giving back to those less fortunate.

During our Peace Week Dress Down, our students raised over \$700.00 for a small village in Haiti to create a chicken coop. Our Drama students invited a guest speaker to discuss the important of sustainability in small villages in Haiti.

#### **Clubs**

Our club days are underway! Below is a list of our clubs this semester:

- Fishing/Environmental Club
- Club Promise
- Pet Talk
- Drama Games
- Science Competitors
- Arts and Crafts Club
- Student Government
- Sports Club
- Relaxation Club
- Girls Who Code
- Gaming Club
- Dance Club
- Yearbook

#### **Kids of Character**

In September, students were recognized for demonstrating cooperation. Through various school and classroom activities, our students are learning to work together to accomplish a common goal.

## Important Announcements

### Parent Advisory Meetings

Our parent advisory meetings will be held once a month at 6:00PM at the SW Regional Library Auditorium. Parent volunteer hours are given for attending the parent advisory meetings. Check Jupiter Grades for the dates.

### Uniforms

In order to maintain a safe and orderly campus, all students must be in proper uniform.

### On-Campus Supervision

On-campus adult supervision is provided from 8:15AM-3:45PM. Students who are at the library after school are subject to Broward County Libraries' rules & regulations.

### Sign-Out

Students will not be able to sign out after 2:30PM.

### Parent Volunteer Hours

It is the parent's responsibility to keep track of their hours. Please note the following dates for your records. The commitment of 30 parent hours must be completed by **May 24, 2019**.

### Student Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct (Student Survival Guide) was sent via email. Please note our school complies with BCPS, in conjunction with our Proactive Discipline Plan.

### Drop-Off Policy

When dropping off items at school, you are responsible for contacting your child and ensuring that they know to pick up all items during their lunch or between classes. We will **NOT** contact your child as this disrupts the learning environment.



### **Athletics Dept.**

*Anthony Kelly*  
Athletics Director  
akelly@ppines.com

## Athletics Department

Congratulations to our soccer team for an incredible season!

Ms. Ford will be hosting an informational session for track and field on October 11 at 8:15AM in room 131.



## **Charter School Liason**

Our Charter School Liaison for Academic Village is Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager.

Below is his contact information:

E-mail: agonzalez@ppines.com

Telephone Number: (954) 431-4884

## **Dispute Resolution Procedure**

There is a procedure by which the charter school board resolves disputes. The school board is aware of this dispute resolution procedure.

1. Parents speak with teacher. If not resolved...
2. Parents speak with administrator. If not resolved...
3. Parents speak with principal. If not resolved...
4. Parents speak with Charles Dodge, City Manager

## **Changes to Meal Prices**

Please note that meal prices for high school students have changed for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Breakfast - \$1.20

Lunch - \$2.95

## **Address Changes**

Please note: If your address changes, you must complete an address change form and attach a copy of a current utility bill (light, water, etc.) The utility bill MUST have the name of the parent/ guardian and complete address. Updating this information in Jupiter Grades and/or the emergency contact card does not complete the process. This form and utility bill can be turned in to the Guidance office.

## **Employee Performance**

### **Assessment**

Parents have the opportunity to provide input into the faculty and administration performance evaluations. If you are interested, please provide the Principal with your input by April 30, 2019.



## Important Dates

### September

3– No School (Labor Day)  
6 – Charter Study Day  
7– Picture Day  
10—Day Off (No School)  
12 - Dress Down Day  
17– Peace Week  
17– Parent Advisory Board  
17—Interims Issued  
24– Start with Hello Week

### October

4– Charter Study Day  
8 - Picture Day (Makeups)  
8 - Parent Advisory Board Meeting  
9– SOS Dress Down Day  
10 - Raising Positive Children Forum  
12—Charter Family Night  
18– Early Release Day

19– Teacher Planning Day and End of 1st Quarter  
22—Red Ribbon Week  
24—PTSA Dress Down & Social  
29—Habit Burger Fundraiser  
31—Idiom Day

### November

6—Teacher Planning Day  
12– No School (Veterans Day)  
13– SOS Dress Down Day  
14– Report Cards Issued  
19—Parent Advisory Board Meeting  
21-23– No School (Thanksgiving)  
27-27– Cambridge Science Field Trip

*\*Details of events (e.g. location and time) are posted on Jupiter Grades.*

## Faculty Members Broaden Their Areas of Expertise

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their skills and developing increased levels on content expertise. We would like to recognize those teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter High School who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college work and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject. While completing this work, they will be teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved by the School Board of Broward County to teach out of field. Dan Capiro (ESOL), Jennifer Carson (Gifted), Lisa Coolidge (Gifted), Keisha Gray (Gifted), and Rebecca Lewis (Gifted and Computer Applications).

## City of Pembroke Pines- Academic Village Middle School

Home of the Jags!

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